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Group Interaction

Preparation Time: 3 minutes Assessment Time: 3 minutes

Your teacher has asked you and your classmates to discuss the ideas you think westerners have about Hong Kong.

We enjoy travelling outside of China

Hong Kong is an international financial centre.

There is a great selection of goods for a bargain price.



People are noisy and unfriendly.

Police officers don't welcome westerners.

Everyone knows kung fu.

In your discussion, you may talk about:

The things you think westerners correctly understand about Hong Kong, for example:

- Hong Kong is an international financial centre
- Hong Kong people travel widely outside China
- Hong Kong is a shopper's paradise

The things you think westerners misunderstand about Hong Kong, for example:

- The Hong Kong police force doesn't welcome westerners
- Hong Kong people are impolite
- All Hong Kong people practise kung fu

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You may begin by saying:

We are going to discuss westerners' ideas about Hong Kong. First, let's talk about some of the things they correctly understand about the city.

Teacher notes

Managing the assessments or extending the task

- Discussions could be digitally recorded to increase the accuracy of the assessment.
- If you decide to play a more active role, you could give less confident students verbal instructions for each step of the discussion.
- You and/or the students could add to, or delete from, the bullet point list.
- Note that the possible language structures, expressions, and vocabulary given below are not exhaustive lists. They are guides to show teachers some of the possible structures, expressions, and words students may choose to use

Possible language structures and expressions:

1. Making general statements

“Many westerners tend to think that ...”

“They seem to believe ...”

“I feel that westerners' knowledge of Hong Kong is ...”

“I believe that some westerners ...”

“A small percentage of westerners are well informed about ...”

“The western idea of Hong Kong is ...”

“The average westerner is convinced that ...”

2. Expressing regret or satisfaction

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“Regrettably, many westerners ...”

“I regret to say that ...”

“On a more positive note ...”

“It’s disappointing/glad to know that ...”

3. Expressing certainty

“They occasionally ...”

“Generally, they believe ...”

“They frequently realise that ...”

“They rarely/seldom ...”

“Once in a while/from time to time ...”

“They seem certain that ...”

Possible vocabulary

Business; banking; money; Asia; Asian continent; Oriental arts; self-defence; follower; admirer; fan; good/bad-mannered; noisy; loud; im/patient; dis/respectful; shopping heaven; range; quality; price; value for money; well-travelled; holiday; pleasure; business trip; police force; law.