

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

Week 5

#24 What are you?

Skills/ Objectives: Listening and Speaking

PART 1: Before you watch...

Preparatory questions

1. What are you made of?

Vocabulary

1. Consciousness (noun): the state of being awake
2. Teleport (verb): to send people and objects very quickly from one place to another in an imaginary way by using special technology or mental power
3. Untenable (adjective): impossible to continue because of problems
4. Snapshot (noun): a piece of information that gives a short description of a situation at a particular time
5. Immortal (adjective): lasting forever

PART 2: Video

This video explains what humans are made of and how cells function in our bodies.

What are you? *(click the link watch the video)*

<https://ed.ted.com/featured/wUCVOy93#watch>

(Source: TED Ed)

PART 3: Let's discuss!

1. What have you learnt from the video about your cells? Did you find anything that surprised you?
2. Do you want to be immortal? Why? Why not?
3. What makes us different from other individuals?

PART 4: Speaking

/e/ is a vowel. Learn how to pronounce /e/ (cell). Also, learn the difference between /e/ and /ɪ/ in the video:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation/shortvowel6>

PART 5: Learn further

1. Cell biology

This article explains what cell biology is.

<https://www.nature.com/scitable/topic/cell-biology-13906536>

2. The immortal cells of Henrietta Lacks

This video talks about the immortal cells of a patient called Henrietta Lacks who had cancer.

<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/the-immortal-cells-of-henrietta-lacks-robin-bulleri> (4:26 minutes)

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