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## The English We Speak

### La-la land



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**Rob**

Hello, I'm Rob...

**Feifei**

... and I'm Feifei and this is The English We Speak.

**Rob**

Feifei, you've travelled all over the world but have you ever been to la-la land?

**Feifei**

Ha – you mean Los Angeles – the city of angels. It's an amazing place, full of film stars!

**Rob**

Sounds great and you're very clever – la-la land is the informal name for Los Angeles... but there is another la-la land.

**Feifei**

And where is this other la-la land?

**Rob**

It's usually in someone's head! Like our boss – he wants me to write all these scripts, edit them and make him a cup of tea – by the end of the day. He really is living in la-la land!

**Feifei**

Our boss is living in la-la land – but the last time I checked he was living in London!

**Rob**

Well Feifei, if someone is living in la-la land it can also mean they are in a fantasy world where they believe impossible things might happen – they are being unreasonable and not being realistic.

**Feifei**

Just like our boss.

**Rob**

Someone in la-la land doesn't really understand how things really are – take a listen to these examples...

**Examples**

She's clearly living in la-la land – how we ever afford to buy a house with the little money we earn?

My boyfriend's living in la-la land if he thinks I'm going sailing with him – I get seasick!

**Feifei**

That's la-la land – a phrase to describe someone who is unreasonable or out of touch with reality. I know the feeling – I've got lots of work to do too and I'm going on holiday tomorrow... I don't suppose you could help me?

**Rob**

Feifei you really are living in la-la land – I've told you I haven't got any time.

**Feifei**

Ah well, I just thought I'd ask.

**Rob**

Anyway, where are you off to on holiday this time?

**Feifei**

Can't you guess?

**Rob**

La-la land?