

**Creatively bankrupt**  
没创意，毫无新意

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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。

**Rob**

And hello, I'm Rob. Now, I'm a little bit worried about Roy. Have you seen him today? Is he OK?

**Jiaying**

哎，我刚刚还看见他了呢。他和平时一样，面带微笑，心情不错。你为什么这么担心他呀？

**Rob**

Well, I overheard him talking and he said he was bankrupt.

**Jiaying**

不是的，Rob。Roy 说的是他看的一部电影，用到了“creatively bankrupt”这个表达。我们用表达“creatively bankrupt”来形容某个事物“毫无新意，完全没创意”。

**Rob**

Ah... that makes sense! So, I guess he really didn't like that film, then? Mind you, films were better when I was younger!

**Jiaying**

Well, Rob. We can talk about your nostalgia right after these examples.

**Examples**

Margaret's third novel didn't do anything new and it just felt creatively bankrupt.

The singer's new album felt creatively bankrupt. All the songs sounded boring and unoriginal.

The film is creatively bankrupt. It's like the director repeated things he did in his last movie.

### **Jiaying**

这里是 BBC 英语教学的“地道英语”节目。我们正在介绍表达“creatively bankrupt”的含义和用法。它形容本应该富有创意的事物，比如电影、电子游戏中的故事“毫无新意，没有创意”。“Creatively bankrupt”也可以用来形容某人“缺乏创造力，一点新点子也没有”。So, you think films used to be more creative?

### **Rob**

Oh, yes! Everything seemed so fresh and new. These days, I feel like I've seen it all before... the same stories, characters and conversations. It just feels so...

### **Jiaying**

Creatively bankrupt! Rob, have you thought about writing your own films? You're always full of great ideas.

### **Rob**

Hmm. But sometimes I also feel a bit creatively bankrupt, like I have no idea how to be original and innovative when I'm writing stories.

### **Jiaying**

Have you tried speaking to Roy? He writes some really crazy stories that are always really original. Maybe you could write something together?

### **Rob**

Well, that's a great idea! He's always putting unicorns, flamingos and chimpanzees in his stories. I reckon it would be so good that it'll win awards. I might even give up my job and work on a film with Roy, full time!

### **Jiaying**

Careful, Rob. If you give up your job, you might run out of money and then instead of being creatively bankrupt, you would be literally bankrupt!

### **Rob**

Good point. Better to be out of ideas than out of money!

### **Jiaying**

That's right! Bye.

### **Rob**

Bye-bye!