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Authentic Real English 地道英语 Going forward



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Neil

Hello, I'm Neil and welcome to Authentic Real English, which this week comes from a train.

Feifei

Hi I'm Feifei. 是的,为了更好地给大家讲解本期节目要学习的表达,我和 Neil 坐上了火车。This English expression has become very common - particularly in a work environment.

Neil

I love trains, Feifei – racing through the countryside, looking out of the window. Ah, it's great – you can't beat it! Oh – are you OK, Feifei? You look a bit... green.

Feifei

Well it's OK for you, Neil, but I've got the backward-facing seat. It makes me feel sick. Going forward, can you avoid booking me the backward-facing seat?

Neil

Of course! Going forward I'll get you a forward-facing seat.

Feifei

(sounding sick) 'Going forward' is another way of saying 'in the future'.

Neil

That's right. You'll hear 'going forward' used at business meetings when a person wants someone to change the way they do something in the future.

Feifei

在工作环境中,比如在开会时,一个人让他的同事在未来工作中做出改变时就会用到 going forward 这个表达。咱们来听例句。

Examples

A: Did you get the files I emailed over?

B: Yes I did, but going forward can you send hard copies in the post? We need them for our records.

Boss: I've noticed you chatting on your mobile quite a lot during the working day. Going forward, can you keep the private conversations to your lunch breaks?

A: Going forward we will only have an online version of our newspaper. The days of print are dead.

Feifei

以上我们听到的都是人们在工作环境中使用 going forward 的例句。在这些语境中,going forward 所表达的意思是"从现在开始,今后、将来"。

Neil

I quite like doing Authentic Real English recordings from the train. Going forward, shall we record all our programmes from vehicles?

Feifei

Hmm, not sure about that. I get terrible travel sickness.

Neil

Well, going forward, I recommend you take these pills (hands bottle of pills over).

Feifei

Urgh...

Neil

Goodbye!

Feifei

Bye!