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迷糊、健忘的人

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大家好,欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目,我是佳莹。

Rob

And I'm Rob. Do you know someone who is disorganised or forgetful? We have a word to describe them - it's 'scatterbrain'.

Jiaying

Scatterbrain. 这个词指"脑子里总是迷迷糊糊、爱忘事的或心思不集中的人": The information in this person's brain is scattered and disorganised.

Rob

'Scatterbrain' is sometimes used jokingly with people you know. So, if you have a friend who always loses things or forgets things, you can call them a 'scatterbrain'. That's the noun. The adjective is 'scatterbrained'.

Jiaying

"Scatterbrain"的形容词是"scatterbrained (健忘的,糊涂的)"。举一个例子, 我的室友就总是忘事。My roommate is scatterbrained. 她昨天就因为忘带钥匙,把 自己锁在了门外。

Rob

Oh, I do that all the time. Luckily, my neighbour has a spare key.

Jiaying

原来你也爱忘事。 You are a scatterbrain too! Let's hear about some more scatterbrains in these examples.

Examples

She forgot my birthday again. She's such a scatterbrain!

Oh, I'm such a scatterbrain – I know I put the tickets somewhere safe and now I can't remember where they are!

He's so scatterbrained – he can't remember where he left his wallet.

Jiaying

你正在收听的是 BBC 英语教学的"地道英语"节目。上面我们介绍了名词 "scatterbrain"的意思和用法,它指"迷糊、健忘的或思想不集中的人",是一个非正式用语,所以要注意使用的对象和场合。

Rob

Similar words include 'birdbrain', 'empty-headed' or 'ditzy'. But I like 'scatterbrain' because of its almost literal meaning. And let's be honest, a scatterbrain only forgets small things that can be annoying – they get sorted in the end.

Jiaying

Like forgetting your front door key! I hope you didn't forget it today – I'm coming round for tea later.

Rob

Err... Oops! I think I have.

Jiaying

Scatterbrain! See you next time.

Rob

Bye!