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的时候聊天，李华会学到两个常用语：to push ones luck  
和crackpot。 LH: Larry, 我已经好久都没有为我的论文做研究  
了。我想今天不去上Wilkins教授的课而去图书馆。 LL: I

dunno, Li Hua. Youll really be pushing your luck if you miss class  
again. LH: Pushing-my-luck? Pushing是推的意思，luck是运气，  
我不懂耶！pushing my luck是什么意思。 LL: I said you will be  
pushing your luck. "To push your luck" means to take a chance  
when youve already done something risky. LH: 噢

，pushing-your-luck就是已经做了冒风险的事，可是啊！还想  
再进一步碰碰运气，是这个意思吗？ LL: Thats right. The first

two times, the professor didnt give you any trouble. But every time  
you miss a class, you are taking an even bigger risk. You are pushing  
your luck. LH: 对噢，那两次没去上课，教授没说什么。要是  
我今天再不去上课，万一教授不高兴，我不就麻烦了吗

？Larry，你不也是这样吗？你那台车，煞车都坏了，你还到  
处开，不也是碰运气，希望它不出事吗？ 我要收藏 LL: Thats

right. One day, I was almost in a car wreck, so I decided to stop  
pushing my luck and have the brakes fixed. I was so stupid. LH: 我  
还不知道你差一点出车祸呢！哎呀，你看，你非要push your  
luck，非要到差一点出车祸的时候才去修车。真危险！ Larry

，这么说，to push ones luck只能指冒风险，碰运气吗？ LL:  
Generally yes. But sometimes, if someone keeps asking you for

favors, you might tell them "dont push your luck!" LH: 我最近就碰到这么一个人，我帮了她一点忙，她就没完没了了，要求一个接一个。下回我就可以对她说：Dont push your luck! 对了，Larry，我还真想要你帮个忙，我能再借你的电脑用吗？这不算是push my luck吧？ LL: No, of course not. Youre welcome to use my computer. LH: 谢谢，Larry，你总是那么大方。我今天下午能借你的车吗？ LL: Yeah, OK... I guess... LH: 那我能不能把你的电脑搬回家用一个礼拜呢？ LL: Youre pushing your luck, Li Hua! LH: 哈哈... 跟你开玩笑嘛！ LH: 哎哟，老天爷，Wilkins教授真是怪。他在上课的时候花了最后二十分钟给我们讲他每天吃多少维他命，为什么要吃这些维他命。 LL: What? (laughs) Dont worry about it, Li Hua. Everyone knows Professor Wilkins is a crackpot. LH: 他是什么？你是说他吸毒吗？ LL: No, of course not... I said that hes a crackpot. A crackpot is a crazy person. Or maybe just someone who holds very strong, crazy opinions and ideas. LH: 噢，crackpot是一个很怪的人，有稀奇古怪想法的人。嗨，Larry，有名的人是不是也是很怪的？ LL: Let me think... you know, most real crackpots dont become famous. But in his time, a lot of people thought that Christopher Columbus was a crackpot. LH: 没错，真正怪的人一般是不会成名的。可是哥伦布的情况就不一样了。当时人们认为他很怪，有神经病，因为他说航行可以围绕地球转，但是事实证明他是对的，所以他是聪明，不能算是crackpot。 LL: I wonder if I or other students should talk to Professor Wilkins, and ask him to not talk about off-topic subjects in class. Would we be pushing our luck? LH: 你和其他学生去跟Wilkins教授说别在上课时讲那些离题的内

容？我想他不会在意的啦！ LL: What if we just told him to stop talking about his crackpot ideas in class. LH: 你说什么？叫他别在课堂上讲他的那些神神道道的想法！ Now that would be pushing your luck! 今天李华学到两个常用语。一个是：to push ones luck。意思是已经做了有点风险的事，还想进一步碰碰运气。李华学到的另一个常用语是：crackpot。这是指那种想法很奇怪的人。 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](http://www.100test.com)