

# A Musk's quest for immortality

**1. Read *Let's Focus on...* Elon Musk page 42. List what you know about him and complete your notes. Get ready to present him.**

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**2. Match the following words from the text and from *Let's Focus on...* with their synonyms. If you are stuck with some words, try again after reading the text!**

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| circulatory system • | • root        |
| improvement •        | • trade off   |
| mutually dependent • | • circumvent  |
| center •             | • symbiotic   |
| change •             | • enhancement |
| entrance •           | • bloodstream |
| origin •             | • core        |
| change •             | • entwine     |
| become one •         | • sentience   |
| consciousness •      | • gateway     |
| twist around •       | • merge with  |

**3. Read the first paragraph and give the main concern some human beings have about their bodies.**

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**4. Read paragraphs 2 and 3 and explain what could lead to immortality.**

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**5. List different elements linked to life enhancement. Explain what transhumanism is. Write a definition.**

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**6. Read lines 7 to 25. Pick up the different aims of the Neuralink project.**

| Body parts | Improvements   |
|------------|----------------|
| ear        | .....<br>..... |
| eye        | .....<br>..... |
| brain      | .....<br>..... |

**Explain the next step of this project with your own words and how it can answer the concern mentioned in question 3.**

**7. Explain why the authors talk about the “invasiveness of Neuralink’s implants” (l. 26).**

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**8. Imagine what entrepreneur Itskov could be like in 100 years’ time. Comment on our possible future selves.**

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**9. List the pros and cons of such technology.**

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**10. You work for Elon Musk. Present his new transhumanist project to a board of investors.**