

Reading news with the NET (Term 1, 2013-14)

Language Across the Curriculum (LAC)

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Public fury (憤慨) at licence (牌照) snub (冷落)

Tens of thousands of ¹ **protesters** ² **marched** to government headquarters (政府總部) on Monday evening. They were ¹ **protesting against** the government's ³ **lack of transparency** in deciding who will get the ⁴ **free-to-air TV licences**. They accused the government of ⁵ **operating within a black box**, and called on (促請) the government to explain (解釋) why it ⁶ **rejected the application** of HKTV and gave licences to two TV stations backed by big business. Some protesters were prepared to stage an overnight sit-in (通宵靜坐).

Some protesters also suggested surrounding the other two free stations and called on ⁷ **the Legislative Council** to ⁸ **investigate** the ⁷ **Executive Council's** decision.

Last Tuesday, the ⁷ **Chief Executive** and ⁷ **the Executive Council** ⁶ **rejected an application** by HKTV chairman Ricky Wong Wai-kay for a free-to-air TV licence, but ⁶ **accepted the applications** from i-Cable's Fantastic Television (有線寬頻奇妙電視) and PCCW's Hong Kong Television ⁹ **Entertainment** (電訊盈科電視娛樂).

The space outside government headquarters was ¹⁰ **packed with people**, mostly wearing black T-shirts.

HKTV supporters were chanting slogans (喊叫口號) and holding placards (標語牌) saying "No to Black Box Operation" and "Shut down ATV. Give the licence to Wong".

香港電視受政府冷落 牌照事件引全城公憤

在週一晚上，數以萬計的示威者遊行到政府總部，抗議政府發出免費電視牌照的決定缺乏透明度。他們指控政府黑箱作業，並促請政府解釋為何香港電視的申請遭否決，而兩間有大財團支持的電視台則獲發牌。部分示威者打算通宵靜坐。

有示威者更建議包圍其餘兩間免費電視台，並要求立法會對行政會議的決定進行調查。

上星期二，行政長官會同行政會議否決香港電視主席王維基對免費電視牌照的申請，但又接受有線寬頻奇妙電視、電訊盈科電視娛樂的申請。

示威者大多身穿黑色 T 恤，他們把政府總部外的空地都擠滿了。

香港電視的支持者喊叫口號，並手持寫上「反對黑箱作業」及「關閉亞視、發牌給王維基」等的標語牌。

Adapted from *the Student Standard*.

Useful vocabulary items

Please repeat the following words / phrases after Mr Lyons when you hear the beep, and fill in the gap(s) in each example as you listen.

1. protesters (n) 示威者 ; protest (n/v) 示威, 抗議

e.g. The protesters are h_____ a protest a_____ the government outside the government headquarters.

2. march (v/n) 遊行

e.g. Thousands of people m_____ on the streets yesterday.

3. lack of transparency 缺乏透明度

e.g. The government's decision s_____ a lack of transparency.

4. free-to-air TV licence (n) 免費電視牌照

e.g. HKTV failed to g_____ the free-to-air TV licence.

5. operate within a black box 黑箱作業

e.g. People accused the government of o_____ within a black box.

6. reject an application (否決某申請) ; accept an application (接受某申請)

e.g. My dad applied for a job last month. U_____, his application was rejected.

7. Chief Executive (n) 行政長官 ; the Executive Council (n) 行政會議 ; the Legislative Council (n) 立法會

e.g. Chief Executive _____ has to work closely with the E_____ C_____ and the Legislative Council.

8. investigate (v) 進行調查

e.g. The p_____ are still investigating the murder.

9. entertainment (n) 娛樂

e.g. T_____ is a popular form of entertainment.

10. packed with people 擁擠

e.g. Justin Bieber's c_____ was packed with people.

Sentence-making exercise

Please make ONE sentence in each question, and your English teacher will go over this exercise with you in class. Make sure you complete this homework and it will be graded by your teacher.

1. protest (n) / (v) 示威，抗議

e.g. There is a huge protest (n) against CY Leung today.

e.g. Demonstrators are protesting (v) against CY Leung.

Make one sentence:

2. lack (n) / (v) 缺乏

e.g. Ann didn't get the job because of her lack (n) of experience.

e.g. Ann didn't get the job since she lacked (v) experience.

Make one sentence:

3. packed (adj) / crowded (adj) 擁擠

e.g. Ocean Park is packed (adj) with tourists throughout the year.

Make one sentence:

Grade:
