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Potty 疯了



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Helen

Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English. I'm Helen and joining me today is Neil.

Neil

Hello everyone.

Helen

Neil, tell me your first ever job?

Neil

I worked in a local supermarket stacking shelves when I was sixteen.

Helen

How was it?

Neil

It's quite boring, just moving things from one place to another. But I was very happy when I got my first pay check.

Helen

And how long did you stay in your first job?

Neil

No very long, about three months during the summer holiday. If I stayed there any longer, I would have gone potty.

Helen

What, potty? Did you have to get permission to use the toilet?

Neil

Oh no, nothing like that. Nobody needed permission to go to the toilet.

Helen

Well, you said you would have gone potty. My baby son has to be reminded about his potty every day.

Neil

Helen! I used the word 'potty' to mean that I would be 'going crazy' if I had to work in the supermarket forever. It's not baby poo, wee-wee potty.

Helen

Oh, I'm sorry. 我是习惯反映，一听到 potty 就想到小朋友们用的小尿盆。但你说的不是这个意思。

Neil

No, they are two very different things. If someone is potty or is going potty, that means they are crazy or going crazy.

Helen

Neil 说的 potty 或者 go potty 意思是疯癫的，发疯了。让我们来听几个例句吧。

Examples

My boss wants me to work on New Year's day for no extra money, he must be potty.
我老板让我元旦加班，还不付加班费，他疯了吗？

She's potty to sale off her car so cheaply.
她肯定疯了才会这么便宜的把车给卖了。

Neil

There is another mean to 'potty'. If someone is really keen on something we can use the phrase 'to be potty about something'. For example, my brother potty about comic books, he spent all his savings collecting them.

Helen

Neil 说 potty 还有另一个意思是“对什么东西着迷”。比如他的弟弟对漫画特别着迷，他把所有的存款都花在收集漫画上了。

Neil

Well, I am glad we cleared up the meaning on that. It won't do us any good if people heard us arguing over potties.

Helen

Oh no. They'd think we've gone potty.

Both

Bye.