

今日实用例句 day5

1. ...only to find...

- I ran to the station only to find that the train had left.
- She came home excitedly only to find nobody was in.
- I search desperately for my purse, only to find all my money was gone.
- I arrived at the restaurant, only to find I had no money on me.

DIALOGUES:

A: Why are you so late?

B: I'm sorry but I missed the bus.

A: How could you miss the bus?

B: I hurried to get to the bus stop only to find I didn't have enough change to pay the fare.

A: I'm sorry to hear that.

2. on one hand,...on the other hand,...

- On one hand, it's convenient, but on the other hand, it's time-consuming.
- On one hand, he is very obedient to his wife; on the other hand, he treats his parents badly.
- On one hand, Jason does everything in the office; on the other hand, he does nothing at home.
- As a teacher, he is very patient in class; but on the other hand, he is not so patient with his own child.

DIALOGUES:

A: What do you think of Shakespeare?

B: On one hand his plays are very interesting to watch, but on the other hand they are hard to read.

A: I feel the same way sometimes.

B: So what do you do?

A: I just try to catch the general meaning of each sentence.

3. Speaking of...

- Speaking of the movies, have you seen “The Patriot”?
- Speaking of honesty, I know a lot of people who don’t pay bus fares.
- Speaking of Ben, have you seen him recently?
- Speaking of bicycles, China is called “the kingdom of bicycles”.

DIALOGUES:

A: I can’t wait until Valentine’s Day.

B: Speaking of Valentine’s Day, how is your girlfriend?

A: She’s doing well. I took her out to dinner last night.

B: Did you have a good time?

A: Yeah, the food was delicious.

B: Hey, speaking of food, are you hungry? Let’s grab a bite to eat.

A: That sounds great. Let’s get some Chinese food.

4. Thanks to....

- Thanks to their help, we accomplished the task on time.
- Thanks to computers, lots of tasks are now easier.
- Thanks to your timely warning, I didn’t make a mistake.
- Thanks to your stupidity, we lost our game.

DIALOGUES:

A: I’m so glad we won the game.

B: Thanks to you, you scored the final goal and won.

A: Actually, you deserve the credit. Thanks to you, the ball was passed to me and I scored.

B: Yeah, we all worked together.

A: I hope that we can win the next game.

B: If we work together like we did this past game, I’m sure we will.

5. The first thing I'm going to do...is...

- The first thing I'm going to do when I get home is sleep for a whole day.
- The first thing I'm going to do when I get a pay raise is to treat you to dinner.
- The first thing I'm going to do when I spend my vacation in the country is go fishing.

DIALOGUES:

A: Did you get a package in the mail today?

B: I sure did.

A: What was it?

B: A box of cookies from my mom.

A: That's great! She's coming here next week, isn't she?

B: Yes, she is. The first thing I'm gonna do when I see her is give her a hug and thank her.

6. There's nothing as...as...

- There is nothing as exciting as meeting an old friend unexpectedly.
- For me, there is nothing as enjoyable as reading a novel on the grass.
- There is nothing as pleasant as spending a weekend in the countryside.
- There is nothing as refreshing as having a good rest.

DIALOGUES:

A: Do you cook for yourself?

B: Yes, I do, but it's not the same as what my mother makes.

A: I know what you mean. There's nothing as good as home cooking.

B: My mom's given me some recipes, but when I make them they don't come out the same as when she cooks.

A: Maybe you should just ask her to cook for you.

B: No, I'd rather try and learn myself.

7. the more...the more...

- The more you put your heart into English, the more you'll be interested in it.
- The more you pay, the more you will gain.
- The sooner, the better.
- The earlier you set about your work, the sooner you will finish it.

DIALOGUES:

A: Are you still selling your car?

B: Yeah, but the more I think about it, the more I want to keep it.

A: Why's that?

B: Because buying a new car would be very expensive and I wouldn't be able to afford the insurance.

A: But you already put an ad in the paper.

B: I know but if anybody calls, I'll just tell them it's not for sale anymore.