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# Cringe 很尴尬



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## **Jiaying**

大家好,欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目,我是佳莹。

#### Neil

... and me, Neil. Have you seen that new film about a wizard who makes friends with an ugly horse that turns into a beautiful unicorn?

## **Jiaying**

Oh, yeah! The acting is the definition of cringe! The whole film is so cringe!

#### Neil

Cringe? What do you mean cringe? You don't like the film?

#### **Jiaying**

Don't like it? That's an understatement. 这部电影真的不好看。扮演巫师的那个人演技实在太差了,而且故事情节也很欠考虑。我们可以用单词"cringe"来谈论让人感到尴尬的人或事情。"Cringe"既可以作动词,表示"感到尴尬",也可以作形容词,表示"让人难为情的、尴尬的"。

#### Neil

So you can say that the film made you cringe or the film was cringe. But, why? It wasn't that had!

#### **Jiaying**

Neil,这部电影真的很老套,而且演员的表演风格也很夸张。It was so cringe!

## Neil

But that's the point of the film – it was designed to make you cringe – it was that kind of humour! It wasn't trying to be serious!

# **Jiaying**

Oh, in that case, I didn't get it! So, actually, if it was intentionally cringe, it was quite funny! Let's talk more about things that are cringe after these examples.

# **Examples**

Did you hear that terrible joke he told? It was so cringe!

When my uncle starts dancing – it's really cringe.

When she told me how she had sat in the wrong meeting for an hour before realising, I cringed.

# **Jiaying**

这里是由 BBC 英语教学制作的"地道英语"节目。以上,我们介绍了单词"cringe"在口语中的含义,它可以用来谈论让你感到尴尬或难为情的人或事情。在作形容词时,我们也可以在"cringe"的后面加上字母"y",变成"cringey",意思是一样的。

#### Neil

Yes, so you can describe someone or something as cringe – so like an embarrassing person or joke.

# **Jiaying**

Yes! Or even an experience. 哎, Neil, 你有没有遇到过让你感到特别尴尬的事情呢?

#### Neil

Well, you may be surprised, but quite a few cringey things have happened to me!

#### Jiavina

I can imagine! I think your most cringey moment is when you arrived at the party dressed as a giant cucumber!

### Neil

To be fair – I was dressed as a courgette, but I thought it was a fancy dress party because you said dress fancily!

# Jiaying

It was so cringe! I meant to wear a fancy suit – it was a wedding.

#### Neil

Yeah – I cringed a lot. But at least I ended up in lots of photos!

# Jiaying

You certainly did! Bye, Neil.

# Neil

Bye.