

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

Week 9

#94 Chinese dating etiquettes

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

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: It might be reasonable to expect that high-income earning single men receive more attention from single women in China. Is this also true of high-income earning women in China?

Qt 2: Is economic independence of women a factor causing the high rate of divorce in China?

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

Vocabulary

- *tail off (verb): reduce in quantity.*
- *quirky (adjective): unusual in an interesting way.*
- *bona fide (adjective): real.*
- *fiddling with (phrasal verb): deceiving.*
- *venture (noun): taking risk to explore.*
- *geeky (adjective): old-fashioned and uninteresting.*
- *avid (adjective): very eager.*
- *advert (noun): advertisement.*
- *viral (adjective): infectiously influencing a lot of people.*

The following is/are answer(s) to relevant question(s) in the preceding set of exercises "Dating Customs Around the World":

Qt 2: According to the article, group-dating is commonly found in Australia and Europe.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Are you aware that people have different styles of courtship in different cultures? Very often, this means what is the norm in one country may be considered unacceptable or even illegal in another. Find the following article posted by HealthGuidance for more details:

Chinese online dating giant Zhenai.com shows money still drives in the politically incorrect matchmaking world.

<http://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/article/2112408/chinese-online-dating-giant-zhenai-com-shows-money-still-driver-politically>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Here is a video clip on You Tube to train your listening skills:

Overseas Matchmaking Business Booming in China
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYTA7nALXMw>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Do you know how to use the useful word “insight”? In the main article, it says:

“Sharing other insights into Zhenai.com’s data, Li says that....”

If you say someone has insights into a matter, you are saying that he/she has a clear and complete understanding of the matter. For example, you can say:

The late British scientist Stephen Hawking published some insights into how the universe works.

Now, can you write a sentence using this expression and send it to see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.