



**The Avanti PRE Curriculum**  
**Teacher Resource Sheet 7.2.1a**  
**Section from Book: "Yous on Another Planet"**



From 'The IF Machine', by Peter Worley, pages 139-142

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Imagine you are working on another planet in the future at a time when humans are able to mine other planets for their resources. You are alone on the planet working on the base and are required to do all the things the robots and computers are unable to do.

One day you are called to fix a problem with a machine somewhere else on the planet. You are involved in an accident and left for dead. You are not dead, however, but have been unconscious for a few days. You have woken up and have now made your way back to the base. When you reach the base you are met with a shocking discovery: since you have been gone you have been replaced by another person who looks and talks exactly like you.

You decide to investigate what is going on and discover that under the base there are hundreds of you all in deep sleep waiting to be woken up when needed. Each one is a clone of you. And because you were understood to be dead by the base computer, it decided to revive one of the clones to take over your duties.

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**Tips:** Make sure you explain, or ask children to explain, what a clone is. Use plants to explain how they can do cloning themselves

Allow some Comprehension time before finishing the story

Ask the students to retell the story in their group

**Question:** Now that there are two of you working at the base, are you both the same person?

Possible responses:

They are the same because .....

They have the same DNA. RQ\*: Does that mean that identical twins are the same person?

They look the same: RQ: Can two people look the same but be different people?

They are different because...

One is human and the other is a clone.

\* RQ = response question