

Day 10

Take time to take stock

— 英汉大词典（第2版）

take stock

1. 清点存货,盘货

- The grocery store took stock every week on Monday mornings.
每星期一早晨,这家食品杂货店盘点存货。

2. 仔细检查;鉴定,估价;评价

- It is time for taking stock and planning for the future.
是作出评估和规划未来的时候了。

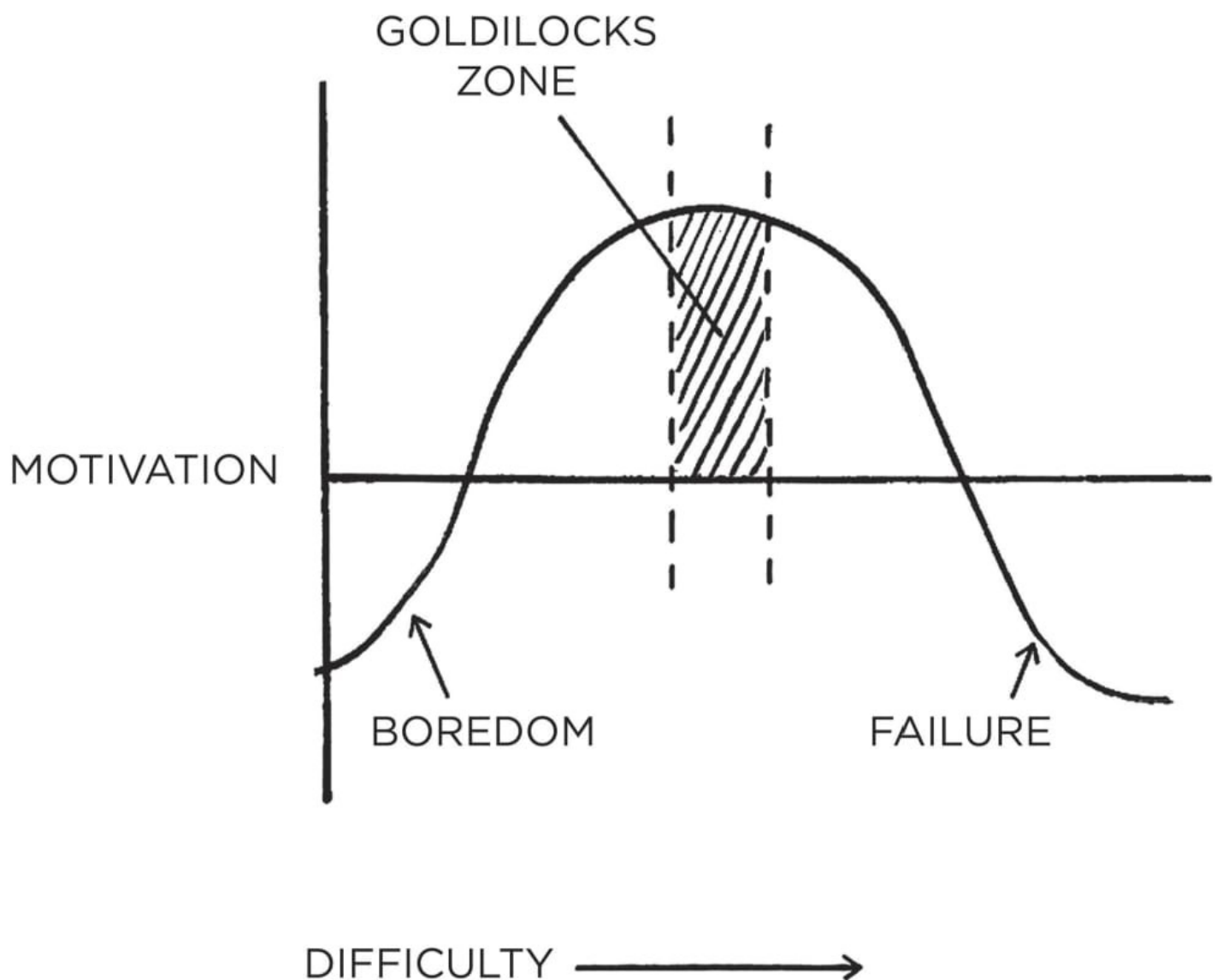
7. **a walk/trip down memory lane** when you spend some time remembering the past 追忆往事:

•She returned to her old school yesterday for a trip down memory lane.
她昨天回到母校故地重游。

8. **sb's memory is playing tricks on them** spoken used to say that someone is remembering things wrongly 某人的记性在和他开玩笑，某人的记忆不准确:

•My memory must be playing tricks on me; I'm sure I put that book on the desk. 肯定是我的记忆出了问题，我明明记得把那本书放在书桌上的。

No hurry, no pause.
Find your Goldilocks pace.
March to the beat of your own drum.





Gold·i·locks

/ˈɡɒldēˌlɒks/

noun

a fairy-tale heroine who enters the house of the Three Bears and declares the possessions of Baby Bear to be 'just right', as compared to those of Father Bear and Mother Bear.

- denoting or referring to the most desirable or advantageous part of a range of values or conditions (typically the center).
"the planet is in the middle of what astronomers call the **Goldilocks zone** : a place that's not too hot and not too cold"

Feedback

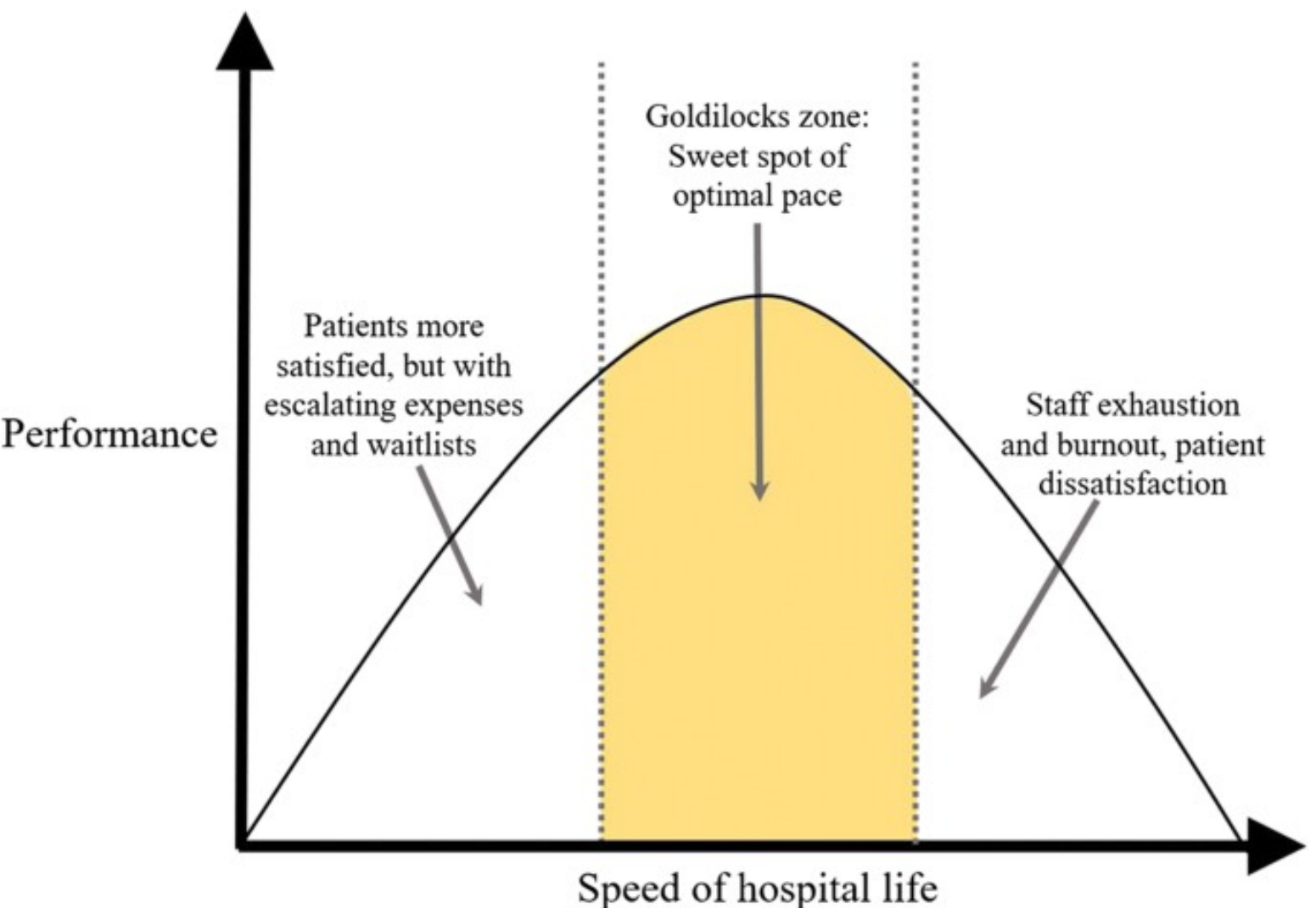
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People also ask :

What does it mean if someone calls you Goldilocks?



adjective. : **having or producing an optimal balance usually between two extremes.**



Day 6

A bevy of buzzwords;

A collection of catchphrases;

A laundry-list of goodies.

The town is a gaggle of unkempt buildings.

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ben

The Economist

Outside, a gaggle of Fleet Street photographers had assembled.

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The New Yorker

A gaggle of Canada geese meandered overhead, honking.

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The New Yorker

A gaggle of guys in suits make soporific footage.

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girl

The New York Times

But there is a paucity of good new buildings.

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There have been delays and a paucity of evidence.

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[The Guardian - Opinion](#)

This suggests a plethora of prison-related mascot names.

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[The New York Times](#)

This opened up a plethora of new design possibilities.

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"A sea of change here.

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[Independent](#)

glut

A sea of questions inundated my brain.

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[The Guardian - Opinion](#)

There's a mountain of food.

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China has a mountain of bad debts.

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There was a mountain of paper".

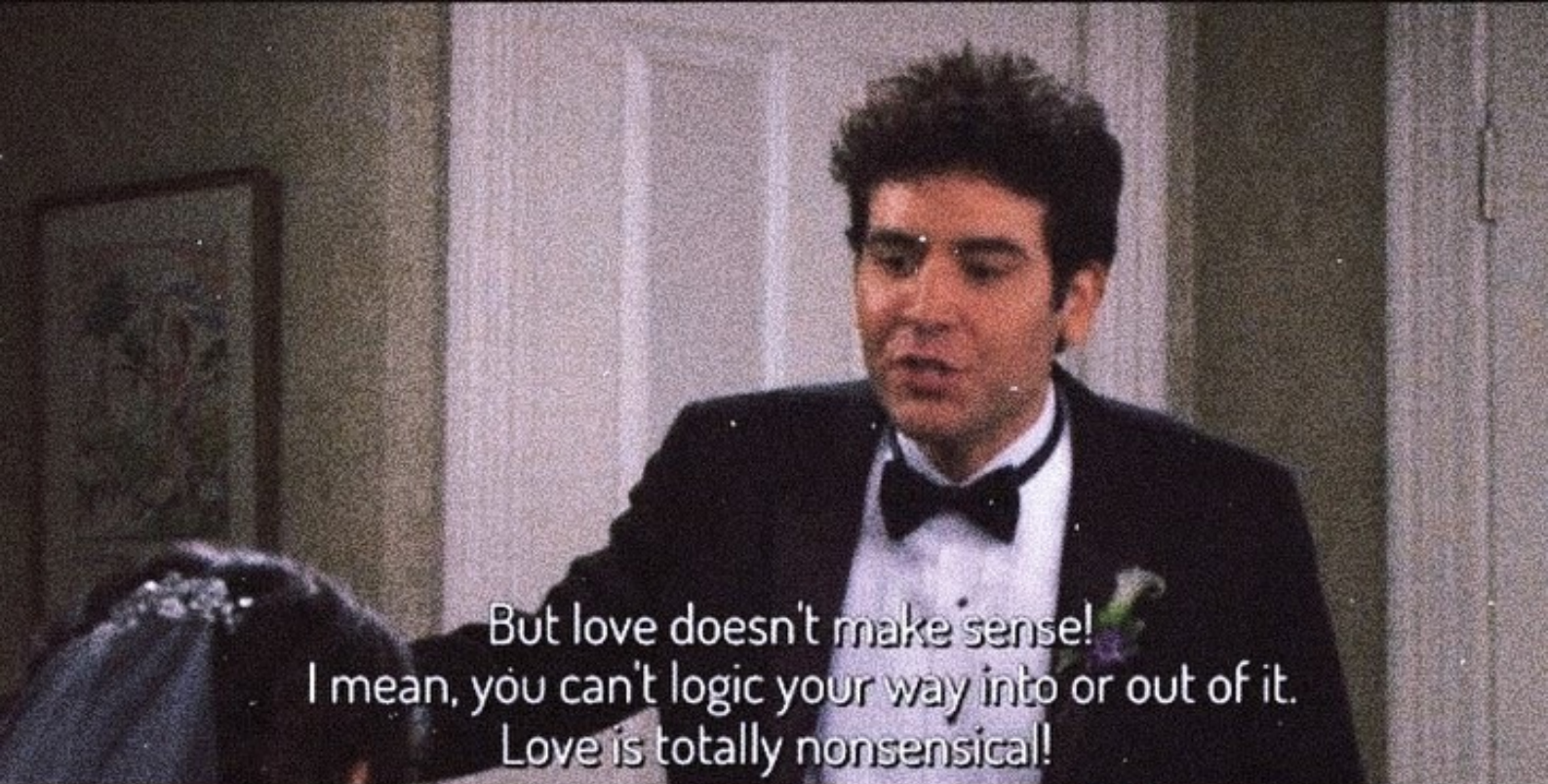
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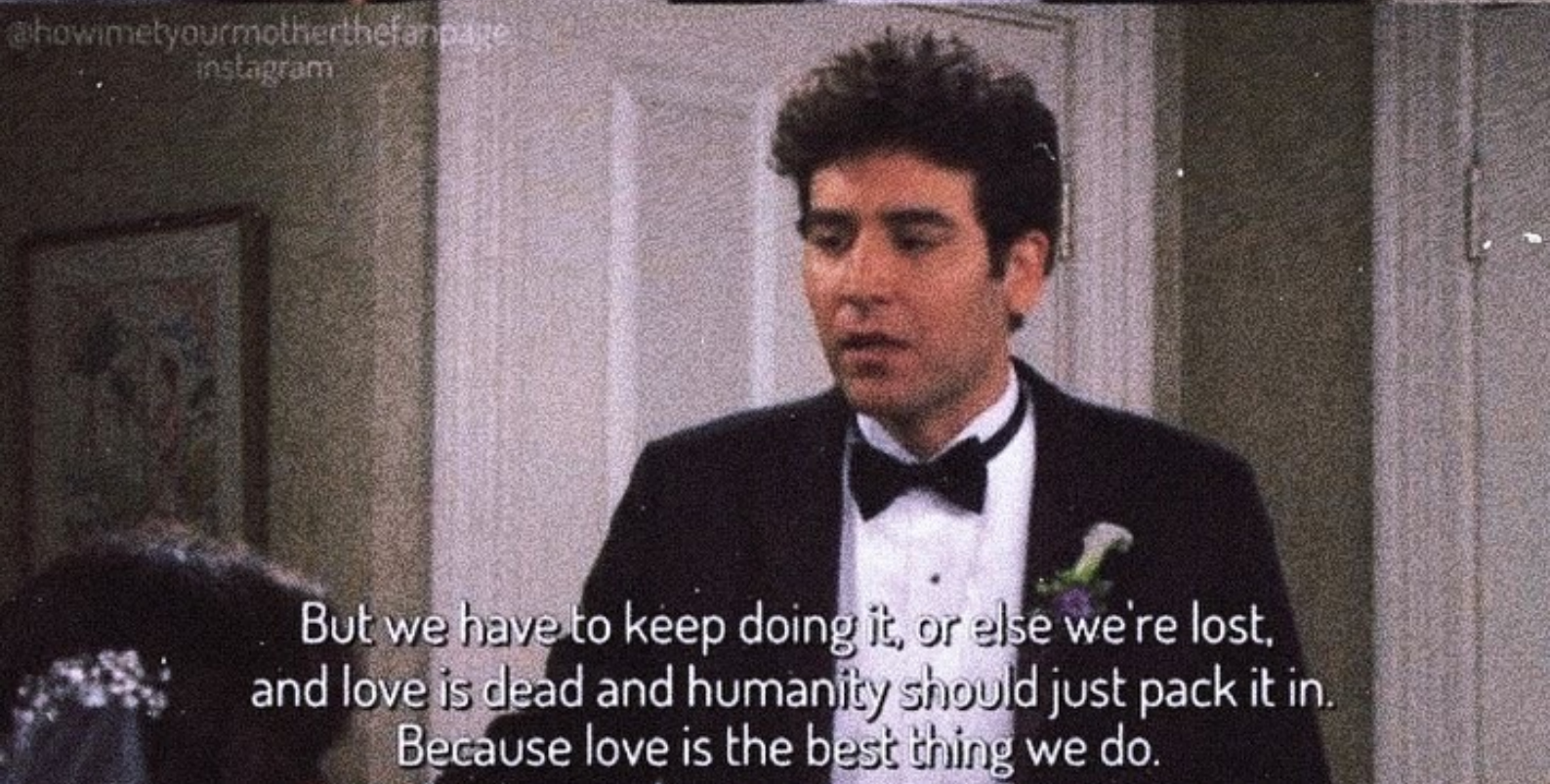
The Economist is known for its precise and elegant writing style, and often prefers to use alternative phrases to describe a group of something instead of using the more common term "a group of". Here are some examples of such phrases that The Economist might use:

1. "Coterie" - This term is often used to describe a small, exclusive group of people with shared interests or goals.
2. "Cadre" - This term refers to a small group of people with specialized skills or knowledge, often working together in a particular field or organization.
3. "Cabal" - This term is used to describe a secret or conspiratorial group of people who are working together to achieve a particular goal.
4. "Clique" - This term refers to a small, close-knit group of people who share common interests or social connections.
5. "Circle" - This term is often used to describe a small, informal group of people who socialize or work together.
6. "Collective" - This term refers to a group of people who work together towards a common goal or objective.
7. "Community" - This term is often used to describe a group of people who share common interests, values, or characteristics.
8. "Faction" - This term is used to describe a small group within a larger organization or group, often with competing interests or goals.

A still from the TV show 'Seinfeld' featuring George Costanza (played by Julia Louis-Dreyfus) in a black tuxedo with a white shirt and a black bow tie. He is looking down and to the left with a serious expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

But love doesn't make sense!
I mean, you can't logic your way into or out of it.
Love is totally nonsensical!

@howimetyourmotherthefanpage
instagram

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But we have to keep doing it, or else we're lost,
and love is dead and humanity should just pack it in.
Because love is the best thing we do.



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2021 was the year of tangping 躺平.

One by one, Chinese youths began to **opt out of a** system where additional effort no longer tracked additional rewards. In fact, the system was so overheated, rewards often decreased with added effort.

They called it "involution" 内卷. 2/7



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2022 is the year when Chinese chose to bailan.

Bailan means to actively embrace a bad situation (i.e. let it deteriorate further) rather than to try and flip it into a good one.

A similar Chinese idiom is 破罐破摔 referring to dropping a pot that's already cracked. 3/7

'Let it rot' means to let things that are already beyond repair deteriorate. Some suspect that the word originated from NBA fan circles and was used to describe teams that intentionally **tank games** or lose on purpose to secure a competitive advantage in the next round.

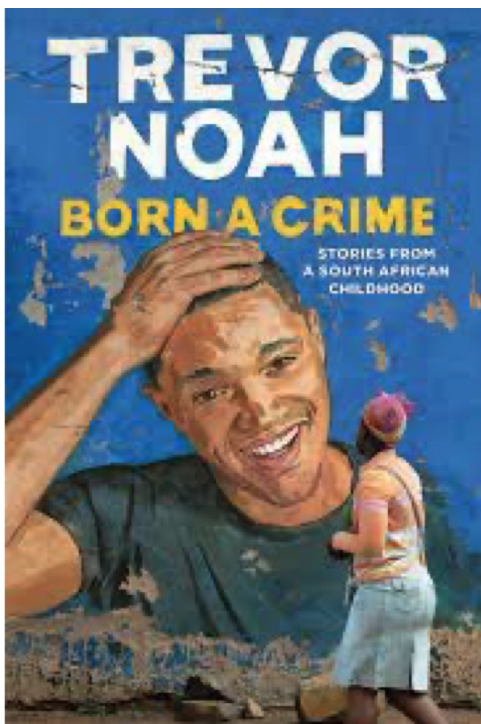
The phrase was picked up by Chinese gaming communities after reportedly being popularized by 'Big Eggplant' (大茄子), a livestreamer known for using colorful language.

Not long after, memes related to 'Let it rot' began circulating the internet and became embraced by the masses.



The chosen laborers

Derived from the Chinese term *da gong ren* — a self-deprecating slang term meaning “laborers” or “working people” — “the chosen laborers” refers to those workers whose residential compounds have not been locked down, allowing or forcing them to go to work every day. Some use the term sarcastically to express envy about their coworkers who can stay home, while other “chosen laborers” are just happy they can go out for a walk.



柯林斯高阶英汉双解学习词典

designated driver

1 [N-COUNT 可数名词] (一群共同出行者的)指定司机; The designated driver in a group of people travelling together is the one who has agreed to drive, or who is insured to drive. [usu sing]

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designated driver

1. 指定司机(指聚会时不得饮酒以便聚会结束后开车送他人回家的人)

29. draw the short straw used to say that someone has been unlucky because they were chosen to do something that no one else wanted to do 抽到倒霉签, 被派去干苦差:



quixotic

1 [ADJ-GRADED 能被表示程度的副词或介词词组修饰的形容词] 堂吉诃德式的;幻想的;不切实际的;空想的; If you describe someone's ideas or plans as **quixotic**, you mean that they are imaginative or hopeful but unrealistic. [Formal]

He has always lived his life by a hopelessly quixotic code of honour.
他生活中一直遵循一种完全不切实际的堂吉诃德式的道德准则。

Macmillan English Dictionary 2nd Edition

get off my back **spoken phrase**

used for telling someone to stop criticizing you or telling you what to do

Thesaurus: ways of making or receiving criticism or blame **hyponym** to criticize

15. get off my case **spoken** used to tell someone to stop criticizing you or complaining about you 别再批评(埋怨)我了:

•OK, OK, just get off my case!好了, 好了, 不要再埋怨我了!

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take a hike <用在祈使句中> 主美口

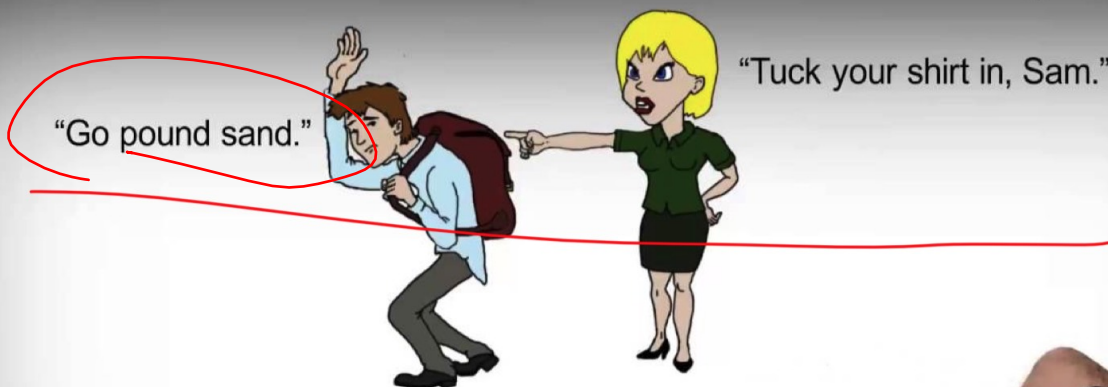
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**GET OUTTA
HERE**

That does it.



pound sand



To engage in pointless, menial efforts or labor, especially as an imperative to express disdain

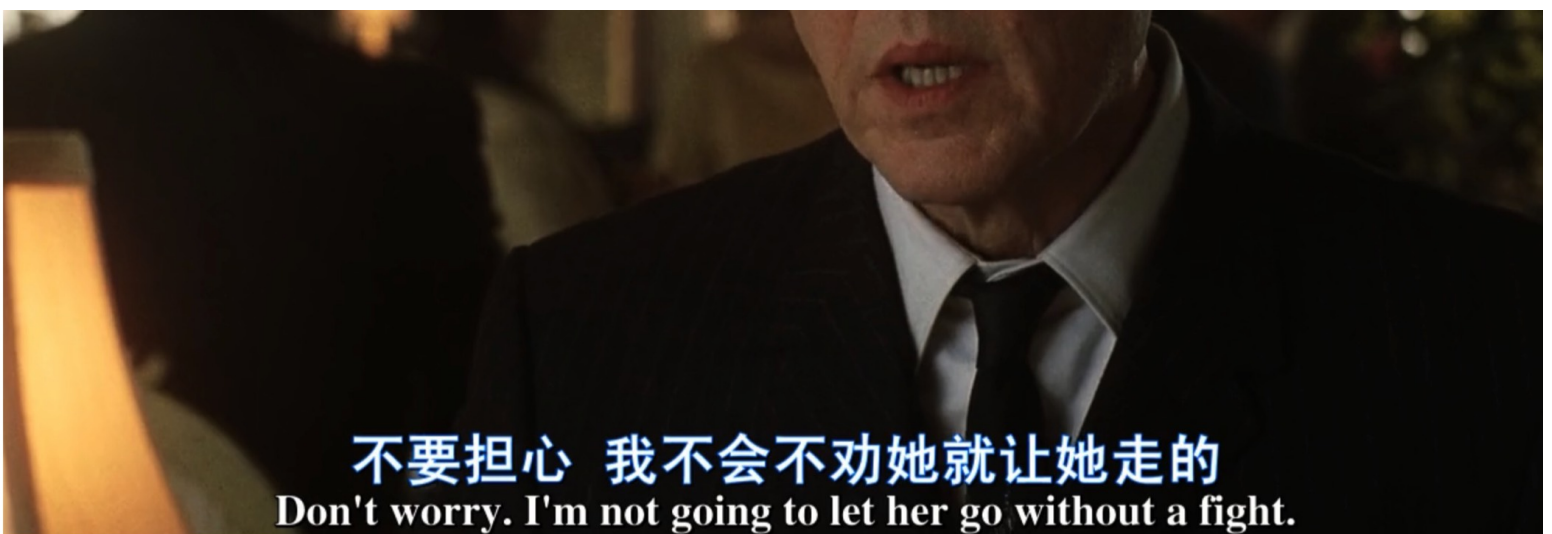


bite me

phrase of bite

INFORMAL

used to express defiance against or contempt for someone.
"it's just my opinion; if you don't like it, bite me!"

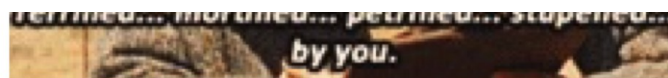


不要担心 我不会不劝她就让她走的

Don't worry. I'm not going to let her go without a fight.

Nothing I do makes any difference anyway, so why bother?

既然我做什么都于事无补，我为什么还要费劲呢？



13 [CONVENTION 惯用语] 用于引起他人对刚说过的话或发生的事的注意
神吧，奇妙吧，你信吗？； If you say 'How about that?' you are
drawing attention to something that has been said or done
that you think is surprising. [feelings]

The twins made their appearance at three o'clock. How about
that? Spot on time.

双胞胎在3点时出现了。神吧？绝对准时。

10. that's all I need / that's just what I didn't need spoken used when
saying that you did not want something to happen, especially when it
seems annoying [不喜欢的事] 偏偏发生了：

• 'There's a customer for you on the phone.' 'That's all I need!' “有个顾客
打电话找你。” “偏偏在这个时候呀。”

hù lián wǎng zuǐ tì
互 联 网 嘴 替

People also ask :

Was Jackie Chan a stunt double for Bruce Lee?

One of Jackie Chan's first notable jobs in cinema was as a stunt double for the main antagonist in Bruce Lee's 1972 film *Fist of Fury*. The Academy Honorary Award-winning actor said it took a long time for him to emerge from Lee's shadow when the opportunity finally came him to be a leading name in films. Dec 8, 2565 BE



Screen Rant

<https://screenrant.com> › Movie Features



Why Jackie Chan Always Does His Own Stunts (& The ...

Sep 11, 2565 BE — Jackie Chan is well-known for doing all of his own stunts and not needing a body double. Here's why that is, and the movie started it all.



but



xiā xì nán yǒu
虾系男友

When eating shrimp, it's best to ignore the head. And in China, a lot of people think the same about their boyfriends. A "shrimp-like boyfriend" is a man who has an average or below-average face, but an extremely desirable body. The term was first used by Chinese social media users to describe Li Dan, a popular Chinese standup comedian.

4. Chiseled: This term is used to describe someone with a well-defined and sculpted physique.
5. Ripped: This term is used to describe someone who has a muscular and toned body with low body fat.

cut



Jesus Christ! Why...



Why is every old guy super jacked?



-Damn. He's jacked.

- [announcer] *Pure [bleep] gutter.*



xuě gāo cì kè
雪糕刺客

rip-off ripoff *rip·off* /'rɪpɒf, -ɔːf/

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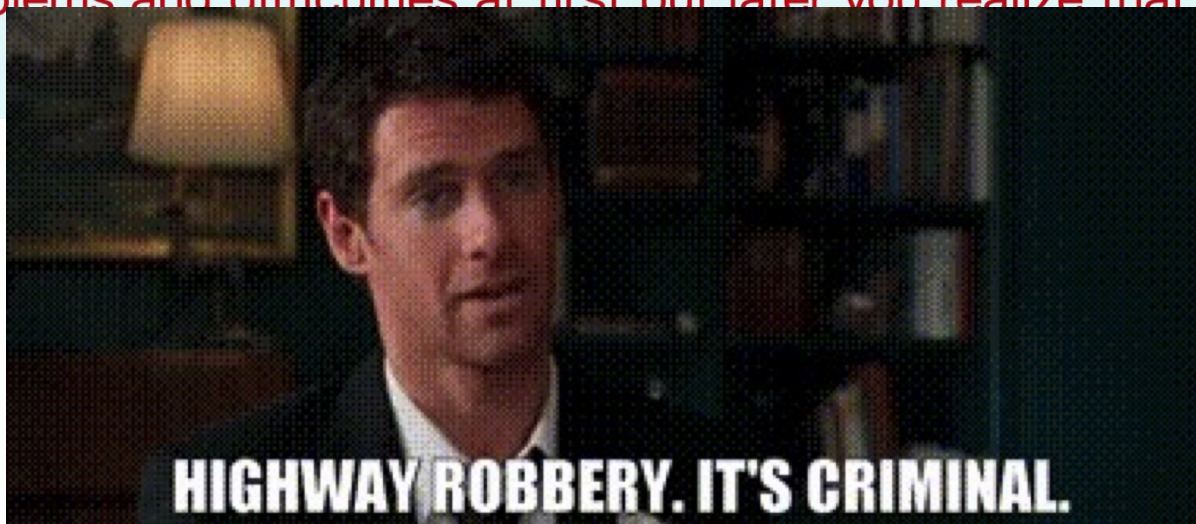
1. 偷窃; 抢劫

2. 骗局; 敲竹杠; 剥削; 巧取豪夺

- He denounced the proposal as a massive rip-off of the people.
他谴责这提案是对人民大规模的巧取豪夺。

6 [PHRASE 短语] 因祸得福; 坏事变好事; 祸中有福; If you say that something is a blessing in disguise, you mean that it causes problems and difficulties at first but later you realize that it was

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这期晨读讲过一个好玩的表达：sticker shock，指的是「价格震惊」，即发现售价比自己想象的高很多，吓到了。咱们平时说的「对不起冒犯了」「被价格劝退」🤔就可以用到这个词🐾

diàn zǐ zhà cài
电 子 榨 菜

7. can't get enough of sth / sb informal to enjoy something so much that you want more and more of it 对某物/某人如痴如狂:

• Her millions of fans can't get enough of her. 她的无数仰慕者对她如痴如狂。



[sighs] I'm sorry. It gets me every time.

朗文双解

feel-good

'feel-good adjective

1. feel-good film / programme / music etc a film etc whose main purpose is to make you feel happy 让人愉悦的影片/节目/音乐等

2. feel-good factor especially BrE a feeling among ordinary people that everything is going well, and that they do not need to worry about losing their jobs or spending money 〔普通人的〕快乐感; 快乐因子

comfort food

1 (令人心情愉快但可能无益健康的) 安慰食品; If you call something comfort food, you mean it is enjoyable to eat and makes you feel happier, although it may not be very good for your health.

arm candy UK  US  **noun** [uncountable] informal

an attractive person that you take to a social event because they are attractive rather than because they are intelligent or because you are having a romantic relationship with them

eye candy

1 [N-UNCOUNT 不可数名词] 虚有其表的人;华而不实之物; **Eye candy** is used to refer to people or things that are attractive to look at but are not interesting in other ways. [Informal]

Back then, women on TV were mostly seen as eye candy...
那时候, 电视中的女性大多都被看作花瓶。



brain candy

noun **INFORMAL**

popular entertainment that is not intellectually stimulating.
"the show was a nice mix of substance and brain candy"

What is brain candy?

informal. : **something that is entertaining but lacks seriousness or substance** : mindless entertainment. One of the beauties of the car is the privacy to listen to popular novels—brain candy. if you will—that the women in my book group would sniff at.

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What flower gives the most kisses on Valentine's Day?
TULIPS
Reader's Digest
Best Valentine Jokes for Kids

“Who *always* has a date on Valentine's Day?
A calendar.
Parade
50 Funny Valentine's Day Jokes for...

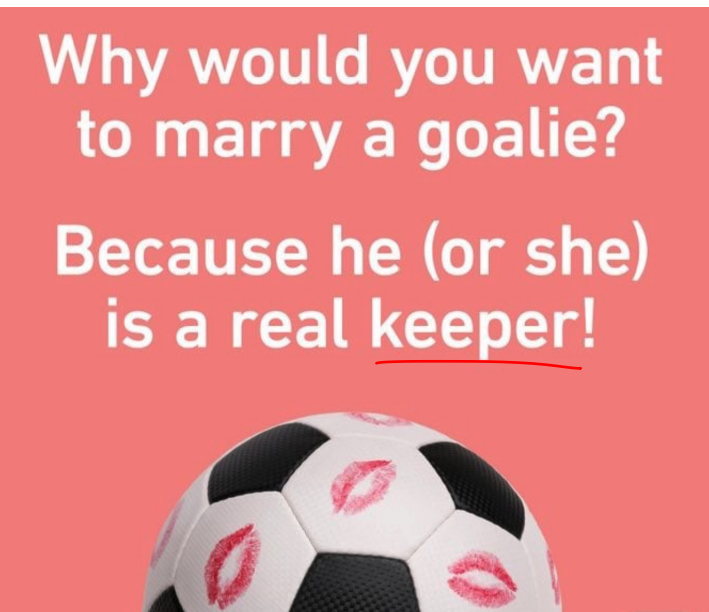
What did the tortoise say on Valentine's Day?
“I turt-ally love you.”
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Good Housekeeping
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What did the kitten say on Valentine's Day?
You're purr-fect.
Reader's Digest
Best Valentine Jokes for Kids

30 FUNNY VALENTINE'S DAY JOKES FOR KIDS!
Mom vs the Boys
Funny Valentine's Day Jok...

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?
Sure, they're very scent-imental!
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#ValentinesDay
lovebirds
an openly affectionate couple

#ValentinesDay
to pop the question
to ask someone to marry you

WE LOVE ENGLISH
HEART IDIOM #3
at the heart of
the most important part of; central to
At the heart of baking for others is the very act of giving. While the process of baking can contribute to an overall sense of wellbeing, giving heightens that feeling. (Huffington Post)
The Olympics embody the transformation power of sport as well as the universal connections at the heart of such experiences. (Huffington Post)

Valentine's Day
Idioms and Phrasal Verbs

broken heart

blind date



BBQ Tips UK

<https://www.bbqtips.co.uk> > cook-up-a-storm-this-vale... ⋮

Cook Up a Storm this Valentine's Day!

Feb 10, 2564 BE — A grill fire! Here are some of our favourite starter and main course recommendations to help you cook **up a storm** ready for this **Valentine's day**.



Janet Makrancy's Weddings & Parties

<https://www.weddingsparties.com> > valentines-day ⋮

Valentine's Day — Florals & Event Decor

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valentine's day "to bits"



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"Love You To Bits" Valentine By Tried and True

I don't know about you guys but when it comes to **Valentine's Day**, I'm so overwhelmed with parties, ... "Love You **To Bits**" free printable valentine idea!

Happy Valentines Day, nerds! : r/mcpublic

"I **love you warts and all!**" Netherwart. "Wool you be my **Valentine?**" Red wool. "I'm you biggest fan!" Fire coral fan. Available from Cupid: Cupid's head.



Here are some idiomatic and humorous ways to say "I love you very much":

1. I love you to the moon and back, twice
2. I love you more than a kid loves candy.
3. I love you more than a zombie loves brains.



Back to work after the weeklong Spring Festival holiday, many young Chinese people are making preparations for a romantic Valentine's Day on Feb 14. Given the younger generation's propensity to celebrate festivals with gusto, middle-aged and aged people would do well to not visit restaurants, bars, cinemas, dance halls and shops on Valentine's Day, because they are likely to be packed with young lovers.

The invisible hand is that of the business community which, by popularizing Western festivals, is boosting sales across different fields. During Christmas and Valentine's Day, outlets in shopping malls are decorated with, among other things, balloons, banners, cutouts of Santa Claus and lovers locked in a kiss. The festive atmosphere ^{vibes} is palpable — with large, yellow billboards screaming "On Sale" outside many outlets.

• He was away on a shopping spree.

他出去疯狂购物。

• an eating spree

一次暴食

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shopping



The Economist

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From bazaar to bonanza

May 8, 2557 BE — China's e-commerce giant has just revealed details of its long-awaited flotation in America. It will be a blockbuster | Business.

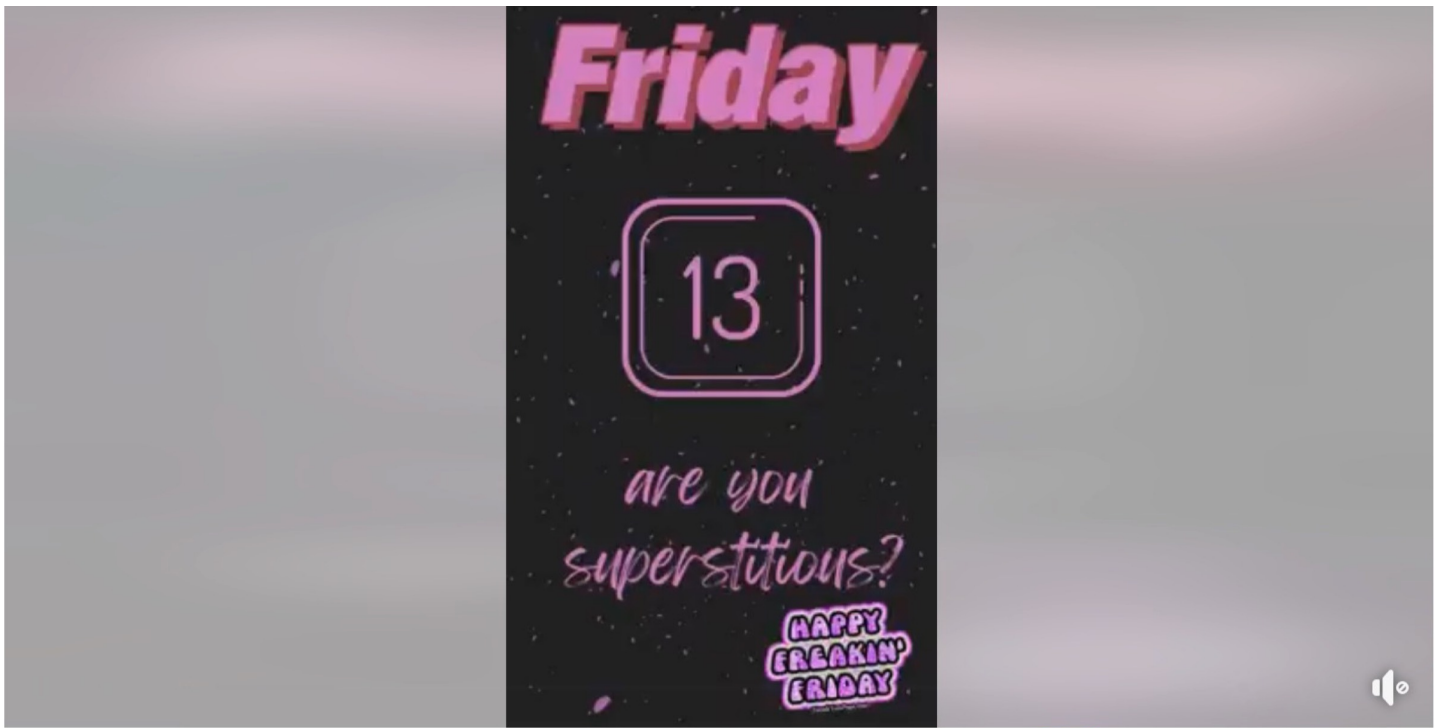
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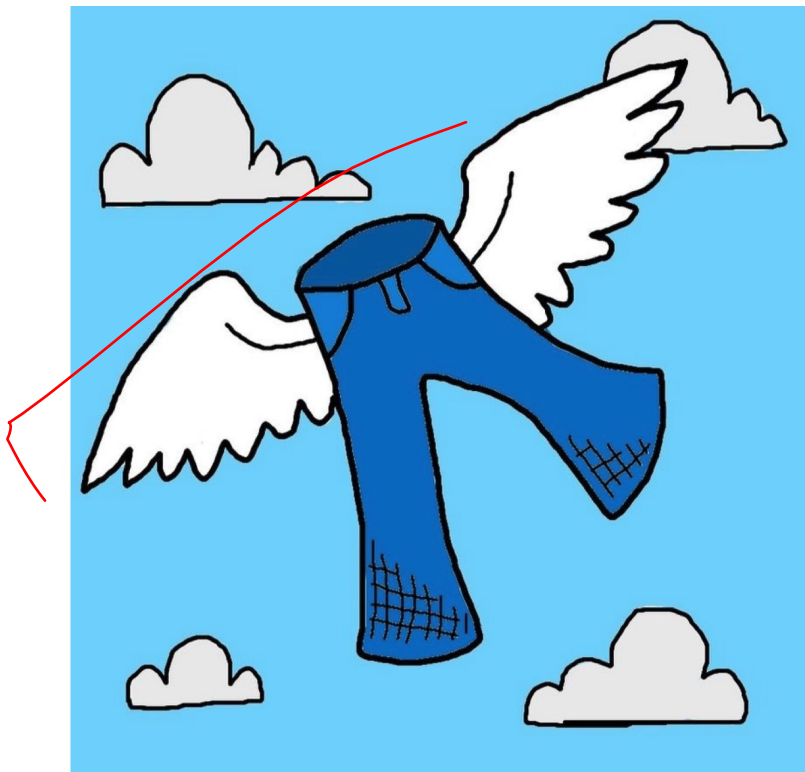
"TEN to 15 years from now, I think China can be eBay's largest market on a global basis." So declared Meg Whitman grandly back in 2004. At the time, she was the chief executive of eBay, an American e-commerce pioneer. Things did not work out as planned. Local competition proved so fierce and nimble, in contrast to eBay's managers, that the company was forced to beat a humiliating retreat. 7

The local leading the charge was Jack Ma, a school teacher who founded Alibaba at his apartment in Hangzhou, a city near Shanghai, in 1999. The original Alibaba website connected small manufacturers at home with commercial buyers overseas. But Mr Ma sensed early on that the real prize would be serving China's rising middle classes. So he formed Taobao, a portal that consumers use to sell to each other, and added Tmall, a business-to-consumer (B2C) site.



What are you superstitious about? I knock on wood to ward off bad juju I don't want to happen.

What is the meaning of bad juju?





Bai Meijiadai

Scholar

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have showered on China's declining marriage and fertility rates, the country's reality dating shows just keep chugging along.

Indeed, ever since the debut of "If You Are the One" in 2010, dating programs have been a **rare constant** on China's television landscape. There's

seemingly a show for everyone, from "leftover women" to the **elderly** — even couples in the

midst of a **divorce**. But the current standard-bearer for the genre is

probably "**Heart Signal**." Based on a Korean reality show, "Heart Signal" has won over audiences by promising a fully annotated look at the world of contemporary dating. In each episode, the show's panel of experts, including actors, professional debaters, and a sociologist,

breaks down the various couples, analyzing their progress, second-guessing their decisions, and offering viewers advice for their own love lives.

This obsession with authenticity elides important problems with the current crop of dating shows. First, even by the standards of reality TV, they tend to gloss over the most common real-life challenges singles face on the dating scene.

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Even by the standards of poor countries, India is alarmingly ...

Dec 8, 2561 BE — Even by the standards of poor countries, India is alarmingly filthy. For its own sake, and the world's, it needs to clean up. Dec 8th 2018.



Instagram

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Even by the standards of cancel culture, what has been ...

“Even by the standards of cancel culture, what has been done to Lady Hussey is horrendous. She's been made into a witch.

^{fu}
if that's not (something), (then) I don't know what is

(redirected from *if that's not, I don't know what is*)

if that's not (something), (then) I don't know what is

Used to indicate that something is very clearly or obviously a genuine instance of something else.

I'm offering a brand new washing machine for just \$300! Come on, if that's not a great bargain, I don't know what is!

China reopens to South Korean visitors, ending Covid-19 tit-for-tat

- Short-term visas will once again be available from Saturday, the Chinese embassy in Seoul has announced
- The decision follows hard on the heels of Seoul's decision to lift restrictions on arrivals from China



Zhuang Pinghui in Beijing and Sylvie Zhuang in Beijing

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Why you can trust SCMP

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Business, transit and general visas for personal visits will be reinstated, the embassy said in a statement, released days after South Korea's decision to restart issuing visas for Chinese visitors.

Asia

Singer Wang Leehom's ex-wife Lee Jinglei blasts him in bitter custody battle over 3 children

- Lee berated Wang for describing how he is robbed of the opportunity to visit his children in his latest song
- The pair filed for divorce in 2021 after the Taiwanese-American singer was accused of infidelity and bullying

Lee Jinglei broke her silence of more than a year to lash out at her ex-husband and Mandopop star Wang Leehom for "playing the victim".

The couple are currently embroiled in a bitter custody battle over their three children following an acrimonious divorce filed in December 2021.



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↳ According to Seoul, the number of Covid-19 infections among Chinese arrivals has dropped significantly and the cases include only known variants of the virus.

Migration from the cold north to warmer south is not just for the birds

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ENTERTAINMENT

Oscar Wilde's timeless classic adapted into a Chinese musical

The novel "The Picture of Dorian Gray," which was published in 1890, is regarded as a Gothic literary classic and retains practical relevance in the modern era.

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OPINION

We are what we eat. That's the problem. Junk food trumps nutrition

With obesity levels rising on the heels of prosperity, could an advertising ban on processed fast food help turn things around?

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METRO

Back to normal as students start a new semester

The first semester after the relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions started on Wednesday with about 1.65 million students returning to schools and campuses.

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Some Chinese retirees are taking a cue from the "snowbird" trend of North America, migrating from cold hometowns to warmer climes south to spend winter or even the rest of their lives.

To the Editor: Perhaps law schools should take a cue from medical education and require internships.

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The New York Times

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→ If you want to live your best life, take a cue from your cat.

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Very Important Life Lessons

Do as the cat does.

By Kate Bratskeir

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If you want to live your best life, take a cue from your cat.

Our feline companions have it all worked out. They know how to find the best napping spots, they allow themselves to be boundlessly curious and they know that a warm cuddle can make everything okay.

In the undeniably cute illustrations below from the series [Tess and Lion](#), you'll be able to grasp why cats really are the modern Buddhas. As artist Ralph Lazar told HuffPost, the drawings really capture "universals" rather than the personality of just one cat.



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LIFE LESSONS FROM CATS: #22

Aim high. Worst-case scenario is you land on your feet.





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LIFE LESSONS FROM CATS: #17



Purring is contagious.



Tess & Lion

THINGS US CATS CAN TEACH YOU HUMANS: #10



~~XX~~ prevails

~~X~~ Sun revitalizes.

THINGS US CATS CAN TEACH YOU HUMANS: #12



Don't be scared to ask for attention.



People also ask :

What is the squeaky wheel gets the grease meaning?

used to say that **someone who complains or causes problems is more likely to receive attention or help than someone who stays quiet and does not cause problems.**



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The squeaky wheel doesn't
always get the grease,
sometimes it gets
replaced.



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The couple, both in their late 50s, used the Sichuan Province town of Qingchengshan, near Chengdu, as a base for exploring this retirement option.

The area had a lot going for it – lush vegetation, a relaxing ambience, nearby Qingshan Mountain and proximity to the ancient town of Jiezi.

But Ren also found drawbacks.

"There was no central heating there, and the rain was particularly dreary," he said.

So the couple hit the road again, heading for a place hyped as the "Town of Longevity" in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of southern China. It's a popular venue for people seeking health restoration.

We are what we eat. That's the problem. Junk food trumps nutrition



By Wan Lixin

In the end, nostalgia will trump trendiness this year.

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Love will trump this disease.

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Profit and exclusivity will trump quality and inclusiveness.

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United together we will triumph.

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And which titan will triumph?

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[The New Yorker](#)

Eventually, it will triumph".

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[The New York Times](#)

If both teams play "their" game, England will triumph.

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Eventually, the science will triumph, because...well, because it's true.

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[The New Yorker](#)

With strength, resolve and courage, democracy will triumph over terror.

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if t-  Anselmo's oft-repeated motto was "truth and technology will triumph over bullshit and bureaucracy".

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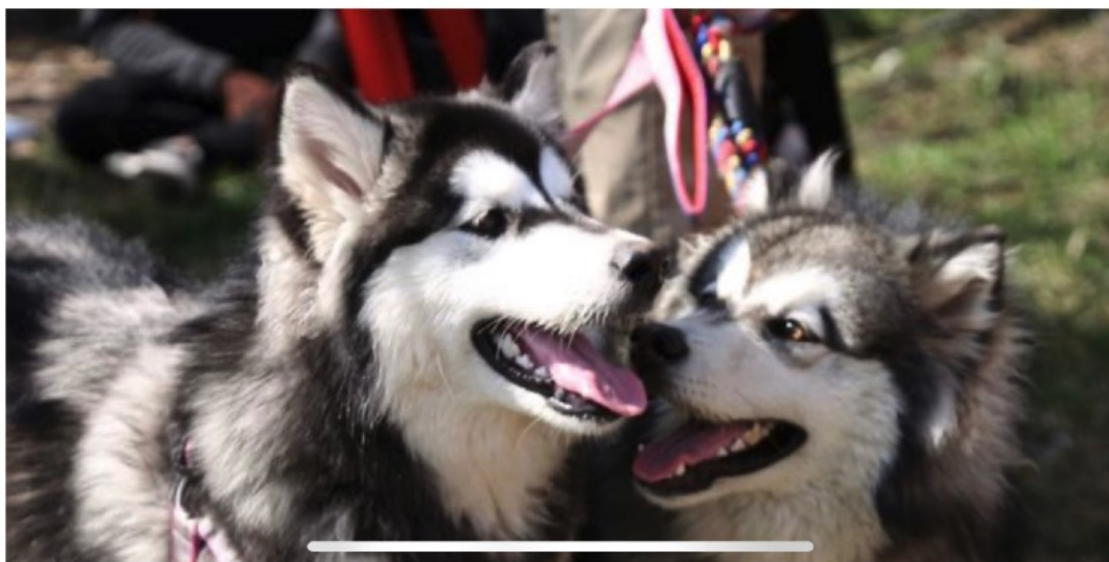




一课译词：套近乎

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“套近乎”或“拉近乎”，形容“和不太熟识的人拉拢关系，表示亲近（try to get in good with someone）”。“套近乎”通常带有目的性，为了获得某种好处（in hopes of favorable treatment），常见用法如“与某人套近乎（cotton up to someone）”。



have someone eating out of your hand or

have someone eating out of the palm of your hand

If you **have** someone ~~eating out of your hand~~ or ~~have them eating out of the palm of your hand~~, they will do whatever you want because they like or admire you so much. *No one can handle the press as she can and she usually has them eating out of her hand by the time they leave. He is a silver-tongued lawyer, famed for having juries eat out of the palm of his hand.* Note: The image here is of an animal which is tame and will take food from a person's hand.



How to learn a word?

1. Read. Notice. Look it up.

2. Make your acquaintance. Get to know it.

3. Connect it to your prior knowledge.

4. String them together and have fun.



In Jiangsu, a New Plan for Students: More Sleep, Less Homework

A school has ordered students to stop doing homework at 9 p.m. and also exempted them from completing it the next day.

Ye Zhanhang

Amid a nationwide drive to reduce the academic burden on students, a primary school in China's eastern Jiangsu province has issued a new diktat: no homework after 9 p.m.

The Bo'ai Primary School in Changzhou City has ordered its students to "unconditionally" stop doing their homework after 9 p.m. It also exempted them from completing it the next day too, local media **reported** Monday, citing a school notice.

The notice, dubbed the "nine o'clock circuit breaker mechanism," also stated that the school would strictly regulate the total amount of homework in the new academic semester that began last week, and asked parents to improve how they assist their children with schoolwork at home.

The school's rationale is twofold: ensure students get sufficient sleep, and help teachers improve their standards, officials told local media. A 2021 survey conducted by the National Education Ministry showed that 67% of students in elementary and middle schools weren't getting enough sleep according to the national standard, which stipulated 10 hours and 9 hours, respectively.

"Teachers should increase learning efficiency in classes and reduce repetitive after-school assignments to

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Trending in China

Too hot to handle: Chinese officials rebuked for using sexy pole dancer to kick off property fair

- Local Chinese government officials have been criticised after they staged a sexy pole dance at a property fair in Henan province
- The move has split online opinion with some describing pole dancing as a normal 'sporting activity' while others say it is 'inappropriate'

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**Fran Lu** in Beijing
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The use of a sexy pole dance performer at the official real estate fair of a county government in China has triggered a heated public debate online.

A viral video shows a scantily clad pole dancer strutting her stuff on stage in front of local government officials, staff from 31 local real estate enterprises and property-buying members of the public.

The risque opening ceremony took place in Shangcai county in central China's Henan province on February 10 and has been criticised by some as "inappropriate" after a video of it went online.

Critics said government public activities should be more circumspect, especially at events for people of all ages.

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HOT weather can sometimes cool tempers. A heat wave of up to 37° Celsius and high humidity levels forecast for Tuesday may deter some of the 20,000 people who were planning to form a human chain around the Romanian Parliament. But

It is not the first time weird real estate promotions have hit the headlines in China.

In January, a woman in eastern China's Anhui province attracted public envy, after a video of her catching loads of "banknotes" from a giant balloon at a real estate promotional event went viral.

It later turned out that the "money" was only discount coupons which resembled real 100-yuan banknotes.

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Britain is now the envy of the world's record companies.

英国现在是全世界唱片公司羡慕的对象。

//...an economic expansion that was the envy of many other states.

令很多其他国家羡慕的经济发展

2. be the envy of sb to be something that other people admire and want to have very much 是令某人羡慕（忌妒）的事物：

• an education system that is the envy of all European countries 令所有欧洲国家羡慕的教育制度

The screenshot shows a Google search interface with the query "chiangmai 'is the envy of'" in the search bar. Below the search bar, two search results are visible. The first result is from Marriott, with the URL "https://traveler.marriott.com › places-we-love" and the title "The Places That Stole Our Hearts". The snippet below the title reads: "... south to the temples in **Chiang Mai** and the tribal villages in the mountains, ... the coronavirus and championed human rights — **is the envy of** the world." The second result is from israeltripplanner.com, with the URL "https://israeltripplanner.com › Southeast Asia" and the title "What is Thailand famous for: Best Tourist Areas". The snippet below the title reads: "Dec 11, 2565 BE — The largest elephant sanctuary is in **Chiang Mai**. ... Thai people live by the principle of "pay no mind" which is **the envy of** Westerners."

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where there's smoke there's fire

phrase of [smoke](#)

PROVERB

there's always some reason for a rumor.

used to say that if **someone** has the desire and determination to do something, he or she can find a method for accomplishing it.



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Where there's a will, there's a way - Merriam-Webster

"WHEN I WENT TO SCHOOL, THEY ASKED ME WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP. I WROTE DOWN 'HAPPY.' THEY TOLD ME I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE ASSIGNMENT AND I TOLD THEM THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND LIFE."

John Lennon



