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It's now or never

机不可失, 时不再来



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Feifei

Hello! 大家好,欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目。我是冯菲菲,还有我的 搭档 Rob。

Rob

Hello, everyone.

Feifei

OK, Rob. Let's get on with our real English in this programme, shall we?

Rob

Yes, let's! It's a great expression. It's one you don't want to forget...

Feifei

好了好了, 你就别卖关子了。快点告诉我们要学习的表达是什么!

Rob

Hmm... err. Oh, I've forgotten.

Feifei

Rob! It's now or never.

Rob

No, no. I don't think that's the expression.

Feifei

No, Rob. I mean this is our only chance to learn it. 表达"it's now or never"就是我们汉语里说的"机不可失,时不再来",我们用这个表达提醒人们"勿失良机"。Rob, get thinking. We have no time to waste!

Rob

Err... let's have some examples of your phrase first, shall we?

Examples

It's now or never if you want to buy a cheap ticket to go to the big rock festival.

If you're thinking of taking a career break, it's now or never because you won't get the chance again.

It's now or never if you want to ask her out – she's leaving town today.

Feifei

你正在收听的是 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目。以上,我们教大家如何使用表达"it's now or never"来告诉人们"要立即做某事,否则就会错失良机"。And Rob, now is the chance to learn a new English phrase.

Rob

Can't we do it later?

Feifei

No, it's now or never!

Rob

Never mind! Oh, that's it – that's my phrase which means 'don't worry about it'.

Feifei

Just in time – now we've learnt two new phrases that we'll never teach again.

Rob

Great. OK, err... time for coffee? I'll buy them.

Feifei

Yes, definitely – it's now because Rob will never offer again. Bye!

Rob

Bye-bye.