

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

Week 7

**#84 The Very Funny Joe Wong**

**Skills/ Objectives: To train students' reading, speaking, listening and writing skills**

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

**Preparatory questions**

1. What makes you laugh?
2. Who is your favourite comedian?
3. Have you seen a Chinese immigrant to the US telling jokes in English?

**Vocabulary**

1. Punchline (noun): the last part of a joke that explains the meaning of what has happened previously or makes it funny
2. Nationwide (adjective): happening in all parts of a particular country:
3. Localize (verb): to limit something to a particular area
4. Versatile (adjective): able to change easily from one activity to another
5. Stand-up comedy (adjective + noun): a performance by a single person telling jokes on stage

***Answers to relevant questions in the preceding set of exercises:***

**Question 3:** HSBC = The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

**PART 2: Article for Reading**

Joe Wong, the first Asian stand-up comedian on the *Late Show with David Letterman*....

**Out of America: a Chinese comic's return** (*Click the link to read the article*)

<https://www.shine.cn/feature/entertainment/1712107581/>

**PART 3: Speaking Skills**

Speak good English and this opens doors for you. Speak English so well to the point where you can tell jokes, and you are probably already very good:

**Learn English with 5 Jokes:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waCR-Cdm6tM>

#### **PART 4: Listening Skills**

**1. Joe Wong at RTCA Dinner**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buSv1jjAels> (15:23 minutes)

Meet Joe Wong, your new favourite comedian. Video dated March 2010.

**2. Joe Wong: Building A Wall Didn't Work For China**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOXWd48ng44> (5:06 minutes)

A brilliant man, very funny, Joe Wong has pulled off another stand-up comedy stunt. Dated December 2018.

#### **PART 5: Writing Practice**

**Write a short response to the following question:**

*Write out a joke you know of. Write it in your own words. Ask your SEE U teacher whether it sounds funny.*

**Send your writing to:** [see.u@cccu.edu.hk](mailto:see.u@cccu.edu.hk).

**Our SEE U teachers are always ready to give feedback.**