

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

Week 1

#152 Five most liveable cities: Melbourne

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: Have you been to Australia?

Qt 2: Besides the Sydney Opera House, what else can you tell about Australia?

Qt 3: Melbourne has been singled out as a liveable city: what do you know about it?

The answers to relevant question in the preceding set of exercises (Five most liveable cities: Vancouver) are as follows:

Answer to Qt 1: What qualities do you think a liveable city should have?

Qualities generally deemed important are safety, education, hygiene, health care, culture, environment, recreation, political-economic stability, public transport and access to goods and services.

Answer to Qt 2: What is the Global Liveability Index?

The Global Liveability Index assesses which locations around the world provide the best or the worst living conditions.

Vocabulary

- promenade (noun): a path for walking on, especially one built next to the sea.
- bohemian (adjective): a person who lives in a very informal style that is different from the way most people live.
- suburb (noun): an area on the edge of a large town or city where people who work in the town or city often live.
- Melbournian (noun): a resident living in the city of Melbourne.

PART 2: Article for Reading

If five reasons are not enough to convince you, fifty might be good enough:

Melbourne fans: 50 ways our city is the best

<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/melbourne-most-liveable-city/index.html>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Watch the following short video clips to learn more about Melbourne while practicing your listening skills at the same time:

Melbourne - City Video Guide

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1RFAujSCJA>

Apparently the reasons why Melbourne is popular with Indian immigrants are universal: Hong Kong people like Melbourne for similar reasons:

The latest wave of Melbourne migrants is coming from India

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EA5li70mNJI>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Did you notice the nice description in the concluding sentence to the main text?

One thing that distinguishes Melbourne from other cities is the average woman and man on the street will say that arts and culture are a critical part of the town."

The word "distinguish," a verb, has two senses to it:

1. to notice the difference between two things, or to make one thing seem different from another
2. to do something so well that you are admired and praised for it

Note that usage number 1 is mostly neutral, whereas number 2 is positive. See these sample sentences:

1. Jeffrey is colour-blind and cannot distinguish between red and green easily.
2. Jeffrey distinguishes himself both as a brilliant student and a dutiful son.

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