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The English We Speak

Living in a bubble



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Feifei

Hello. This is The English We Speak with me, Feifei...

Roy

...and me, Roy.

Feifei

Roy, what are you holding?!

Roy

This? It's a sword.

Feifei

I can see it's a sword! Why do you have one?

Roy

Well, I overheard you saying your friend Sandra is living in a bubble – so I asked my pal at the museum if I could borrow a sword to help your friend escape!

Feifei

No, Roy – I said 'Sandra lives in a bubble', but it means that she doesn't really accept new ideas and all her friends have the same way of thinking. 'Living in a bubble' is the expression we're looking at in this programme.

Roy

Ahhh, that makes more sense. I just imagined that might have got stuck in a bubble after washing her hands.

Feifei

Roy, your imagination never ceases to amaze me. You know what we should do?

Roy

I think we should listen to some examples...

Examples

Bob and his friends think that climate change isn't real. They live in a bubble.

Nelson lives in a bubble. He never tries new food or goes out with new people.

Geraldine doesn't want to meet my new friends – she thinks they live in a bubble.

Feifei

This is The English We Speak from BBC Learning English, and we're talking about the expression 'living in a bubble' which is used to describe someone who doesn't listen to people with different ideas, or maybe is a little sheltered from society.

Roy

I think it's sad when people live in a bubble because they don't get to experience new ideas or have their minds changed.

Feifei

I don't live in a bubble. It's why I like working with you – because you have very different ideas to me and I like to listen to them. You're always wrong, but I still like you.

Roy

Thanks Feifei – I guess I should take this sword back to the museum.

Feifei

You should. Bye, Roy.

Roy

Bye.