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- Yang Li:** 大家好欢迎收听《地道英语》。我是杨莉...
- Rob:** (*up a ladder*) And me, Rob. Hello. Now, Li, would you mind holding that ladder still, please?
- Yang Li:** I'm trying... but Rob, what are you doing up a ladder anyway?
- Rob:** I'm decorating!
- Yang Li:** Rob在装修! Why?
- Rob:** Well, this studio is really scruffy – you know, not that smart – so I thought I'd tidy it up and paint it, too.
- Yang Li:** Hmmm, 看这样儿 Rob 是要把录音室粉刷一番。 I don't think it's a good idea, though.
- Rob:** Why not?
- Yang Li:** For a start, you haven't put any sheets down to stop the paint splashing on the carpet, ... and you need to move the chairs outside... and you're wearing smart clothes, not ones for decorating in.
- Rob:** Well, no, errr. Let's just brush over that, shall we?
- Yang Li:** Brush over? You can't brush over those things – you'll get paint everywhere!
- Rob:** No, Li! When you say you will 'brush over' something, it means you will ignore it or not take it that seriously.
- Yang Li:** I see. 在英语里如果你说 to 'brush over' something 意思就是不重视, 忽略。 So Rob, you're saying making the preparations for decorating is not important?
- Rob:** Well... I'm in a rush.
- Yang Li:** I see. Let's hear some examples, shall we?

Examples

My teacher's history lesson was fascinating, but he brushed over World War I and that was the bit I wanted to hear about most!

We haven't sorted the figures for the meeting, but we'll brush over those and just talk about the future.

How old am I? Well, let's just brush over that and say I'm as old as I feel!

Yang Li: 听出来了吗? To 'brush over' something 意思就是不理睬, 轻率对待或忽略某事。
Rob, have you actually asked for permission to decorate this studio? It doesn't belong to you.

Rob: Well... err...

Yang Li: Are you brushing over that too?! Anyway, even if you did get permission, shouldn't you cover up the windows?

Rob: Yeah, that's true. But before I do any of that, there is something more important to do.

Yang Li: Oh yes?

Rob: Buy some paintbrushes!

Yang Li: Ah yes, you can't brush over that!

Both: Bye.