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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## The English We Speak

### Suck it and see

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**Feifei**

Welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Feifei.

**Neil**

And I'm Neil.

**Feifei**

And Neil, this might be the last ever time we see each other! All ready for your new job at... where was it again?

**Neil**

A sweet factory.

**Feifei**

Quite a big change from radio production.

**Neil**

Yeah, well they pay very well. And I love sweets. I'll just **suck it and see**.

**Feifei**

Suck... the sweets?

**Neil**

No, you know what I mean!

**Feifei**

Yes, just kidding. The phrase **suck it and see** is used when you do something new and you're not sure whether you will like it or not – like a new job.

**Neil**

Here are some examples:

#### Examples

I'm really not confident riding a bike in the centre of town. But all my friends do it, so I guess I'll just **suck it and see**.

I decided to dye my hair blonde, but I'm still not sure about it. I'll **suck it and see**. I can always dye it black again!

**Feifei**

Well, you'll be pleased to hear Neil isn't really leaving.

**Neil**

I realised I can explore my passion for sweets without actually working in a sweet factory. In fact, I have some right here.

**Feifei**

Ooh, lovely. Very bright colours. Mind if I...?

**Neil**

Please, try one.

**Feifei**

What flavours are they?

**Neil**

I've got no idea. You'll just have to...

**Feifei**

**Suck it and see!** Mmm...

**Neil**

As Feifei is busy, I'll say goodbye for both of us. Bye.

**Feifei**

Mmm...