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Authentic Real English 地道英语 Fat chance



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Feifei

大家好,欢迎再次来到 BBC英语教学的"地道英语"节目。我是冯菲菲。

Rob

And I'm Rob. Hey, have I told you about the competition that I've entered, Feifei?

Feifei

No, Rob. What is it?

Rob

It's a singing competition! You have to perform a popular song from your favourite band – and I'm going to win!

Feifei

你要参加歌唱比赛? 你觉得自己会拿冠军? No offence, Rob, but I've heard your singing voice, and, well, I'm not sure...

Rob

What are you trying to say, Feifei?

Feifei

All I'm saying is that there is a fat chance of you winning the competition!

Rob

Huh! So first you make fun of my singing and now you're calling me fat! How cheeky!

Feifei

Oh! No, Rob, no. 我不是说你胖,我是说你赢得冠军的可能性非常小。

Rob

Oh, right, yes. 'Fat chance' is an English phrase to say something is not very likely. I remember now.

Feifei

Right, while you calm down, let's hear some other examples of this phrase.

Examples

A: I bought a lottery ticket for tonight's draw – and these are my lucky numbers! I'm definitely going to win!

B: Fat chance!

A: I hope it's warm this weekend - I want to go fishing.

B: Well, fat chance of that. It's the middle of November!

I auditioned for a role in a movie, but there is fat chance of me getting the role – I saw loads of famous actors auditioning too.

Feifei

这里是 BBC英语教学的"地道英语"节目。在这集节目中,我们一起学习的说法是 "fat chance"。大家可不要被"fat chance"当中的"fat"给蒙住了,以为"fat"就表示"很多、很大"。"Fat chance"实际所表达的意思是说一件事情不大可能发生,希望渺茫。像上面的例句所示范的一样,"fat chance"可以用在一个完整的句子中,也可以作为一个独立的短语来使用。比如:刚才 Rob 说他会赢得歌唱比赛冠军,我就可以直接回答他说:"Fat chance!"。

Rob

Hey! I think I've got a really good chance! I've been practising hard and I've even taken a few lessons!

Feifei

OK, Rob. Well, err, good luck? I suppose...

Rob

Well Feifei, when I win the £5,000 prize money, there's fat chance of you getting any of it.

Feifei

Wait, £5,000? Rob, hold on! I didn't mean it!

Thanks for joining us – I've got to go and apologise to Rob, and hopefully, he'll share his winnings! Bye!