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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/563/2021_2022_VOA_E6_B5_81_E8_A1_8C_E7_c96_563086.htm 今天Michael和李华要出去买东西。李华会学到两个常用语：down with that和to pay through the nose。

M: Hey, Li Hua. What do you want to do today?
I don ' t have any special plan, so we can do whatever you want. L: 你今天没事干呀？太好了，我正想去买几件春天穿的衣服。那些旧的都已经过时了。

M: I ' m down with that. I need to buy some new tennis shoes. My old ones are really gross. My roommate is threatening to throw them out. L: 我也注意到你的球鞋了，实在不象话，怪不得你的室友要把它扔掉呢。哎，那太好了，咱们就一块儿去买东西吧。不过，Michael，你刚才说I ' m down with that。那是什么意思呀？就是你愿意去的意思吗？

我要收藏 M: Yes, the expression "I ' m down with that" means going shopping is okay with me and I ' m willing to go. L: 这很有意思。那要是你问我，要不要跟你一块儿吃晚饭，我很愿意的话，我能不能说：I ' m down with that? M: Yes, that would let me know that you are willing to have dinner with me. What would you say if I suggested we go to my friend ' s party on Saturday night. L: 你建议我们星期六晚上上你朋友家去聚会啊。嗯，那一定很好玩，我愿意去，I ' m down with that。

M: Right. Now, where do you want to go shopping? There are lots of places close by. L: 去哪儿买东西呀？学校附近有很多买东西的地方。去附近那个购物中心，好不好？ M: Okay, that ' s fine with me. That mall has a shoe store and it ' s close. Let ' s go. L: Okay, I ' m down with

that. 我们可以搭公共汽车去，几分钟就到了。然后我们有一整天去买我们要买的东西。还可以在购物中心吃饭呢！ M: Okay, I ' m down with that. L: 哎，Michael，这家店看起来真好。我们能不能进去看看呀？我肯定他们有很好的衣服。 M: That ' s Neiman-Marcus. They have nice stuff, but they ' re really, really expensive. You have to pay through the nose to buy even a shirt there. L: 我也猜想它们的衣服一定很贵。你说要在他们这里买件衬衣就要pay through the nose? 东西贵和鼻子有什么关系呀？ M: To pay through the nose is to pay a lot of money for something, usually way more than the item is worth. For instance, a shirt in a normal store costs about \$40. However, a shirt in Neiman-Marcus easily costs \$200. That ' s paying through the nose. L: 我懂了。To pay through the nose就是用高价买一样东西，往往要比原来的价值高很多。像普通店里一件衬衣要40美元，在他们这里就要200美元。可是，Michael, 我还是不懂，一个人的鼻子和钱有什么关系呀？ M: Yeah, it is a strange expression, but that ' s the way it is. Do you still want to go into that store? L: 不要，不要，我不进去了。我只是个学生，没那么多钱，I can ' t afford to pay through the nose for things. 我啊，付不起这么高的价钱。 M: I agree. I don ' t want to pay through the nose for anything either. It ' s stupid to waste so much money on something you can buy cheaper somewhere else. L: 就是呀，能够用便宜的价钱买到的东西为什么要浪费那么多钱去买呢？对了，Michael, 那什么时候我们还可以用to pay through the nose这个说法的呢？ M: Well, some people are willing to pay through the nose to buy tickets to see their favorite singers. L: 噢，花好多钱买票去听他们

喜欢的歌手唱歌。我就有几个朋友爱买名牌的东西。她们就愿意pay through the nose。 M: I don ' t understand paying through the nose to eat at fancy restaurants either. Food is food. Li Hua, I ' m getting hungry. Can we go eat first? L: I ' m down with that. 我也有点饿了。但是 , I don ' t want to pay through the nose. 李华今天学到了两个常用语。一个是 : down with that, 意思是 “ 同意 ” , 或者是 “ 愿意 ” 。另一个是 : to pay through the nose, 意思是 “ 出高价买东西 ” 。 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com