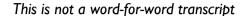
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The English We Speak Pull a fast one





Feifei

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

Neil

And I'm Neil. Feifei – what do you think of my new phone?

Feifei

Let's have a look – hmm... it looks... unusual.

Neil

It's great. This guy sold it to me. He said it was a top-secret new model – it's not been released in the shops yet. Here, look...

Feifei

How do I... unlock it?

Neil

You just... err... it's frozen. Let me just... no.

Feifei

Who did you say you bought it from?

Neil

A guy on the street.

Feifei

I hate to say it Neil, but I think he pulled a fast one on you!

Neil

But he... oh no.

Feifei

Sorry. To pull a fast one means to deceive or play a trick on someone. We say you pull a fast one on or with somebody. The phone seller pulled a fast one on Neil. Listen to these examples:

Examples

The shopkeeper tried to **pull a fast one** on me. He gave me a £5 note as change instead of a £20 note.

Don't you try and **pull a fast one** with me! I know you're not really sick. Get back to work.

Neil

So, that's it. All that money wasted. What an idiot. Oh, is that my phone?

Feifei

Sorry, it's mine. Hello? Yes... No, I don't think so... Thanks!

Neil

Who was it?

Feifei

The guy called to say I've won a million pounds. All I have to do is give him my bank details and he'll pay me.

Neil

Someone else trying to pull a fast one!

Feifei

Sadly, yes! I could do with a million pounds. I'd even buy you a new phone, Neil.

Neil

You're too kind.

Feifei

And that's it for this edition of The English We Speak. Bye.

Neil

Bye.