

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

Week 9

## #92 Falling in love

**Skills/ Objectives: To train students' reading, listening and writing skills**

### PART 1: Before you read...

#### **Preparatory questions**

Guess the answers to the following questions and confirm with the main article below:

Qt 1: Do you think most people would bad-mouth their ex-lovers online after a break-up?

Qt 2: Which do you think is the most common age at which people in Hong Kong have their first love relationship: below 9 years' old, 10-12 years' old, 13-15 years' old or 16-18 years' old?

The answers to the above questions will be provided at the next set of Daily English Practice exercises.

#### **Vocabulary**

- lift lid on (phrasal verb): to reveal the truth hidden (also "take the lid off").
- break-up (noun): the ending of a relationship between two lovers.
- bad-mouth (noun): to say bad things about a person.
- ex (noun): the former wife or husband of a person.
- forbidden (noun): not allowed.
- distinguish between (noun): to tell the difference between.
- shy about (noun): feeling embarrassed to talk about or do something.
- underlying (noun): hidden.
- clingy (noun): sticking to something or someone tightly.

*The following is/are answer(s) to relevant question(s) in the preceding set of exercises "When will you have a son or daughter?":*

*Qt 3: The SCMP article mentions that the cramped living conditions and high costs of Hong Kong have deterred many people from starting a family.*

### PART 2: Article for Reading

Have you ever fallen in love? It has been said that children in Hong Kong are falling in love at a younger and younger age. Read the articles posted on the following web-site to learn more.

Self-harm and broken hearts: the love lives of Hong Kong's teens laid bare in new survey  
<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/society/article/2186033/self-harm-and-broken-hearts-love-lives-hong-kongs-teens-laid>

### **PART 3: Listening Comprehension**

Here are two stories on You Tube to help train your listening ability:

The love story of a very young couple, aged about 8, but it is a sad one.  
"8-Year-Old Boy Dies of Leukemia Months After Falling in Love":  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3NuWYqHXNQ>

10 signs to tell whether you have fallen in love  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NS4fpagwyPA>

### **PART 4: Oral English**

Do you pronounce "r" in the word "partner"? It is just a matter of accent. In British English, it is not pronounced but it is pronounced in American and other English accents. Watch the following video for a clear demonstration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNRsht5c5Yg>

### **PART 5: Writing Practice**

Now practice your English writing with the following exercise:

"Lift lid on" something

It says at the beginning of the article that the study "lifts lid on" the love lives of the city's children. This is to say that the study is providing very useful information on the topic of the children's love lives. There is, of course, no lid but the vivid comparison to opening the lid of a jar to release its secret content makes the sentence both interesting and humorous.

Now can you create a sentence using this expression with your own story. **Send your writing to:** [see.u@cccu.edu.hk](mailto:see.u@cccu.edu.hk). Remember! Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give you feedback.