

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

Week 1

**#103 Bruce Lee (李小龍)**

**Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills**

**PART 1: Before you read...**

**Preparatory questions**

Qt 1: Besides Ip Man, have you heard of another great Wing Chun Kungfu master, Bruce Lee?

Qt2: Bruce Lee was the idol of millions of people around the world. His popularity is still very strong even nowadays. Do you know of any friend who is one of his fans?

Qt 3: Despite his exceptionally strong physique, Bruce Lee died at a young age of 32. Do you know why?

**Vocabulary**

1. celebrities (noun): a famous person, especially in the show business.
2. genre (noun): a characteristic style in art.
3. credentials (noun): the abilities and experience of a person.
4. rigour (noun): severe requirements of rules.
5. nimble (adjective): quick and accurate in movement and thoughts.
6. fodder (noun): food for feeding farm animals.
7. quiescent (adjective): quiet and inactive for the time being.

**PART 2: Article for Reading**

The article posted in SCMP web-site below might give you a clue to the cause of Bruce Lee's death:

*Bruce Lee's death: biography offers a bizarre new theory*

*<https://www.scmp.com/magazines/post-magazine/books/article/2153747/bruce-lees-death-biography-offers-bizarre-new-theory>*

**PART 3: Listening Comprehension**

Listen to the following short video clips to learn more about the topic while practicing your listening skills:

*Rare Bruce Lee Interview*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DK1wP6vnu7k>

*Joe Lewis talks about Bruce Lee and kickboxing*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXdG577px94>

#### **PART 4: Writing Practice**

How well do you understand the following sentence in the main article?

*Bruce Lee strived to develop a fighting style tailored to the individual.*

To “tailor something to a person/his instructions” is to arrange or produce the thing according to the needs or instructions of that person. Here, the writer is saying that Bruce Lee did not follow the traditional rules of Kungfu entirely but added in his personal knowledge about the skills of boxing and Cha-cha dancing into his Wing Chun Kungfu style. This made his fighting style different from others. The following is another demonstration for the use of this expression:

*In order to win more business orders, the company is ready to tailor all its product designs to the customers’ needs.*

Can you write a sentence of your own using this expression “tailor something to someone’s instructions”? Send your writing to: [see.u@cccu.edu.hk](mailto:see.u@cccu.edu.hk). Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.