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- Yang Li:** Hello I'm Yang Li. 欢迎收听《地道英语》。今天同我一起主持节目的是 Kaz. Hi Kaz.
- Kaz:** Hello, Li.
- Yang Li:** 为什么一上来你就让我听一段火箭发射升空的录音? Hey Kaz, why are we listening to this rocket launch?
- Kaz:** Well, Li, I thought we could use it to introduce today's expression.
- Yang Li:** 今天的短语是...
- Kaz:** The expression is 'It's not rocket science'.
- Yang Li:** 'It's not rocket science', 意思是?
- Kaz:** If something is not complicated or difficult to understand – 'it's not rocket science'.
- Yang Li:** Kaz 说如果一件事情并不复杂, 很容易理解或完成, 那么可以说 – 'it's not rocket science' 能举例吗?
- Kaz:** OK. Somebody can't get the television to work and asks you, "How do I switch this thing on?" You would say, "It's not rocket science. Just press 'on' on the handset".
- Yang Li:** 如果一个人问你如何打开电视机, 你可以回答说: "It's not rocket science! You just press the 'on' switch and away you go". 这个短语非常实用, 用来表示很容易就能做到的事... another example please, Kaz.
- Kaz:** OK Li. Why are we always short of money?
- Yang Li:** Well, it's not rocket science Kaz – we don't get paid enough!
- Kaz:** Brilliant Li. That's an excellent example.

Yang Li: 这个短语很不错。咱们再来听几个例句吧：

Examples

A: How do I cook this soup?

B: Come on Rob, it's not rocket science; all you have to do is open the tin and heat it up.

C: I can't understand why our company is in such a mess?

D: It's not rocket science to figure that out – there are too many managers!

Yang Li: OK Kaz, 现在我完全清楚了 'it's not rocket science' 字面意思是，这不是火箭科技，实际的意思就是，嘿，这又不是什么高科技，很简单吗！But I get the feeling that it's rather informal, isn't it?

Kaz: You're right Li. So please use with care!

Yang Li: Absolutely.

Kaz: It's usually used with the negative 'It's not rocket science'.

Yang Li: 这点很重要，这个短语一般都使用否定句式 'It's not rocket science'. Well, Kaz, you're so good with this programme. You're a star!

Kaz: Thank you Li but presenting this programme is not exactly rocket science! It's easy!

Both: Bye!

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