

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

Week 7

#131 Prestigious Universities in the World—the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB)

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: Have you seen the movie *Three Idiots* (2009)?

Qt 2: Like Shenzhen (of China), India has its own Silicon Valley. Do you know where it is?

Qt 3: Like Hong Kong, and perhaps many parts of the world, entry to a top university in India is competitive. One such university many Indians aspire to is the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB). How much do you know about IIMB?

The answers to Qts 2 and 3 will be provided in the next set of exercises.

Vocabulary

- Faculty (noun): teachers in a college or university department.
- Proclamation (noun): an official announcement.
- Renowned (adjective): famous.
- Alumni (noun): graduates from a school.
- Accreditation (noun): official approval, esp. in order to maintain satisfactory standards.
- Trajectory (noun): the curved path an object follows after it is thrown into the air.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Read about the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB), a university only a handful of Indian youths can get in each year:

About IIMB

<https://www.iimb.ac.in/about-institute>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following short video clips to learn more about IIMB and Indian higher education in general while practicing your listening skills at the same time:

Life at IIMB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhKUe94-10w>

MOOCTalks: IIM Bangalore Professors share their views on IIMB x online courses

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3A7h25b288>

“Life... is a race. If you don’t run fast enough, someone will overtake you,” says the Director of what many believe to be IIMB, fictionalized in the movie *Three Idiots*:

Three Idiots (2009) Official Trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0eDIFX9GMc>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Did you notice the nice description in the following sentence in the main text?

Located in India’s high technology capital, we are in close proximity to some of the leading corporate houses in the country.

“In close proximity to” means “near in space and time.” “Proximity” is a word that has many useful applications. Examples of its use are as follows:

Taiwan is a popular vacation spot because of its proximity to Hong Kong.

The historical interest of this hotel lies in its proximity to the castle of Windsor.

Historically, new towns have been often founded in proximity to valuable natural resources.

Can you write a sentence of your own using “proximity”? Send your writing to: see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.