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### Old-school 老一套，老派



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**Sian**

Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English from BBC Learning English. I'm Sian.

**Feifei**

大家好，我是冯菲菲。

**Sian**

What on earth are you looking for, Feifei? Why are you taking everything out of your bag?

**Feifei**

I'm just looking for a stamp. 我记得我的包里有一张邮票，可怎么就不见了呢？

**Sian**

A stamp? What do you want a stamp for?

**Feifei**

I've written a letter to my family and I want to get it in the post before midday.

**Sian**

You've written a letter? That's a bit old-school isn't it?

**Feifei**

'Old-school'? Who are you calling 'old-school'? I'm younger than you!

**Sian**

Yeah but writing letters is quite old-school, you know – it's a bit old-fashioned. Most people just email or send instant messages nowadays.

**Feifei**

Yes, but it's so nice to get a real letter in the post! Old-school 这个表达近些年使用频率很高，在英式英语里，old-school 多被用来描述以往常见的事情或人，而且强调事情或人的观念、行为比较传统和老派。咱们先来听几个例句。

### **Examples**

Woah! That haircut is so old-school!

You want to go roller-skating tonight? Man, that's so old-school!

Our new teacher is a bit old-school in his approach, but he always gets good results.

### **Feifei**

这么说，old-school 的事情都是不好的了？

### **Sian**

No, it doesn't have to be. It can also be used as a compliment – to talk about something from the past that you admire. Or to describe something you feel nostalgic about.

### **Feifei**

其实，在现代英语里，年青人更多地用 old-school 来描述曾经发生或流行过的，令人羡慕的往事，或令人怀旧的事情。

### **Examples**

I love your new coat – it's so old-school!

Look at these old-school computer games, aren't they awesome?!

### **Feifei**

Exactly, I think it's a good thing to be old-school. If only I could find that stamp.

### **Sian**

Why don't you just fax it?

### **Feifei**

Well, that really would be old-school, Sian. Get with the times!

### **Sian**

Hmmm.