

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

Week 5

**#123 Most Influential Presidents in the World—Justin Trudeau**

**Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills**

**PART 1: Before you read...**

**Preparatory questions**

Qt 1: If you could handpick one political leader, and give him another term of office, who would you pick?

Qt 2: Similarly, imagine being able to pick the child of a bygone leader, and who would you want?

Qt 3: In the history of Canada, there was one such continuity. Do you know who it was?

**Vocabulary**

- policy (noun): a set of ideas or a plan for action followed by a business, a government, or a political party.
- politics (noun): the relationships within a group that allow particular people to have power over others.
- initiative (noun): a new plan to achieve something or solve a problem.
- prerogative (noun): a special advantage that allows some people the freedom to do something that is not possible for everyone.

**PART 2: Article for Reading**

It is as if the Canadians had not had enough, and welcomed more and more of the same. Read the following article and get a small taste of “50 years of Trudeauism.”

***Like father, like son? Is Justin Trudeau the keeper of his father’s legacy?***

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/star-columnists/2018/06/27/like-father-like-son-is-justin-trudeau-the-keeper-of-his-fathers-legacy.html>

Technically speaking, in Canada, the country's leader is called Prime Minister, not President.

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

Listen to the following short video clips to learn more about this topic while practicing your listening skills at the same time:

*Going full circle: Looking at the life of Justin Trudeau*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sL1223qaHfw>

*The return of Pierre Trudeau, "This is the single most difficult decision I've ever made"*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mm7EEKD9BT8>

*Justin Trudeau's Canada Day speech*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZw6EVQhL-Y>

### **PART 4: Writing Practice**

Did you notice the nice description in the following sentence in the main text?

*The elder Trudeau did not at first see fit to include gender equality in his proposed charter.*

"To see fit to do something" means you think it is good or necessary to do it, not knowing whether it is really the right move. Another example of its use is as follows:

*When it comes to inheritance for his children, the man divides up his assets as he sees fit.*

That is to say, there is no guarantee that every one of his children will get an equal share, or they will be equally happy.

Can you write a sentence of your own using the expression "to see fit"? Send your writing to: see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give you feedback.