

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

Week 1

#155 Five most liveable cities: Huizhou

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: Off the top of your head, how many cities brought together into the Greater Bay Area can you name?

Qt 2: Do you know of anybody from Hong Kong who has settled in a Greater Bay Area city for work or study? What do they tell you about life across the border?

Qt 3: If Hong Kong's housing shortage problem continued to worsen, would you ever consider owning property in a mainland Chinese city?

Vocabulary

- pagoda (noun): a tall building that is used for religious worship in Asia, each floor of which has its own curved and decorated roof.
- pavilion (noun): a large, open structure or tent, providing shelter esp. in a park or at a fair.
- chic (adjective): stylish and fashionable.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Huizhou, *not* to be confused with Hangzhou or any other mainland city with a similar-sounding name, has a tourist spot perhaps just as scenic as Hangzhou's *Xihu* (West Lake, literally). That is, Huizhou *Xihu*. Read the following article to learn more about our close neighbour:

China weekend break: Huizhou Lake District's rich history and idyllic walks make for a relaxing trip

<https://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/travel-leisure/article/2175760/china-weekend-break-huizhou-lake-districts-rich-history-and>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Watch the following video clip to learn more about the much under-rated Huizhou through the camera handheld by a young American happily living and working in the city:

Huizhou, what to do? - West Lake
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIHELOKYH24>

PART 4: Writing Practice

A good thing repeats itself and it is still welcome. The article posted above mentions the fact that—

China has 36 “West Lakes”, but only three are really famous: in Hangzhou, Yingzhou, and here. Huizhou’s lake was enlarged around 1966, along with the addition of pavilions and bridges.

There are indeed places like that. An example would be “East Gate.” To the Chinese, any opening facing east can technically be called “East Gate.”

Can you think of another place like China’s many West Lakes? Share as many of your examples as you can possibly recall to: **see.u@cccu.edu.hk**. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.