

SPEAKING FOCUS

★ Song Who I am (Celine Dion version)



I've been closing the door
All my life, held it in, but
not anymore
Got two feet on the floor
This is it
I'm stronger than ever
before
*Pardon my imposition
*But this is my conviction
I need to get this off my
mind
**I gotta be me
**Gotta be I
**Gotta be who I know I
am inside

**Can finally breathe,
taking it in, look at me
flying!
**It's always been there,
it just took me a minute
to find it
**If I were to be anybody
else, I'd just be hiding
**Who I am
**Who I am
Lookin' back, back on a
little boy
Never gave him a chance
to ever be more

I didn't love him, but I'm
gonna love him right now
and forever

It's time to push open the
door

Repeat *

Ain't nothing left to hold
me down, no

Repeat **

Oh, I

Oh-oh-oh-oh

Repeat **

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIE8K9KAuTM>

Pronunciation and intonation



1. It was a **vicious** plan.
2. The **officials** picked the best player.
3. The **physician** noticed his fever.
4. The teacher is very **patient**.
5. He's always late because of **inefficient** public **transportation**.
6. The **bishop** had the **reputation** of being a calm man.
7. The tent only **partially sheltered** us.
8. The T.V. show had a funny **commercial**.
9. **Ancient traditional** fabric **shrouded** the woman.
10. **Publication** of the book **ensured** **financial** success.



For real

Housewife vs. Working-mom

Student A: You have a friend who dropped out of college to get married and be a housewife. You understand her choice and think that it's better for kids to be raised at home by their mothers.

Student B: You disagree. Although you respect this friend's choice, you think that it's possible to be a working-mom as long as the husband helps a lot.

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Parts of speech

The **sequence** of your topics is key to the success of your speech. You must always remember what your **general theme** is and go back to it. As you talk about more specific aspects of the theme you initially chose, it is sometimes easy to get sidetracked and lose focus; this will surely compromise the quality of your speech. Try to approach each **specific aspect** of your theme as a way to support your main theme.



Debate

It's normal for the husband to make more money than the wife. The other way around is strange because the responsibility of supporting a family usually falls on men.



Write the sentences

1. I don't understand why he insists on opposing our idea. (to object)

2. Would you like to join us in the discussion group? (to take part)

3. Since when has it been prohibited? (to forbid)

4. What will be his new assignments as a supervisor? (duty)

5. She is the most qualified person we have for the new position. (eligible)
