

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

Week 9

#191 Method of learning – Peer Learning

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1 Have you heard of “peer learning”?

Qt 2 Do you know how peer learning can help you achieve higher grades in your study?

The answer to Qt 2 will be provided in the next set of exercises.

The answers to relevant questions in the preceding set of exercises (Winner of the Nobel Prize for mathematician in 2020 Furstenberg) are as follows:

Qt1: Do you know who is the winner of the new Nobel Prize of mathematics?

Ans: Hebrew University of Jerusalem professor Hillel Furstenberg has become the first Israeli to win the Abel Prize, known as the Nobel Prize of mathematics.

Qt2: Do you know what Professor Hillel Furstenberg is famous for?

Ans: “Furstenberg and Margulis stunned the mathematical world by their ingenious use of probabilistic methods and random walks to solve deep problems in diverse areas of mathematics,

Vocabulary

- proctor (n): an invigilator at an exam.
- parrainage (n): buddy system
- take on (phrasal verb): to assume something
- instrumental (adj): important for making something happen
- dyadic (adj): consisting of two parts

PART 2: Article for Reading

Now read the article posted at the following web-site to learn about how you can benefit from peer learning:

<https://tomprof.stanford.edu/posting/418>
What is Peer Learning and Why is it Important?

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Listen to the following video posted on YouTube to practise your listening skills and learn more about the topic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmQVNE-MbKI>

PART 4: Writing Practice

How would you improve the following sentence to make it more succinct? You can actually find an answer from the article.

Students who teach their classmates back in their learning process are their peers.

One simple way to make the sentence succinct is to give the former part a more technical name. In the article, you find such example as follows:

Students in reciprocal peer learning are their peers.

The single word “reciprocal” summarizes the wordy relative clause “who teach their classmates back” and improves the sentence succinctness.

Can you think of a similar way to improve writing a sentence? **Send your writing to:** see.u@cccu.edu.hk. Remember! Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give you feedback.