

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

Week 7

**#134 Prestigious Universities in the World— Cambridge University**

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

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

**Preparatory questions**

Qt 1: To you what is the average “Hong Kong Dream”?

Qt 2: Some ambitious parents in Hong Kong have groomed their children for going to a top university. If you were to choose, as some of the most outstanding DSE or IB graduates every year have been given to choose, between Hong Kong University and Cambridge University, which one would you take?

Qt 3: What factors will you consider when you are deciding to study overseas?

The answers to Qt 3 will be provided in the next set of exercises.

*The answers to relevant question in the preceding set of exercises (Prestigious Universities in the World— Harvard University) are as follows:*

*Answer to Qt. 1. The American Dream is generally seen as the belief that every citizen has the chance to be successful and happy if they work hard.*

*Answer to Qt. 2. Most Americans are aware of just how competitive it is to send their children to Harvard, and for financial reasons, they might feel intimidated. Tuition fees could be very high.*

*Answer to Qt. 3. The fact remains that Harvard is the oldest institution of higher learning in the US, and since its inception in 1636, it has continued to churn out leaders of society.*

**Vocabulary**

- Collegiate (adjective): belonging to a college or its students.
- Autonomous (adjective): having the power to make decisions for yourself.
- Notable (adjective): important and deserving attention.
- Vibrant (adjective): energetic, exciting, and full of enthusiasm.
- State-of-the-art (adjective): very modern and up-to-date.
- Novice (noun): a person who is not experienced in a job or situation.

## **PART 2: Article for Reading**

The university that has seen 98 Nobel Prize winners and 15 British prime ministers is none other than Cambridge:

***University of Cambridge, Trinity Lane, Cambridge***

<https://www.topuniversities.com/universities/university-cambridge>

## **PART 3: Listening Comprehension**

Listen to the following short video clips to learn more about what Cambridge has to offer, in terms of the place (its centuries-old architecture), its academic programmes, and how you may get a scholarship to study with them:

*Cambridge, England: Historic University Town*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1CZ-JaLYHY>

*Cambridge Programmes*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqEiDTFke4s>

*A global scholarship at Cambridge University*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svr7lbR5Az0>

## **PART 4: Writing Practice**

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

*The University of Cambridge often ranks among the very top universities in the world for teaching, research, and international outlook.*

“Outlook” is a word easily confused with “appearance” or the way somebody looks, in terms of how they dress. But “outlook” does not mean any of that. “Outlook” means the likely future situation you can see. Another example of its use is as follows:

*Billy has a positive outlook on life. He believes good things will happen to him as long as he works hard for them.*

Can you write a sentence of your own using the word “outlook”? 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.