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### Sweet tooth 爱吃甜食

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**Li**

欢迎收听BBC英语教学的《地道英语》节目。我是杨莉，和我在一起的还有我的同事Finn。Hi Finn.

*(Finn is suffering from a bad toothache)*

**Finn**

Hello everyone...

**Li**

Oh dear, your face is a bit swollen. What's the matter? 怎么脸肿了?

**Finn**

I've got this bad toothache again! You know, blame my mother for giving me a sweet tooth.

**Li**

Yes you are very sweet and you always bring us nice chocolates and sweets. 你的确很甜，总给我们带好吃的东西。But why should you blame your mother for this great quality – your kindness?

**Finn**

Oh that's very sweet of you Li, but the phrase to have 'a sweet tooth' is another way of saying that someone craves sweet food all the time, such as sweets, deserts and chocolates.

**Li**

I see. 啊明白了。英语短语 to have a sweet tooth 常常用来表示某人特爱吃甜点。比如，糖果，巧克力和蛋糕等甜品。

**Finn**

That's right. Have you noticed that I take five sugars in my tea? I usually have six or seven cups of tea every day, Li!

**Li**

It sounds like you do have a sweet tooth! Let's hear some examples of how this expression is used:

### **Examples**

John always has a bag of sweets open on his desk. He's got such a sweet tooth.

I wish I didn't have a sweet tooth, because I had four rotten teeth pulled out and eight filled when I was only twenty.

### **Li**

You know what Finn, don't blame your mother. 你该埋怨的呀不是你妈妈，而是英国的‘甜文化’。我觉得英国的甜品世界数第一！ Blame the 'sweet' culture of Britain. I think that this country makes the best deserts in the world!

### **Finn**

Well it is difficult to resist the temptation of those yummy cakes you see in the shops!

### **Li**

So, seeing as you've got such bad toothache, perhaps I could help you with the delicious cheesecake you have with you in the studio...

### **Finn**

Oh... you are cheeky, aren't you, Li?

### **Li**

I will buy you one back when your toothache is gone, I promise.

### **Finn**

That's a deal!

### **Li and Finn**

Bye