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The English We Speak

It comes with the territory



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Neil

Hello, I'm Neil...

Feifei

... and I'm Feifei and this is The English We Speak.

Neil

Do you know someone asked me for an autograph the other day?

Feifei

Your autograph!

Neil

Yes, they thought I was someone famous – which of course, I'm not.

Feifei

Well you are sort of famous – being a presenter of The English We Speak.

Neil

Oh yeah! Maybe I am. People want to take a selfie with me, buying me presents, me at the Oscars winning awards, fans everywhere, cameras flashing...

Feifei

Neil, Neil wake up – I think he's daydreaming. Don't get carried away.

You know if you were famous, you'd get lots of public attention – **it comes with the territory**.

Neil

You're right Feifei – the paparazzi would be following me everywhere – I wouldn't like that – but you used a good phrase there – **it comes with the territory**.

Feifei

Yes. When something **comes or goes with the territory** it means it's something that is expected as part of the position or situation.

Neil

Let's hear some examples...

Examples

The job involves a lot of travelling, but I guess that **comes with the territory**.

If you're gonna play rugby, you're gonna get hurt – injuries **go with the territory**!

Feifei

So the expression **it comes with the territory** means something is to be expected as part of a certain situation. Let's face it Neil, perhaps it's a good thing that we're not famous.

Neil

I guess so. I'll just carry on teaching English and making tea for everyone.

Feifei

Well in our job, tea making **comes with the territory**.

Neil

You're right – I think I'll go back to daydreaming. Bye.

Feifei

Bye.