

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

Week 4

#168 Five types of voluntary work: Helping clean up Hong Kong

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: How hard is it for you to quit a bad habit?

Qt 2: Why do people not think much about the polluted environment they live in?

Qt 3: Where can you find the cleanest place on earth?

Qt 4: How much do you rate Hong Kong's cleanliness levels?

Vocabulary

- initiative (noun): a new plan or process to achieve something or solve a problem.
- sustainability (noun): the quality of being able to continue over a period of time.
- empower (verb): to give someone official authority or the freedom to do something.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Hong Kong Cleanup has coordinated community clean-ups and other educational activities in Hong Kong since 2000:

Hong Kong Cleanup: About Us

<http://hkcleanup.org/event-info/>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to this TED talk to the founder of Hong Kong Cleanup, Lisa Christensen:

Inspiring a Purposeful Life: Lisa Christensen at TEDxWanChai

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMdM-mtTgD0>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Let us face it: a sizable sector in our population, comprising of many different individuals, men and women, young and old, STILL spit and dumb rubbish. They are not afraid of getting caught, fined, or even imprisoned. To them it is a habit.

Returning to Qt 1 posed above: how hard is it for somebody to quit a bad habit?

How would you personally persuade them if you were given an opportunity to write a message to them?

Send your special message to: **see.u@cccu.edu.hk**. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.