

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

Week 1

#4 No Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or slaying selfies: one teenage Hongkonger goes 24 hours without technology

Skills/ Objective: Reading and Writing

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

1. How important is your smartphone to you? How often do you use your smartphone? Which app(s) do you use the most?
2. How would you feel if you forgot to bring your smartphone with you?

Vocabulary

1. On behalf of somebody: as a representative of somebody
2. Unimaginable (adjective): difficult to imagine
3. Millennial (noun): a person who was born in 2000s
4. Ensure (verb): to make sure
5. Accordingly (Adverb): therefore

PART 2: Article

Kali Kansal did an experiment and she did not use any technology for 24 hours. In this article, she reported how she felt and what she did without technology.

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<https://yp.scmp.com/entertainment/tech-and-games/article/104655/no-facebook-instagram-snapchat-or-slaying-selfies-one>

(Source: Young Post)

PART 3: Let's discuss!

1. Can you live without technology? Why or why not?
2. If you were not allowed to use your mobile phone for a day, how would you feel? What difficulties do you think you might face?

PART 4: Writing practice

Try not to use your mobile phone for at least twelve hours a day (excluding sleeping time, of course!). Write a diary and record what you do and how you feel. (80-100 words)

PART 5: Learn further

1. Letter to the editor: Stop phubbing

Elsie Lui, a secondary school student, wrote a letter to the editor of the Young Post. She discusses the prevalent use of smartphones nowadays. Karly, the deputy editor replied to her letter.

<https://yp.scmp.com/over-to-you/letters-to-the-editor/article/90378/stop-phubbing>

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