

The Ship of Theseus #1



RIPPLE ENGLISH

Theseus is a legendary _____ Athens. Once he _____ a ship to rescue children, _____ ship is _____ museum. Every time a _____ ship _____, they _____ new _____. If they replace _____, _____ the same ship? _____ still _____ “the Ship of Theseus?”

Also, _____ they _____ all the _____ wood and somehow _____ to make _____ ship, is that the Ship of Theseus?

_____ is the _____ Ship of Theseus? When you _____ the other to be the true ship, _____ you think so?

Theseus is a legendary king of Athens. Once he sailed on a ship to rescue children, and his ship is on display in a museum. Every time a part of the ship rots, they replace it with new wood. If they replace all the original parts, is it still the same ship? Can we still call it “the Ship of Theseus?”

Also, if they take all the removed wood and somehow put it back together to make another ship, is that the Ship of Theseus?

Which do you think is the true Ship of Theseus? When you consider one or the other to be the true ship, what makes you think so?

legendary	伝説的な	wood	木材
Athens	アテネ。古代ギリシャの文化の中心地	still	いまだに、依然として、それでもなお
once	かつて、一度	remove	取り除く、取り外す
rot	腐る、腐敗する	somehow	なんとかして、どういうわけか
replace	取り替える、置き換える	consider	考える

The Ship of Theseus #2

The Nile River _____ the lifeline of civilization _____ thousands of years. _____ is the Nile? The _____ in the Nile is _____ the same. The _____ the river is also _____. The Nile _____ flood. _____ sense, we cannot see the same river _____. However, we _____ and _____ the same river. The same is _____ our _____. A human body _____ 37 trillion cells, and old cells are _____ new cells _____ metabolism. _____ your cells 10 years ago _____ now. _____ interestingly _____, you _____ the same person.

The Nile River has been the lifeline of civilization in Egypt for thousands of years. But what exactly is the Nile? The water flowing in the Nile is never the same. The location of the river is also changing. The Nile has moved at each flood. In that sense, we cannot see the same river again. However, we give it a name and think of it as the same river. The same is true for our bodies. A human body consists of 37 trillion cells, and old cells are constantly replaced with new cells through metabolism. Most of your cells 10 years ago don't exist now. But interestingly enough, you have been the same person.

lifeline	生命線、頼みの綱	sense	意味、感覚
civilization	文明	consist (of)	～から成り立つ
exactly	正確には、厳密には	cell	細胞
flow	流れる	constantly	絶えず
same	同じ	metabolism	新陳代謝
location	位置・場所	exist	存在する
flood	洪水	interestingly	興味深いことに

The Ship of Theseus #3

The Ship of Theseus is everywhere _____. For example, Ford Motor Company _____ Henry Ford in _____, _____ great _____ Model T. Today, the founder is dead, the _____ are already _____, the _____ rebuilt, and they don't _____ the Model T anymore. Still, we don't _____ a _____ company. Why do we _____ the same organization, _____ original components do not exist any _____? _____ believe it is the same company _____ 100 years ago? _____ imagination. Ford Motor Company exists just because we _____.

The Ship of Theseus is everywhere in our society. For example, Ford Motor Company was founded by Henry Ford in 1903, and achieved great success with Model T. Today, the founder is dead, the initial members are already gone, the headquarters has been rebuilt, and they don't make the Model T anymore. Still, we don't think it is a different company. Why do we still think of it as the same organization, even though its original components do not exist any longer? What makes us believe it is the same company as it was 100 years ago? It may exist only in our imagination. Ford Motor Company exists just because we believe it does.

society	社会	rebuild	再建する
found	設立する	anymore	もはや
achieve	達成する	still	それでもなお、今でも
dead	死んでいる、枯れた	organization	組織
initial	最初の	component	構成要素、部品
headquarters	本部・本社	any longer	もう・もはや