



Tejali

नमस्कार मित्रांनो, Hi and welcome to English Together. असा शो, जिथे आपण शिकतो निरनिराळे विषय आणि त्या संबंधित शब्दांबद्दल. मी तेजाली आणि आज माझ्या बरोबर आहे...

Tom

Hello everyone! I'm Tom. Welcome to today's episode.

Kee

Hi, I'm Kee, welcome to the programme!

Tom

So, guys, do you know what makes me really annoyed?

Kee

No, what?

Tom

Cold callers! They are so annoying!

Tejali

Cold callers, you mean, people who call trying to sell you things? Cold callers वस्तू अथवा सेवेच्या विक्रीसाठी अनाहूतपणे भेट देणारे किंवा फोन करणारे.

Tom

Yeah! It's so annoying when you stop to answer a call and then realise it's a cold call! Do you have them in your country?

Tejali

हो! मला मध्यंतरी एका कंपनीकडून कर्ज घेण्यासाठी फोन यायचे. नंतर एका इन्शुरन्स कंपनीतूनही असे फोन येऊ लागले. एकूणच वेळी अवेळी हे नकोसे फोन येण्याचं प्रमाण हल्ली खूपच वाढलंय. आणि फक्त वस्तू विकायच्या असतील तर ठीक, पण या अनोळखी फोनमधून फसवणुकीच प्रमाणही वाढलं आहे. त्याबद्दल सर्वांनीच जागरूक रहायला हवं. युकेमध्ये वर्षभरात किती अनाहूत फोन आणि मेसेज केले जातात माहितीये?

तर हा आहे आजचा प्रश्न. तीन ऑप्शन आहेत

- a) 2 million
- b) 20 million
- c) 2 billion

याचं उत्तर मी तुम्हाला नंतर देईन. अविवा इन्शुरन्स कंपनीने याबद्दल एक आकडेवारी प्रसिद्ध केली आहे.

Kee

I think most places have them! I'm always getting calls from people trying to scam me in one way or another!

Tejali

Ah! Yes, there are a lot of scammers out there! To scam म्हणजे 'घोटाळा करणे', scammers म्हणजे 'घोटाळा करणारे'.

Tom

I always hang up on them.

Tejali

Hang up म्हणजे 'फोन ठेऊन देणे'. आता आपण बीबीसी रेडियो 4च्या *Money Box* या कार्यक्रमातला एक भाग ऐकू. युकेमधल्या वृद्धांच्या निवृत्ती वेतनावर या अनाहून कॉल्सचा काय परिणाम होतोय? चला ऐकू.

Presenter

The government has promised it will introduce a ban on cold calling about pensions as quickly as possible. Since pension freedoms began nearly three years ago the Pensions Administration Standards Association estimates a billion pounds of pension money could have been lost to thieves. Other estimates suggest that it's much lower, maybe tens of millions. But whatever their true figure, these scams typically begin with a cold call.

Kee

That's awful! Nuisance callers are annoying, but that report was criminal!

Tejali

Nuisance म्हणजे 'उपद्रव किंवा त्रास!' Yes, here in India we have a lot of scams from nuisance callers. My friend got duped for fifty thousand rupees. The caller managed to find his credit card details and made some purchases. Sometimes they hack your mobile phone by introducing malware to it.

Tom

And they're defrauding older people, too! These people have worked all their lives to save that money!

Tejali

To defraud म्हणजे 'फसवणे'. बोगस फोन करून पैसे उकळल्याच्या घटना आपण कितीतरी वेळा पेपरमध्ये वाचतो. Perhaps we could stop these fraudsters by blocking their calls?

Kee

I'm not sure, that seems like a short-term approach to me.

Tejali

Short-term approach म्हणजे 'तात्पुरता उपाय'. What do you mean, Kee?

Kee

Well, because, whilst it might address the problem of cold calls, it doesn't address the root of the problem!

Tejali

The root of the problem म्हणजे 'समस्येचं मूळ कारण'. So, you're saying that the main problem is the cold callers, the people who are ringing.

Kee

Exactly! No cold callers, no cold calls!

Tejali

What do you think a good long-term approach would be, then?

Kee

For me, it seems like we need stronger regulations put in place.

Tejali

Yes. Stronger regulations could make cold-calling illegal! Stronger regulations म्हणजे 'कडक नियम'.

Tom

But if they call from abroad what can we do here in England, or here in the UK? How can we regulate in different countries, with different laws? A British policeman couldn't go to India to stop cold calling!

Kee

I agree, but I think regulators here need to do more, too! Sometimes it seems like companies don't care about all these cold calls we're getting!

Tejali

Ok. Let's stop to find out the answer to today's quiz. आणि उत्तर आहे c) 2 billion.

बापरे! युकेमध्ये दर वर्षी दोन बिलियन अनाहूत फोन कॉल्स केले जातात.

Kee

Goodness! That's so many!

Tom

Yeah! What a pain in the neck!

Tejali

Do you have a pain in your neck from talking on your phone all the time?

Tom

No, if something is 'a pain in the neck', 'it means it's very annoying'.

Tejali

So I could say 'cold callers are a pain the neck'.

Kee

Yeah! And nuisance calls!

Tom

And regulations! What a pain in the neck, eh?!

Tejali

Ha ha! बरोबर आहे! याबद्दल तुमचा काय अनुभव आहे पण? तुम्हालापण येत असतील ना असे अनाहूत कॉल्स? तुम्हाला त्याचा nuisance वाटतो का? यावर सरसकट बंदी म्हणजे a blanket ban असावा किंवा stronger regulations म्हणजे 'कडक नियम' असावेत, असं तुम्हाला वाटतं का? आज आपण आणखी काही शब्द शिकलो, a short-term approach म्हणजे 'तात्पुरती उपाययोजना', pain in the neck म्हणजे उपद्रवी व्यक्ती किंवा घटना, वैताग, त्रासदायी. आज इतकंच, आजच्या भागाबद्दल तुम्हाला काय वाटलं ते आमच्या फेसबुक ग्रुपवर आम्हाला सांगा. पुन्हा भेटूया English Together च्या पुढच्या भागात. Bye.