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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/608/2021_2022_VOA_E6_B5_81_E8_A1_8C_E7_c96_608707.htm 今天李华学到两个常用语

。第一个是swamped，是指陷入大量工作，或其他什么事。

另一个常用语是to get axed，就是被开除的意思。Larry已经开始在一家公司做暑期工作。他正在向李华抱怨工作上的问题

。今天李华会学到两个常用语：swamped和to get axed。LL:

Ive only been working there two days and Im already totally

swamped with work! Its unbelievable! LH: Larry，你说 swamped

with work，是不是说你不知道怎么做这份工作？我要收藏 LL:

No, I know how to do the work. Its just that there is too much of it.

To be swamped means to have too much work to do. LH: 噢，我懂

了，swamp一般是沼泽地的意思，你说swamped with work就是工作太多，好象陷进了沼泽地一样，让你觉得喘不过气。那

他们到底给你什么样的工作？ LL: Its all relatively simple stuff like

filing, typing, copying. Its just that there are piles of it and everyone

wants it finished right now. LH: 啊！归档、打字、复印都是很简

单的事，可要是办公室每个人都要你做这些事，每个人都要

你马上给他做，这确实难以对付。Larry，也许你该建议他们

再多雇个人来帮你啊！ LL: I doubt that. Besides, I dont want

them to think Im lazy. I guess I just have to accept the fact that Ill be

swamped with work for the rest of the summer. LH: 真是的。一个

暑假就陷在这些繁琐的工作里，太没劲了。我只想在暑假里

轻松轻松。 LL: I was hoping to relax a little, too, but it doesnt look

as though thats going to happen. LH: 不过Larry，虽然你白天在公

司里工作很忙，可是你晚上回到家可以轻松一下啦，因为你不必像学期当中忙于写作业或交报告！ LL: Thats true, but Im so tired by the time I get home from being swamped all day that I dont have the energy to do anything fun. LH: 这你就跟我不一样了。我呀，再累也没有关系，只要一听到玩，我就精神百倍了。不过，Larry，我真希望能帮你一点忙。 LL: Oh, its not your fault, Li Hua. Im sorry for complaining like this. ***** LH: 嗨！Larry！你的暑期工作现在怎么样了！还是很忙吗？ LL: Its even worse than ever! The management just axed one of the other employees and now theyre giving me all of his work! LH: Ax不是斧头吗？你说你公司把那个雇员怎么啦？Axed？不是把他砍了吧？听起来好吓人的！ LL: To ax someone is to fire them. The other guy was really unreliable so management decided to ax him. LH: 噢，我明白了，to ax someone就是把某人开除的意思。你真倒霉。公司把那个不可靠的人开除了，他的工作也就落在你头上。你们公司有没有考虑雇用新人来接替他的工作？ LL: I have no idea. In the mean time, I have so much work that Im running around all day long. LH: 你真可怜，每天忙得晕头转向的。也许你可以问问他们什么时候会雇用一个新人啊？ LL: I want to ask, but Im afraid of getting axed, too. LH: 你不过问问而已嘛！他们为什么要开除你呢？ LL: Well, I guess they wouldnt fire me, because Ive been doing a good job although Im swamped with work. I just dont want them to think that Im lazy or that Im complaining. LH: 我肯定他们不会开除你。他们也不傻，知道你做很多工作，而且还做得很好。你要不说，他们绝对不会再雇一个人。这样不是省钱嘛！ LL: I guess you are right. Im

more likely to get axed for messing up rather than telling them I'm overworked. LH: 没错。老老实实地告诉他们你太忙，总比你忙不过来，把事情搞砸了要好。 LL : Li Hua, you're so smart!

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