Authentic Real English 地道英语
Yes and no
既是也不是，说不准

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Feifei

Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English. 大家好，我是冯菲菲。

Neil

… and hello, I am Neil. Welcome back from your holiday, Feifei.

Feifei

Thanks, Neil. To be honest, I'm very glad to be back!

Neil

What do you mean? You did have a nice time, didn't you?

Feifei

Yes and no.

Neil

Yes, and no? Well, which one was it? Yes or no?

Feifei

I said 'yes and no'. 在日常交流中，当我们遇到难以作出明确回答的问题时，就可以用"yes and no"来表示"不好说，也是也不是，说不准"。所以，当 Neil 问我的假期怎么样的时候，我就用了"yes and no"来表示"假期也好也不好"。There were some 'issues' with it. For one, I couldn't get any work done!

Neil

Wait – you didn't enjoy it because you couldn't work? You do know that you're supposed to relax when you're on holiday?

Feifei
Yes and no. There's always time to do some work! Do you think there's something wrong with that?

Neil
Yes and no. We can talk more about that right after these examples.

Examples
When I asked her if she was still angry with me, she just said 'yes and no'!

Yes and no! What kind of answer is that? Just tell me if you want to go out tomorrow.

The cricket coach just said 'yes and no' when she was asked if she was happy with the current team.

Feifei
这里是 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目。我们正在一起学习如何使用表达"yes and no"。在对一个问题作答时，如果想表达不完全"是"或"不是"的时候，就可以用"yes and no"。So, Neil, you said that there's something wrong with working on holiday?

Neil
I said 'yes and no'. I think it's fantastic how hard you work – you're an amazing professional. But we need to relax sometimes. In fact, relaxing can actually boost some people's productivity.

Feifei
That sounds fantastic!

Neil
Great – so let's go to the park!

Feifei
Brilliant – I could bring my laptop to do some spreadsheets while I'm there. Is that a good idea?

Neil
Definitely not. I'll go and get a frisbee instead. I'll meet you at the park in ten minutes.

Feifei
OK. Bye, Neil!

Neil
Bye.