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Rob

Hello, I'm Rob.

Feifei

大家好,欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的《地道英语》节目。我是冯菲菲。Hey, happy birthday for last week, Rob.

Rob

Thanks, Feifei, yes, 21 years old. Where has the time gone?

Feifei

Rob 说自己 2I 岁! Are you sure? You don't act like a 2I-year-old.

Rob

What are you saying exactly, Feifei?

Feifei

Well, err, look at your clothes - they're not very trendy. They're a bit boring.

Rob

Boring?

Feifei

Yes. And, come on, you're not very youthful.

Rob

Youthful? Just because I haven't got any tattoos – who wants a tattoo anyway, they look silly and they damage your skin.

Feifei

There you go - old fashioned attitudes - no way you're 21!

Rob

Hmm, so you're saying I'm a fuddy-duddy?

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Feifei

名词 fuddy-duddy 多在口语中使用,意思是"观念守旧的人,枯燥无趣的人"。咱们 来听几个例句。

Examples

Ling thinks I'm an old fuddy-duddy because I don't drive a flashy sports car.

My dad's a bit of a fuddy-duddy. He still listens to music on cassette tapes.

The bank has lost many customers over the years, probably due to its fuddy-duddy image.

Feifei

正如上面的最后一个例子,在英语里,fuddy-duddy 除了可以形容观念守旧的人以外,还可以形容机构的办事方式古板从而显得过于自大。But Rob, being a fuddy-duddy isn't all bad.

Rob

Oh yes? Boring, old-fashioned - how can that be a good thing?

Feifei

Well, you make us all laugh.

Rob

Yes, but for the wrong reasons - I'm off.

Feifei

Oh dear, it seems like a fuddy-duddy doesn't even have a sense of humour. Where are you going?

Rob

To get a tattoo done.

Feifei

It'll hurt. Bye!