

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

Week 7

#33 Inside Hong Kong's cage homes

Skills/ Objectives: Listening and Speaking

PART 1: Before you watch...

Preparatory questions

1. Do you know where are the cage homes in Hong Kong?

Vocabulary

1. Subdivide (verb): to further divide something into smaller parts
2. Belongings (noun): the things that one own
3. Communal (adjective): used by a group of people
4. Tempting (adjective): used to describe something that makes one want to do it
5. Scarcity (noun): a lack of something, the supply is not enough for people

PART 2: Video

In this video, Johnny Warris visits some cage homes in Hong Kong and interviews some of the residents there. The video also explores the reasons that cause housing shortage.

Inside Hong Kong's cage homes (*click the link watch the video*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLrFyjGZ9NU> (9:53 minutes)

(Source: Vox)

PART 3: Let's discuss!

1. After watching the video, what surprised you?
2. According to the video, what are the causes of housing shortage?
3. What can the government do to solve this problem?

PART 4: Speaking

This video introduces the pronunciation of two similar sounds /tʃ/(teacher) /dʒ/ (cage). Learn two the sounds here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation/vlessconst3>

PART 5: Learn further

1. Talking points: should cage homes be illegal?

Kelvin Chan and Li Chun-shing discuss whether cage homes in Hong Kong should be illegalized. Who do you agree with? Why?

<https://yp.scmp.com/over-to-you/columns/article/108480/talking-points-should-cage-homes-be-illegal>

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