
BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

Authentic Real English 道地英語

Creatively bankrupt 沒創意，毫無新意



- 關於臺詞的備註:
這不是廣播節目的逐字稿件。本文稿可能沒有體現錄製、編輯過程中對節目做出的改變。

Jiaying

大家好，歡迎收聽 BBC 英語教學的“道地英語”節目，我是佳瑩。

Rob

And hello, I'm Rob. Now, I'm a little bit worried about Roy. Have you seen him today? Is he OK?

Jiaying

哎！我剛剛還看見他了呢！他和平時一樣，面帶微笑，心情不錯。你為什麼這麼擔心他呀？

Rob

Well, I overheard him talking and he said he was bankrupt.

Jiaying

不是的，Rob！Roy 說的是他看的一部電影，用到了“creatively bankrupt”這個表達。我們用表達“creatively bankrupt”來形容某個事物“毫無新意，完全沒創意”。

Rob

Ah... that makes sense! So, I guess he really didn't like that film, then? Mind you, films were better when I was younger!

Jiaying

Well, Rob. We can talk about your nostalgia right after these examples.

Examples

Margaret's third novel didn't do anything new and it just felt creatively bankrupt.

The singer's new album felt creatively bankrupt. All the songs sounded boring and unoriginal. The film is creatively bankrupt. It's like the director repeated things he did in his last movie.

Jiaying

這裡是 BBC 英語教學的“道地英語”節目。我們正在介紹表達“creatively bankrupt”的含義和用法。它形容本應該富有創意的事物，比如電影、電子遊戲中的故事“毫無新意，沒有創意”。“Creatively bankrupt”也可以用來形容某人“缺乏創造力，一點新點子也沒有”。So, you think films used to be more creative?

Rob

Oh, yes! Everything seemed so fresh and new. These days, I feel like I've seen it all before... the same stories, characters and conversations. It just feels so...

Jiaying

Creatively bankrupt! Rob, have you thought about writing your own films? You're always full of great ideas.

Rob

Hmm. But sometimes I also feel a bit creatively bankrupt, like I have no idea how to be original and innovative when I'm writing stories.

Jiaying

Have you tried speaking to Roy? He writes some really crazy stories that are always really original. Maybe you could write something together?

Rob

Well, that's a great idea! He's always putting unicorns, flamingos and chimpanzees in his stories. I reckon it would be so good that it'll win awards. I might even give up my job and work on a film with Roy, full time!

Jiaying

Careful, Rob. If you give up your job, you might run out of money and then instead of being creatively bankrupt, you would be literally bankrupt!

Rob

Good point. Better to be out of ideas than out of money!

Jiaying

That's right! Bye.

Rob

Bye-bye!