

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

Week 5

#71 The Statue of Liberty

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

1. The Statue of Liberty: where in the world does it stand?
2. What difference does it make if the Statue is called “the Statue of **freedom**”?
3. Did you notice just how often people confuse the word “statue” with “**status**”?

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 4:

The answer is “ancient”.

Vocabulary

1. Imposing (adjective): having an appearance that looks important
2. Pedestal (noun): a tall structure that supports a statue
3. Dedication (noun): a ceremony where a building is opened for use
4. Tyranny (noun): government by a ruler who has absolute power and uses it unfairly
5. Weathering (noun): changes to the color of something because of the effects of certain weather conditions

PART 2: Article for Reading

This list runs you through the essential facts about the Statue:

Statue Facts (*Click the link to read the article*)

<https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/statue-facts>

PART 3: Speaking Skills

See if you can pronounce “statue” sufficiently differently than “**status**”:

“Statue”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq5_ehUD3WA

“Status”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLu-jkombaI>

PART 4: Listening Skills

1. The Statue of Liberty for Kids: Famous World Landmarks for Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usHRc7G0gVo> (4:41 minutes)

This video relates the history of the construction of the Statue and explains how it has become a landmark for the USA.

2. Top 10 Tallest Statues in the World 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-bYp2S73Bc> (5:15 minutes)

This video walks you through the tallest statues built in the world, and you will see that the Statue of Liberty stands only at Number 7.

PART 5: Further Discussion

Write a short response to the following topic:

Can you think of a landmark as iconic as the Statue of Liberty?

Describe what you know about it.

Send your writing to: see.u@cccu.edu.hk.

Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give feedback.