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The English We Speak

Lolz



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Feifei

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Feifei.

Neil

And I'm Neil.

Feifei

And Neil – you look different. (*Sarcastic*) I just can't tell what it is...

Neil

Oh, you mean my hair? My pink hair?

Feifei

Yes, why on earth did you do that?!

Neil

Ah, you know me Feifei. I did it for the lolz!

Feifei

Right. Well, it is pretty... funny.

Neil

Thanks. It's my birthday today and I thought I'd do something fun. If you do something 'for the lolz', it means you do it for fun.

Feifei

And as Neil is demonstrating, it's often something a bit silly or crazy. Oh, and happy birthday by the way.

Neil

Younger every year. Now, lolz is a close relation of another slang term: LOL.

Feifei

LOL stands for 'laughing out loud'. We use it when texting or on social media after a joke or something funny. For example, Neil, your hair looks amazing, LOL.

Neil

Why is that a joke? My hair does look great. Anyway. Lolz can be used in the same way.

Feifei

Your hair looks amazing, lolz.

Neil

Thanks. Or we can use it in the phrase 'for the lolz' as I mentioned earlier.

Feifei

Shall we play some examples?

Neil

Or I could play my banjo, for the lolz?

Feifei

Maybe later! Listen to these examples.

Examples

A: You're putting so many chillies on your pizza?! Why?

B: For the lolz. Going to be hot!

I collect teapots. Everyone tells me it's pointless but I do it for the lolz.

I'm going to convince everyone I'm an astronaut, just for the lolz.

Feifei

So – lots of lolz examples there. So, how long will your hair stay pink, Neil?

Neil

It's permanent. Unless I dye it again.

Feifei

Seriously?

Neil

Just kidding. Anyway, Feifei, I've got an idea.

Feifei

Oh yeah?

Neil

Why don't you... walk through the office singing Happy Birthday to me?

Feifei

But... Why?

Neil

For the lolz, of course!

Feifei

Of course.

Neil + Feifei

Bye.