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Someone is like a dinosaur
某人像恐龙/某人过时了



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- Helen:** Hello, Welcome to Authentic Real English from BBC Learning English. I'm Helen.
- Rob:** And I'm Rob.
- Helen:** Rob, can I ask you something?
- Rob:** Yes, of course. Go ahead.
- Helen:** My son's friends came to visit at the weekend. They were all in the bedroom playing with dinosaurs.
- Rob:** Sounds fun.
- Helen:** Yeah, I even let them watch a dinosaur movie and play a computer game. Then I heard one of them say his parents were dinosaurs.
- Rob:** Oh, dear.
- Helen:** I'm a mum, I don't think I look anything like a dinosaur, do I?
- Rob:** No, you don't look like one at all. You are 100% human! What did the boy say about his parents?
- Helen:** He said that they don't have a TV at home, and that his parents don't have mobile phones either. I was quite surprised by that.
- Rob:** No wonder he thinks his parents are dinosaurs. When we call someone a 'dinosaur', we mean they're living in the past, they're not very modern, and probably don't use a lot of technology.
- Helen:** 在英语里, 当我们听到某人被形容为恐龙时 a dinosaur, 意思就是他们还生活在过去, 行为和想法过时了, 而且也不会使用现代化高科技的东西。
- Rob:** Exactly. Let's hear some examples.

Examples

My grandfather just bought his first digital camera. I've been telling him to get one for years! He's a dinosaur when it comes to modern technology.

A: Have you met Jane's new husband?

B: Yes, he talks like someone from the 1930s. Really old-fashioned!

A: I know, he said he hates modern technology.

B: Oh, he's such a dinosaur.

Helen: So calling someone a dinosaur means they're not in touch with the modern world.

Rob: Yes, a bit old-fashioned, maybe conservative in their thinking, and not keen for new challenges.

Helen: Well, I love modern technology.

Rob: Are you on Weibo? Weixin?

Helen: No, what are these?

Rob: Oh dear Helen! You are a dinosaur!