

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

Week 2

#60 Priscilla Chan, a.k.a. Mrs. Zuckerberg

Skills/ Objectives: Listening and speaking

PART 1: Before you watch...

Preparatory questions

1. How many people by the name of Priscilla Chan do you know?
2. In Hong Kong, guess how many girls or women go by the name Priscilla Chan.
3. If you were a Harvard-trained medical doctor AND the wife of a multi-billionaire tech giant, what would you want to do with your life?
4. From the vocabulary list below, can you find one appropriate word to complete the following sentence?

Since graduation from medical school, Patsy has proved herself a competent _____.

Vocabulary

1. Diagnosis (noun): the act of judging what an illness is
2. Resuscitate (verb): to bring a dying person back to life
3. Pioneer (noun): a person who is one of the first people to do something
4. Physician (noun): a medical doctor
5. Merge (verb): to combine

Answer(s) to the relevant questions above will be provided in the next exercise.

Answers to relevant questions in the preceding set of exercises:

Question 3:

The word is "speculation," used as an uncountable noun.

PART 2: Video

This is a TV interview with Dr. Priscilla Chan where she talks about her family, and her decision to give away 3 billion US dollars—all for a good cause:

Priscilla Chan on \$3 Billion Giveaway, Husband Mark Zuckerberg, Daughter Max (click the link below to watch the video)

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

(Source: YouTube)

PART 3: Speaking

The letter “s” in the spelling of a word like “physician” is a tricky one. You see an “s” but you should say /z/. Learn how to pronounce it here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation/voicedconst7>

PART 4: Learn further

1. Read about the one and only Chan Zuckerberg Initiative
See how you might help “build a more inclusive, just and healthy future for everyone.”
<https://chanzuckerberg.com/about/our-approach/>
2. Find out “what must've been the all-time most romantic lines” a man could possibly deliver to a young woman in the Commencement Speech Mark Zuckerberg gave in 2017:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM8l623AouM>
(Fast-forward to 6' if you do not want to sit out on the whole speech!)