

UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University
Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)
Daily English Practice

Week 3

#114 Muslim minority in Hong Kong

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: Are you aware of a Muslim minority in Hong Kong?

Qt 2: What can we do to help the Muslim minority group mingle well with the rest of society?

Vocabulary

1. underserved (adjective): a place provided with few goods.
2. amass (verb): to collect a large amount of information or things over a period of time.
3. jump-start (verb): to improve the situation by taking a particular action.
4. madrassa (noun): a school teaching the religion of Islam.
5. makeshift (adjective): made for sudden need and temporary use with low-quality materials.
6. a plot (noun): a small piece of land marked for particular use.
7. getting off the ground (phrasal verb): to start a project successfully.
8. pledge to (noun): seriously promise to do something.

PART 2: Article for Reading

The following article posted at SCMP web-site gives us a story about the Muslim minority in Hong Kong:

Hong Kong Muslim group in new push for mosque as community grows

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/community/article/2141735/hong-kong-muslim-group-new-push-mosque-community-grows>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following short video clip to learn more about this interesting topic while practicing your listening skills at the same time:

Islam in Hong Kong-1.flv

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9BkWHH9HH4>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Is there anything wrong in the use of the word “daily” in the following sentence found in the main article?

With donations “coming in” daily, the group is trying to jump-start the effort.

Some students suggested in the lesson that “daily” should be substituted with “on a daily basis” to make the sentence proper in grammar, as the word should be used as an adjective just like the word “timely”. Well! That is a misunderstanding. Although both words end with “-ly”, they are different and, yet similar, in English grammar. The truth is that “timely” is an adjective but “daily” can be both an adjective and an adverb. Therefore, the following uses are all correct:

- The doctor’s arrival is timely as the man has just fainted. (using “timely” as an adjective)
- Daily use of insecticides in your house can damage your health. (using “daily” as an adjective)
- You can damage your health if you apply insecticides in your house daily (using “daily” as an adverb)

Can you write three different sentences of your own using “daily” as an adjective and an adverb and “timely” as an adjective? Send your writing to: see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.