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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## The English We Speak

### Miffed



*This is not a word-for-word transcript*

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**Feifei**

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

**Rob**

And I'm Rob.

**Feifei**

So, Rob, you don't look so happy.

**Rob**

I'm... ok.

**Feifei**

I thought you were off to a rock concert for your birthday this weekend.

**Rob**

Yeah, I was. I love rock music.

**Feifei**

Oh. What happened?

**Rob**

Well, I booked my ticket a month ago. It wasn't cheap. Three of my friends said they were coming too. But they just told me they forgot to book the tickets, and now there are none left.

**Feifei**

What a pain. I'm sorry.

**Rob**

Yeah, I'm a bit miffed.

**Feifei**

I'm not surprised. Err, Rob, sorry to mention this while you're feeling upset...

**Rob**

Yes...?

**Feifei**

Do you mind if I use 'miffed' as our word today?

**Rob**

Yeah, OK then.

**Feifei**

OK, so as you might have worked out, to feel 'miffed' is to feel frustrated or annoyed, usually because of the behaviour of other people. It's what Rob is feeling right now, because his friends didn't book tickets to a concert with him. Let's just give him a minute, while we listen to these examples.

**Examples**

You know what? I've been working really late all week to finish this proposal, but my boss hasn't said a word of thanks. Yeah, you could say I'm pretty miffed.

Laura met this guy on holiday. She told me he was really special, and that they seemed serious about each other. But he hasn't called in weeks. She's really miffed about it.

You'd think that when you order a vegetarian pizza, it would come without meat. No wonder Martin was miffed when it arrived with ham on it.

**Feifei**

This is The English We Speak from BBC Learning English. So, feeling any better yet Rob?

**Rob**

Well, I just got a message. Get this - apparently my friends were joking.

**Feifei**

Err, I knew.

**Rob**

What?

**Feifei**

Well, I told them to say that, so we had the opportunity to talk about 'miffed'.

**Rob**

Seriously?

**Feifei**

Yeah, you don't mind, do you?

**Rob**

Of course I mind. You made me feel, well... miffed!

**Feifei**

Sorry about that.

**Rob**

And I'm miffed with you now!

**Feifei**

Rob, you know what?

**Rob**

What?

**Feifei**

I got a ticket too. It is your birthday after all - I wouldn't miss it!

**Rob**

Really? OK, all is forgiven!

**Both**

Bye.