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不久前，你也叫我教你读中文报纸，怎么样？你明天有时间吗？ LL: I, um... I think Im busy tomorrow. The plumber is coming to my house sometime in the afternoon, so I have to wait for him, and... LH: 得了吧！什么等工人来修水管？谁会相信这种借口。你这才是真正的cop out！ \*\*\*\*\* LH: (Growls) 嗨！这些学中文的学生，我真不想教了！怎么考试考得这么糟！我看啊，这学期他们一个也别想拿A！ LL: Calm down, Li Hua. Dont get so worked up over it. LH: 你要我别work up？你是说我不必那么努力，那什么意思呀？ LL: No, I dont mean you have to work harder. I mean, you shouldnt get worked up. To get worked up means to get angry or excited. LH: 噢，dont get worked up是别生气的意思！不生气？你看看他们写的中文有难看，而且还老是写错别字。 LL: Let me see those. Hmm... Wow, this isnt bad at all. I can tell theyre a lot better than they were a few weeks ago. Dont get so worked up over a few small mistakes! LH: 你觉得他们比几个星期前进步多了？我看看...嗯，也许你说的对，也许我对他们要求太高了。 LL: Thats right. I can tell most of these students want to learn Chinese. If you always get worked up when they make mistakes, you wont notice when they improve. LH: Larry，你说的对，大多数学生都是真的想学，我不应该看到他们的错误就生气，应该多多鼓励他们。(Sound of distant argument) LH: 嘿！Jack和Ben两个人在那儿那么生气吵什么啊？ LL: Oh, nothing. Its election year, and those two are always getting worked up over politics. LH: 噢，我知道美国人在竞选总统方面意见不一致，但是没有想到有些人会争的面红耳赤。 LL: Yeah, sometimes when you get worked up about something, it shows that

you really care about it. Just like you with your students! LH: 那倒是，关心某件事才会激动，就像我很在乎我学生的成绩。说到学习，Larry你准备好上中文课了吗？ LL: Um... well... OK. No more cop outs. Lets get started. 今天李华学到两个常用语。一个是cop out，意思是用牵强的借口来逃避做某件事。另一个常用语是to get worked up，就是为某件事生气。 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)