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今天Larry 和Li Hua下课以后在电影院门口商量看什么电影。 Li Hua会学到两个常用语：eye candy和bazillion。 LH: Hmm, 我想看Troy. 听说这部电影挺棒的！ LL: I dont know, Li Hua. That movie looks like its nothing but eye candy. LH: 你说那部电影是什么？ Eye candy? candy不是“糖果”吗？。 这是一部关于古希腊的电影，和“糖果”有什么关系呀？ LL: I said its mostly eye candy. Eye candy describes something that looks really good, but does not serve a useful purpose. LH: 噢，你说的是eye candy。 Eye candy是比喻某个东西看上去虽好，可是并不实用。 那不就有点儿像我们中文里常说的“华而不实”吗？ LL: Thats right. In a movie, fancy special effects are just eye candy. 我要收藏 LH: 现在好多电影都是靠电脑制作的特技场面，看起来挺花哨，其实电影本身一点儿意思也没有。 可是Larry, 你知道吗 - Troy 这部电影是Brad Pitt主演啊？ LL: Well, in this case the eye candy is Brad Pitt. LH: 什么？说Brad Pitt是eye candy, 这也太不公平了。 他不仅长得帅，而且演技也是一流的。 你怎么能说他“华而不实”呢？ LL: Fine, fine, Brad Pitt is more than just eye candy. Still, Id rather see something else... like that science fiction film I was telling you about. Thats the kind of eye candy I want to see! LH: 你要看那部科幻片啊？我看那才是名符其实的eye candy呢！ LL: You know, Li Hua, weve been standing here trying to choose a movie for fifteen minutes. Why dont we forget about seeing a movie today? There are

a bazillion other things to do in this city. LH: 就是啊，我们在这儿都站了15分钟还决定不了看哪个电影。那要是不看电影我们干什么呢？你说有a bazillion事情可做。Bazillion - 这是个数字吗？ LL: I said "there are a bazillion other things". "Bazillion" means a lot. Its supposed to sound like "a billion" or "a zillion" - a large number, anyway. LH: 对，bazillion听起来就好像billion，或zillion。Billion是十亿，zillion是“千千万”，所以bazillion也可以说是“许许多多，数不清的”意思。Larry, 你说我们有bazillion的事可干，那你说说我们可以干什么呢？ LL: Well, theres an outdoor rock concert this evening not far from my place and the museum is showing a new exhibit of ancient bronze work today. LH: Hmm, 我不想听什么摇滚音乐会，博物馆的古青铜器展览可能会更有意思。Larry, 我还是有点糊涂，bazillion这个词可以像使用具体数字一样来使用它吗？ LL: Yeah, pretty much. For instance, Im not sure that today is a good day to visit the museum. There will be a bazillion people there on the opening day of that exhibit. LH: 没错，开展第一天，人肯定很多。那我们改天再去吧。你不是说有a bazillion other things to do 吗？ LL: Theres a bazillion bars along this street. We could go hang out in one while we decide what to do next. LH: 这条街上的酒吧是挺多的，可是现在才下午3点多，我不想去酒吧。 LL: Hmm... well, let me think... sometimes when you have a bazillion choices, its hard to make a decision. LH: 哎哟，得了得了，说什么选择多了反而不好决定。我说还是看电影吧。Troy 还有几分钟就要开始了，你肯定不想看吗？ LL: Look, weve discussed this a bazillion times. That movie is nothing but eye candy for girls. LH: 哎哟，你真是的

，你不要看，那我自己去看啦！今天李华从Larry那儿学到了两个常用语，一个是eye candy。意思是“华而不实的东西”。李华学到的另一个常用语是bazillion, 就相当于中文里面所说的“多得数都数不清”。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)