

**Cough up**  
不情愿地掏腰包

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**Feifei**

Good to be back at work, Neil?

**Neil**

Yes, Feifei... feel a bit better now. Just got a little cough...

**Feifei**

不管怎么样，你回来上班了，总算可以还我钱了。

**Neil**

Oh, right. Why's that?

**Feifei**

Well, remember you said you didn't believe I could stand on my head?

**Neil**

I do. I said I'd give you £10 if you can do it.

**Feifei**

Yes. Well...

**Neil**

No way.

**Feifei**

There we are. On my head. £10, please. Time to cough up, Neil.

**Neil**

OK, OK! You can come down now.

**Feifei**

怎么样？不错吧？你肯定没想到我能倒立。Now, how about you 'cough up', and I explain what it means?

**Neil**

Hey, I was only joking about the £10. Oh, OK, there you go.

**Feifei**

Thank you. 我们用动词短语“cough up”来描述一个人很不情愿地掏腰包，勉强给钱或给他人信息。

**Neil**

Yes, I didn't want to give Feifei the money, but I said I would, so I had to cough up.

**Feifei**

好了，咱们来听几个包含“cough up”的例句。

**Examples**

I waited two whole weeks for my new TV to be delivered. And then I had to cough up an extra £15 for the delivery! I can't believe it.

My last trip to the library was expensive. I had to cough up for the fines for all the books I'd returned late. Whoops.

When I sat on my colleague's glasses he asked me to cough up £100 to buy a new pair. Though I must admit, the new ones are an improvement.

**Feifei**

这里是 BBC 英语教学的“地道英语”节目。在本集节目中，我们教给大家“cough up”这个动词短语的意思和使用方法。在日常对话中，我们用“cough up”来描述一个人不情愿地、勉强地为某事掏钱。Neil, that cough is still sounding bad. Have you tried the cough medicine I use?

**Neil**

Not yet. It's just a little expensive. £10 for a little bottle of medicine!

**Feifei**

It's worth it. Listen, if you won't cough up, I'll give you the £10 back if you promise to buy it.

**Neil**

That's very kind.

**Feifei**

Not a problem. And while you go to the pharmacy, I'm going to practise presenting the programme standing on my head. It's good for blood circulation, apparently.

**Neil**

Standing on your head is one thing, but presenting a whole programme? No way.

**Feifei**

Are you sure? £10 says I can!

**Neil**

Hahaha. Goodbye.

**Feifei**

Bye!