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Flatten the curve 拉平曲线

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Feifei

欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的“地道英语”节目。大家好，我是冯菲菲。

Roy

...and me, Roy.

Feifei

Roy, why are you hitting that table with a hammer?

Roy

Well, I got your message about flattening the curve, and then I saw that this table had a bit of a bump in it, so I wanted to make sure you were happy – no curves on this table now.

Feifei

No, Roy. “Flatten the curve” 的意思可不是让你把桌子上凸起来的地方给磨平。
“Flatten the curve” 用来指降低、平滑图表或曲线图上的峰值。

Roy

Oh... because you were talking about the rate of infection in the UK. It's really important to 'flatten the curve' of the infection to avoid our health care service being overwhelmed with too many patients at one time.

Feifei

That's right. Now, let's listen to these examples.

Examples

The government have introduced social distancing measures to try and flatten the curve.

We need to flatten the curve to prevent too many admissions into hospital.
Flattening the curve is vital to help save lives.

Feifei

这里是 BBC 英语教学的“地道英语”节目。在这期节目中，我们告诉大家如何使用表达“**flatten the curve**”。在新冠肺炎疫情期间，“**flatten the curve**”被频繁使用，所表达的意思是降低曲线图上的峰值，将疫情的曲线拉平，从而降低感染率。

Roy

Yes, people have been in lockdown and social distancing to flatten the curve. It seems that the rate of infection in the UK has decreased of late.

Feifei

Yes, it seems that way. But I can't believe you were hitting that table!

Roy

Well, I was just trying to make you happy – sorry.

Feifei

Roy, now my chair is broken. What happened to the wheels?

Roy

I flattened the curves on your wheels! I've fixed everything. You should see what I've done to your car.

Feifei

Oh, working with you is never a boring experience!

Roy

Thanks!

Feifei

Bye, Roy.

Roy

Bye, Feifei!