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### A necessary evil

#### “必要的邪恶”是什么意思？

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#### **Feifei**

大家好，我是冯菲菲。欢迎来到 BBC 英语教学的《地道英语》节目。

#### **Rob**

And hello I'm Rob.

#### **Feifei**

You're looking pleased with yourself, Rob.

#### **Rob**

I am. I've just booked these dirt cheap – I mean really cheap – flights to Ibiza!

#### **Feifei**

Wonderful!

#### **Rob**

Look at the price - 20 pounds return! That means extra money to spend on food, drink and partying.

#### **Feifei**

诶，让我看看。你看这儿，说票价是二十镑，你还要付燃油附加税，加起来一百多镑了。

#### **Rob**

Er? Let me see. You're right. Grrr, I hate paying tax.

#### **Feifei**

I guess you could say it's a necessary evil.

#### **Rob**

Hmm, you could say that – if you mean it's something bad that can't be avoided, and you have to accept it in order to achieve a good result.

**Feifei**

That's exactly what I meant, Rob. 我们可以用 “necessary evil” 来描述 “不愿让其发生但又无法避免的事情”，换句话说就是 “不得不接受的事情，迫不得已的事情”。因为买飞机票就必须得付燃油附加税，所以是一个 necessary evil。 Let's hear some examples, shall we?

**Examples**

For me, exams are a necessary evil – you have to do them to get a place at university.

Sitting in traffic for hours is a necessary evil if I want to drive to the seaside on a public holiday!

Oh, I hate running. But having to exercise is a necessary evil if I want to stay fit and healthy.

**Feifei**

这里是 BBC 英语教学的《地道英语》节目。我们正在教给大家的英语表达是 “a necessary evil 一件不想做但必须做的事情”。 And, Rob, that tax on your plane ticket is unavoidable – not so cheap now, is it?

**Rob**

No. Less money for eating, drinking and partying.

**Feifei**

Can you get a refund? Stay at home and eat, drink and party?

**Rob**

I could, but if I stayed at home, there's another necessary evil I'd have to deal with.

**Feifei**

What's that?

**Rob**

I'll have to spend more time with you.

**Feifei**

Hmm! What time is your flight exactly?

**Rob**

Well, did I say something wrong?

**Feifei**

Bye.

**Rob**  
Bye.