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Authentic Real English 地道英语 A legend in one's own lifetime/lunchtime



有生之年就声名显赫/自命不凡

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Jiaying

大家好,欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目,我是佳莹。

Neil

And I'm Neil... a legend in my own lifetime!

Jiaying

A legend in your own lifetime? Neil,这说的是谁?是你吗?

Neil

Yes! I'm famous and still living – that's what I mean by 'a legend in my own lifetime'.

Jiaying

So, you're famous just for being alive?

Neil

No, no – famous for presenting this amazing Authentic Real English programme.

Jiaying

呃……没错,你是我们"地道英语"节目的主持人,但至于"大名鼎鼎"嘛,我就不确定了。如果我们说某个人是"a legend in their own lifetime",意思是这个人"声名显赫,受人景仰";如果用它来形容某个不在世的人,意思就是这个人"有生之年就已经非常有名"。Such as, for example, Tim Berners-Lee who invented the world wide web.

Neil

... and me!

Jiaying

Let's have some examples about some real legends...

Examples

Elvis was a legend in his own lifetime.

For some football fans, Ronaldo is a legend in his own lifetime.

The athlete has made such an impression at the Olympics that she's become a legend in her own lifetime.

Jiaying

你正在收听的是 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目。我们给大家介绍了短语"a legend in their own lifetime",它用来形容某个人"非常出名"。Neil,你要是想在有生之年就闻名世界,就要干一番大事业才行!

Neil

Well, I can make a great cup of tea and bake quite tasty cakes.

Jiaying

Ah! That makes you 'a legend in your own lunchtime'!

Neil

Hmm, that doesn't sound so great.

Jiaying

可不是吗! 短语 "a legend in your own lunchtime"是对 "a legend in your own lifetime"的一种非正式的、带有讽刺意味的改写,用来形容某人"并没有自己想象的那么重要或出名"。Neil,你要继续努力呀!

Neil

Oh, thanks. I guess I'll just go and make some tea and cake then.

Jiaying

Thanks. You are a legend – to me anyway!

Neil

Aww! Thanks, Jiaying.

Jiaying

Bye.

Neil Bye!		