

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

Week 4

#169 Five types of voluntary work: Helping vulnerable young mothers

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: What does “vulnerable” mean?

Qt 2: In society what kind of people do you think are most in need of help?

Qt 3: How do we help people help themselves, as opposed to offering them one-off assistance?

Qt 4: Who is to blame, in the case of a family with an unwanted pregnancy? Who deserves our help?

Vocabulary

- vulnerable (adjective): able to be easily hurt physically, emotionally, or mentally, influenced, or attacked.
- abandonment (noun): the act of leaving someone or something or of ending or stopping something, usually forever.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Founded in 1987, Mother’s Choice has been concerned about the plight of Hong Kong’s single women and their children, at the point where single girls find themselves alone facing crisis pregnancies:

About Mother’s Choice

<https://www.motherschoice.org/en/about/>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Watch the following TED talk while practicing your listening skills at the same time:

Young, single and pregnant in Hong Kong: Phyllis Marwah at TEDxAmericanInternationalSchoolHK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gycyXczv45M>

PART 4: Writing Practice

In their mission statement, Mother's Choice says—

Mother's Choice is a local charity serving the many children without families and pregnant teenagers in Hong Kong. We join hands with our community to give hope and change the life stories of vulnerable girls and babies. Our vision is to see every child in a loving family.

The adjective “vulnerable” means being able to be easily hurt physically, emotionally, or mentally, influenced, or attacked. And this is how Mother's Choice sees the pregnant girls coming to seek their help.

In today's society, what other group of people do you see as equally “vulnerable”?

Write briefly about your views. Also, reflect on yourself as a potential source of help to those in need. Send your writing to: **see.u@cccu.edu.hk**. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.