

S5 Letter asking for advice

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Dear Mr Lai,

It has been a long time since the last time I wrote to you. The reason I write is I am now facing a serious problem. Recently, I have had a terrible row with my parents. We have a conflict over whether I should study in Canada. I don't want to go!

First of all, I have been living in Hong Kong for over 16 years. Here is filled with my beautiful memory. I have made a lot of friends here, and it's hard for me to leave my friends. My parents should understand my situation and feeling. Despite the fact that we have shared our ideas and thought, we are just talking to ourselves. Almost every time, my parents would say, 'Chris, it's for your own good'. I am very angry hearing it. They simply mean if they give me anything, I have to grin and accept it. I can't put up with this kind of attitude. Also, how would my parents define "good"? Going to Canada will be good? It's clear that I'm not convinced.

Second, my life will be hard if I get to a new place with new lifestyle and people. And this might create some inhibitions in me because a totally new place will intimidate people. And I am not prepared to use English for everything in my life. That's why it's hard for me to abide by the decision of my parents.

So, Mr Lai, what can I do to deal with this problem? Should I stand firm like a wall? Or should I obey them like a dog? Or whether there is a better option? I am looking forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely,

Chris