

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

Week 10

#197 Bai Juyi (白居易)

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

- Do you know the poet by the name of Bai Juyi?
- Did you know that Bai Juyi's

Vocabulary

- straitened (adj): A straitened situation is difficult because there is much less money available to you than there was in the past.
- banishment (n): the act of sending someone or something away from a place and not allowing them to come back:
- slander: bad and untrue things said about a person to hurt him/her
- didactic (adj):intended to teach, especially in a way that is too determined or eager, and often fixed and unwilling to change
- allegorical (adj) : containing a short moral story with animal characters
- ballads (n): a narrative poem
- deplore (v): to say or think that something is very bad
- dissolute (adj): living in a way other people strongly disapprove of

PART 2: Article for Reading

Now read the article posted at the following web-site in Encyclopaedia Britannica to learn more about the famous poet Bai Juyi:

Bai Juyi – Chinese Poet
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Bai-Juyi>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following video posted on YouTube to practise your listening skills and learn more about the topic:

Bai Juyi

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= H-8IjGCZo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-8IjGCZo)

PART 4: Writing Practice

Which of the following is the right way to use the word “suggest”?

- (1) Tom’s classmate suggested to tell the teacher the truth.
- (2) Tom’s classmate suggested telling the teacher the truth.

Actually, you can see such usage in the following sentence found in the article:

Experts at the Louisiana State University’s Center for Academic Success suggest dedicating 30-50 minutes to learning new material.

For practice, write one sentence of your own on each of the two uses of the word. **Send your writing to:** see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give you feedback.