



## Chapter 2 Lesson 11

# We are What We

## Choose

**-Jeff Bezos**



### Content:

- Fill in the Blanks 6'
- Retell 7'
- Imitation 5'
- Language Points 4'

### Teaching and Learning Goals:

- listen to the material for 2 times
- retell the speech
- imitate the intonation (语调)
- get the main idea




Scan the questions first. Then listen to the audio and fill in the blanks below.

1. Will you choose a life of \_\_\_\_\_, or a life of service and adventure? 

2. Will you guard your heart against \_\_\_\_\_, or will you act when you fall in love? 

3. Will you be clever at the \_\_\_\_\_ of others, or will you be kind? 

4. I will hazard a \_\_\_\_\_.

5. ...the telling that will be most compact and \_\_\_\_\_ will be the series of choices you have made. 

Tutor: Please let the student scan the questions and do the exercises. Listen to it again if the student cannot get the answer for the first time. The keys are on the next page.



Check your answers.

1. **ease**
2. **rejection**
3. **expense**
4. **prediction**
5. **meaningful**

Tutor: Please check the answers with the student.



Fill in the Blanks  
6 mins

**Retell**  
**7 mins**

Imitation  
5 mins

Language Points  
4 mins

After class

Listen to the audio again, make notes,  
and retell the speech in your own words.

### Part 1

What are the questions asked?

### Part 2

What is the prediction?

Hints:

gift/choices/guide/passion/ original/ease/  
adventure/wrong/apologize/  
rejection/act/safe/give up/ builder/kind

old/reflection/life story  
compact/meaningful  
choices you have made



Tutor: Please let the student retell twice (retell – feedback – retell), and correct his/her mistakes.





Listen and read each sentence, imitating the intonation.

1. How will you use your gifts? What choices will you make?  
How wi you 'use your gifts? Wha 'choices will 'you make?
2. Will you guard your heart against rejection, or will you act when you fall in love?  
Wi you 'guard your 'heart against rejection, o-wi you 'act when you fall in love?
3. In the end, we are our choices.  
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Tutor: Please help the student to imitate the speech with appropriate intonation.



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After class

Learn the words and expressions.

- How will you use your gifts? What choices will you make? Will **inertia** be your guide, or will you follow your passions?
- Will you be a **cynic**, or will you be a builder? Will you be clever at the expense of others, or will you be kind?
- ...the telling that will be most **compact** and meaningful will be the series of choices you have made.

**inertia**: lack of activity or interest  
e.g. It takes a lot of energy to overcome inertia.

**cynic**: someone who believes that people always act selfishly  
e.g. Cynics might suggest that this would be a good way to bury bad news.

**compact**: solid; in good quality  
e.g. What a compact office! How did you fit so much into so little space?

Tutor: Please teach the words and phrases shortly. Let the student make sentences. Keep it in 4 mins.

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**After class**



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### Full Text

How will you use your gifts? What choices will you make? Will inertia be your guide, or will you follow your passions? Will you follow dogma, or will you be original? Will you choose a life of ease, or a life of service and adventure? Will you wilt under criticism, or will you follow your convictions? Will you bluff it out when you're wrong, or will you apologize? Will you guard your heart against rejection, or will you act when you fall in love? Will you play it safe, or will you be a little bit swashbuckling? When it's tough, will you give up, or will you be relentless? Will you be a cynic, or will you be a builder? Will you be clever at the expense of others, or will you be kind?

I will hazard a prediction. When you are 80 years old, and in a quiet moment of reflection narrating for only yourself the most personal version of your life story, the telling that will be most compact and meaningful will be the series of choices you have made. In the end, we are our choices. Build yourself a great story.

**Script  
of the whole  
speech**

**Audio track  
of the whole  
speech**





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**Bye!**

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