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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## Authentic Real English 地道英语

### Living in cloud cuckoo land

### 生活在虚无缥缈的世界里

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#### Feifei

大家好，欢迎来到 BBC 英语教学的《地道英语》节目。节目主持人有 Neil。

#### Neil

... and you, Feifei. Hello everyone.

#### Feifei

Ah Neil, it sounds like you're in a good mood.

#### Neil

You'll never find me in a bad mood Feifei. Why?

#### Feifei

我想请你帮个忙。

#### Neil

Oh yeah?

#### Feifei

I need to leave early today and wondered if you could finish this programme on your own. Then start writing another script?

#### Neil

Are you joking? If you think I'm going to do all my work and yours, then you are living in cloud cuckoo land!

#### Feifei

Where is that exactly? I can assure you I live in London.

#### Neil

Yes I know that. What I mean is that you are silly to think the impossible is possible. That's living in cloud cuckoo land. Basically, you are misguided to think I can do my work and your work. OK?

**Feifei**

好了好了，我不找你帮忙了。我们还是来说说“living in cloud cuckoo land”。我们常用这个说法来形容一个生活在梦幻世界中的人，异想天开的人。这种人的想法通常非常不现实，甚至让人觉得有些可笑。

**Neil**

Let's hear some examples, shall we, while you visit cloud cuckoo land?

**Examples**

If my teacher thinks I can do my grammar homework and learn all my new vocabulary tonight then he's living in cloud cuckoo land!

If you think we're going to win this match with only ten players then you're living in cloud cuckoo land!

He's clearly living in cloud cuckoo land: how can we ever afford to buy a house with the little money we earn?

**Feifei**

表达“living in cloud cuckoo land”描述人生活在虚无缥缈的世界中，想法不现实。So it's about someone being unrealistic?

**Neil**

Exactly. Like you wanting to go home early and me doing all your work. Ridiculous!

**Feifei**

Ridiculous? 你说我荒唐？ Well, Neil, if you think I'm going to sit here and miss out on front row seats at the theatre then you are living in cloud cuckoo land.

**Neil**

Ah, so you're off to the theatre, leaving me to finish the programme!

**Feifei**

I am Neil. See ya.

**Neil**

Oh. Well everyone, this programme is about the phrase 'living in cloud cuckoo land' and it appears I am in it! Bye for now.