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Authentic Real English 地道英语  
*On the tip of my tongue*  
话到嘴边（一时想不起来）



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**Helen:** 大家好，欢迎收听《地道英语》，我是Helen。和我在一起的是 Rob. Hi Rob.

**Rob:** Hi Helen. How was your weekend?

**Helen:** Good thanks, I didn't do much, just relaxed. How was yours?

**Rob:** Interesting. I bumped into Bob...

**Helen:** Bob? Oh the guy we used to work with.

**Rob:** Yes, that's him. Well, I had a good chat with him. You know all he talked about was computers and how he could never get a girlfriend... well guess what?

**Helen:** He's now head of IT?

**Rob:** No!

**Helen:** He's won the lottery and is a millionaire?

**Rob:** No Helen. He's getting married!

**Helen:** Oh that's good news. Is he marrying anyone we know?

**Rob:** Yes. That's the thing – it's someone we know really well.

**Helen:** Who's that?

**Rob:** Hmm... erm... I can't remember her name... it's on the tip of my tongue.

**Helen:** The tip of your tongue? That's a strange place – well ok, stick your tongue out.

**Rob:** (*with his tongue out*) Why do I need to do this Helen?

**Helen:** You said it was 'on the tip of your tongue'.

**Rob:** No Helen. I mean I know her name but I can't quite remember it right now.

**Helen:** Why didn't you say! On the tip of my tongue 直译是“在我的舌尖上”，但实际要表达的意思话在嘴边，但一下子想不起来了。Rob, 你应该很快就能想起来吧? Will you remember the information soon?

**Rob:** Yes I will. It really is just on the tip of my tongue. Let's hear some examples and her name might come back to me.

### **Examples**

*We nearly won the quiz; John had the answer to the last question on the tip of his tongue - but the other team said it first.*

*The name will come to me soon, it's on the tip of my tongue... ah yes, his name is Paul.*

**Helen:** 话都到嘴边了，可就是一时想不起来。So Rob, is the name of the woman that Bob is marrying, still on the tip of your tongue?

**Rob:** No. I remember it now – her name is Alison.

**Helen:** Alison – from accounts? That's great news.

**Rob:** It is and Bob says we're invited to the wedding.

**Helen:** Brilliant. I love a good wedding – when is it?

**Rob:** Oh, erm... errr...

**Helen:** Don't tell me. It's on the tip of your tongue.

**Rob:** It is... sorry. I'll remember soon.

**Helen:** I hope you do.

**Both:** Bye.