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The English We Speak

Eye candy



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Feifei

Hello. I'm Feifei and with me in the studio is ...

Finn

Finn, hello!

Feifei

Hey, do you feel a bit tired, Finn? Well, I do. What a party yesterday!

Finn

Yes, it was good, wasn't it? Great food, plenty to drink...

Feifei

Now... forgive me for being nosy but...you said you were too busy working to have a love life. So... who was that beautiful woman you were with?

Finn

Ah, that was ... just a girl I know...

Feifei

Come on, Finn, don't be so mysterious. Everybody was looking at her. She looked like a supermodel! Is it serious? No offence, but how did you manage to attract a woman like that?

Finn

What do you mean? I'm very handsome! But she's not my girlfriend...

Feifei

Just some eye candy, then?

Finn

That's not fair. I mean, yes she's beautiful – but eye candy means someone who is attractive, but not very interesting...

Feifei

I know – just teasing! It sounds like you like her...

Finn

Err, OK then, I do quite like her...

Feifei

Ooh, you admitted it!

Finn

I know...

Feifei

We can also use eye candy to talk about things which look good but are not very useful. Let's hear some examples.

Examples

I was going out with this gorgeous footballer but it didn't last. He was just eye candy.

This illustrated cookbook looks good but you can never find the ingredients for the recipes. These pictures are just eye candy!

Feifei

Well, the party was fun anyway. And you know what? Today I'm going on a date with a guy I met there.

Finn

Mmm... is this the beginning of a romance, Feifei?

Feifei

Oh, no. He's very boring, actually.

Finn

Just some eye candy then?

Feifei

Well... we'll see. But I want to make all my friends jealous!

Both

Bye!