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Authentic Real English 地道英语 To face the music 等着挨训吧



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Li

Hi Neil. How are you? You're looking quite proud of yourself...

Neil

Yeah, I'm great thanks. You know, I've managed to finish off my part of the script of our drama – you know the BBC Learning English Christmas drama

Li

Oh great! And did you remember to book the band for tomorrow's recording? The big boss is coming, you know. He's really looking forward to it?

Neil

Oh no, I forgot! I knew there was something I was supposed to do! Now I'm really going to have to face the music.

Li

Face the music? 你说听音乐? 你都忘了请乐队,还有什么音乐可言呢?

Neil

I thought you knew this expression, Li. To face the music is another way of saying you have to accept the consequences of your mistakes.

Li

I see. 原来这个短语和音乐没有任何关系。To face the music 就是做了错事之后要等着受批或受罚。比如老板希望你做一件事儿,可是你忘了,没有完成任务,那你就只好等着挨训了。The boss was expecting you to do something and you haven't done it. Now you have to face the music – accept the consequences of your mistake.

Neil

To face the music is today's expression for Authentic Real English. Listen to some examples:

Examples

Whoever keeps missing these deadlines will have to face the music.

After two years of stealing from the family who hired her, the nanny was caught stealing redhanded. Now she has to face the music.

Neil

So Li, you're quite a good musician, aren't you?

Li

Well, I can play the guitar a bit...

Neil

Fantastic! Bring your guitar in tomorrow for the recording. You play the music to stop me facing the music!

Li

Well... OK, but I'm not very good...

Neil

You will be fantastic I'm sure. Thanks Li!

Li

OK. Bye!