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About 在附近



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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。

Neil

And I'm Neil.

Feifei

In this programme, we're talking about... 'about'!

Neil

About 'about'?

Feifei

About 'about'!

Neil

This is getting silly! We are indeed talking about the word 'about' – but not as it's usually used.

Feifei

是的, 我们来给大家举例说明。Is Mark about today?

Neil

Yes, I saw him this morning.

Feifei

那么也就是说刚才我在问你“Is Mark about today?”的时候, 我指的并不是“Mark 这个人本身和‘today 今天’是不是有关系”, 而我的意思是“Mark 在吗? Is Mark here”?

Neil

'About' means 'here', or 'somewhere near here'.

Feifei

“Mark’s about.” 的意思就是 “Mark’s near here.” 。 By the way who’s Mark?

Neil

No idea. But I know he’s near here!

Feifei

Well, that’s reassuring. Time for some more examples about ‘about’.

Examples

Hi, is Sue about? Just need to give her some files.

Will you be about this evening? I want to ask a big favour.

There’s no one about. It’s a bit scary.

Don’t talk like that. There are children about.

Feifei

There we are. ‘About’ meaning in or close to an area. 单词 “about” 除了表达我们熟悉的 “有关...” 的意思以外，还可以表示 “在某个地方” 或者 “在附近”。

Neil

You know, there’s another word that behaves like this.

Feifei

You’re talking about... ‘around’!

Neil

Indeed. We could ask: “Is Mark around?”

Feifei

And we know the answer to that: you saw him this morning.

Neil

Except... I didn’t really see him. Because Mark doesn’t exist...

Mark

Hi – I’m Mark.

Neil

Ah, Mark!

Feifei

We were just talking about you!

Neil

And we were just talking about 'about'.

Feifei

And 'around'.

Neil

Goodbye.

Feifei

Bye.

Mark

Bye bye.