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Whizz-kid



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Feifei

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Feifei.

Rob

And I'm Rob.

Feifei

Hey Rob, have you ever wondered what you'd be doing if you weren't here?

Rob

Hmmm... Lying on the sofa, watching TV I expect.

Feifei

No Rob. I mean in your career – if you weren't a talented presenter like you are?

Rob

I'd be a financial whizz-kid: investing in the stock market, making loads of money.

Feifei

A whizz-kid? You mean someone young, very clever and successful at doing something?

Rob

Yes, that's a whizz-kid! I don't know why I didn't do it.

Feifei

Do you want me to tell you?

Rob

No. Let's just hear about some other whizz-kids who are young, intelligent and successful, just like me...

Examples:

My nephew is a computer whizz-kid: he earns a fortune fixing people's laptops!

Our new financial whizz-kid has come straight from university and he's doing really well.

She was a whizz-kid at university, so it's no wonder she's now a partner at one of the top legal firms.

Feifei

So they are whizz-kids – clever, successful or skilful people – and most of all, they are young, like kids! And there's the problem Rob.

Rob

A problem?

Feifei

Yes, you're not young anymore.

Rob

OK, clever then!

Feifei

Hmm, I'm not so sure about that.

Rob

Alright, successful – one out of three isn't bad.

Feifei

Well, erm, errr...

Rob

OK. Perhaps I'd never be a financial whizz-kid. Maybe I'll stick to my other plan.

Feifei

Which is?

Rob

Sitting on the sofa, watching TV. I'm off to do it now. Bye.

Feifei

Hmm, not a whizz-kid then, just a lazy man. Bye.