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Feifei

大家好，欢迎收听《地道英语》。我是冯菲菲...

Neil

... and me Neil. Hello!

Feifei

Neil, what a nice mobile phone you have with you! Wow! Very flashy! Gold colour!

Neil

It's brilliant! The battery lasts a long time. It's got loads of memory, has plenty of room for apps, pictures, videos... The camera is great too!

Feifei

It must have cost you a fortune!

Neil

Not at all, it was a steal!

Feifei

A steal? 偷来的手机? Neil!!!! Oh, you shouldn't have done that! You are such a nice guy, why would you do something like that? You could have taken out a loan to buy it or something... but...

Neil

What do you mean? (Sound of a police car siren)

Feifei

They are here, they've come for you!

Neil

No, that was just a sound effect! I'm just having a joke with you. I'm not going to be arrested. In English, when you say something is 'a steal' you mean it's a bargain – so cheap that it is almost as if you haven't paid anything for it.

Feifei

你可真会聊天！原来在英语里，当人们觉得一件东西买得又值又特别便宜的时候可以说它是个 **steal**，就好像是白送的。这是个很口语化的表达，在使用时要注意语境和场合。

Neil

Sorry Feifei, it was just a joke. Let's hear examples of how this expression is used.

Examples

I got this designer shirt in the sales at £100 cheaper than the original price. It's a steal.

This is the latest model, sir. You won't find this new computer cheaper in any other shop in the high street. It's a steal!

Neil

See?

Feifei

嗯，现在我完全明白这个词的用法了。

Neil

So as I was saying my phone was so cheap... My phone!!! Where is it?! I had it just here! Where has it gone?

Feifei

Yeah, where is it? It was right here...

Neil

Yeah! Now I really do need to call the police! (Sound of a police car siren)

Feifei

No, you don't. Your phone is here! I hid it when you got distracted.

Neil

Nice one, Feifei. Revenge for my joke at the beginning. And for the listeners - don't steal anything. 'It's a steal' is just an expression.

Both

Bye!