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The Cathedral in St Albans Neil: How are you today Jean? Jean: Well, actually I ' m feeling a little run down. I need a break. 我最近可累坏了，再不休息一下就不行了。 Neil: Oh no, what ' s up? Jean: I think I need to get out of the city. Neil: I know somewhere we can go which is peaceful, has a fascinating history and is just twenty minutes away from the centre of London. Jean: Sounds perfect. Neil: Welcome to On the Town from BBC Learning English. I ' m Neil. This is the programme where we visit some of the most interesting places in and around London. 我要收藏 Jean: So, where are we going? Neil: St. Albans. Jean: St. Albans. Neil 提议要去的目的地，就是伦敦市区外缘的一座叫 St. Albans 的小城。 Neil: Well, here we are. Quiet, isn ' t it? Jean: Wow, I can actually hear birds singing. So, what can we do here? Neil: Well, let ' s start at the biggest and most impressive building in St. Albans: the cathedral. Jean: Cathedral 大教堂。 It ' s beautiful. Neil: Yes, and it tells the story of the city. Jean: What do you mean? Neil: Can you see the bricks over there in the main tower of the cathedral? Jean: The red ones? Neil: Yes. They ' re actually Roman bricks. Jean: Roman bricks? 罗马的砖头？ Neil: St. Albans used to be a Roman city. In fact, it was one of the most important cities in Roman Britain. Jean: About two thousand years ago 罗马人在这里建造了这座现在称为 St. Albans 的城市，这座城市在罗马统治英国的时期是当时最重要的城市之一

。 Neil: The Roman city was called Verulamium. There ' s a museum all about it here. Let ' s have a look. The museum has some very impressive Roman mosaics. Mosaic. Jean: 马赛克 Mosaic. Neil: David Thorold is an archaeologist at the museum. He describes the biggest mosaic. Jean: Archaeologist 考古学家。 Insert The main design itself is a seashell and it ' s also very reminiscent of the rays of the rising sun and that ' s quite a common image in Roman design. Neil: The design is in the shape of a seashell. Jean: Seashell 贝壳。 Neil: And it makes you think of the rays of the rising sun. In other words, it ' s reminiscent of the rays of the rising sun. Jean: Rays 光线。 Reminiscent 怀旧的。 So, if the cathedral is made of Roman bricks, does it mean it ' s a Roman building? Neil: No, actually there aren ' t any Roman buildings left. What happened was that when the Romans left, the local people demolished the Roman city and used the bricks to make the cathedral. Demolish. Jean: Oh no! Demolish 就是拆毁、破坏。 Neil: As you can imagine, David from the Roman Museum is not very happy about that. Jean: But he thinks that the Roman buildings would not have survived anyway. 他说这些古老的建筑就这么被破坏了, 实在是非常的可惜。不过他也说即使这些建筑当初没被破坏, 可能也不会保留得下来。 Insert On a purely archaeological level of course it ' s always a shame because it would have been so nice had some of the buildings survived, but the chances are, one way or another, that the buildings would have not survived. Neil: Did you know the Romans went to China? Jean: Really? What did they do? Neil: Here ' s David again. Insert What we are looking at is a small amount of trade and that we

actually have Roman merchants going out to the provinces and looking for new trade routes, looking for new markets to sort of make a profit from. because the Romans were very much driven by that sort of thing. Neil: Roman merchants were looking for new trade routes. Jean: Merchants 商人。 Trade routes 贸易路线。 Neil: He says the Romans were driven by profits. Driven. Jean: Driven 被什么驱动着。也可以用 driven 这个词来形容某人是非常的有决心。 Neil: So, the Romans went to China to try to find new ways of making money. Well, after all that information I could do with a drink. How about you Jean, fancy a pint? Jean: Fancy a pint? 这是一个相当有用的英语口语问句，来邀请某人和你一起去酒馆喝一杯酒。 Pint 品脱是英国酒馆最常用的啤酒杯的容量，等于半公升。 Neil: We could go to the oldest pub in England. Well, there are a few pubs in England which people say are the oldest and one of them is in St. Albans. It ' s called Ye Olde Fighting Cocks because it used to be a venue for cock fighting. Jean: Cock fighting 斗鸡！ Neil: But don ' t worry, cock fighting ' s been illegal for years now. We can just have a relaxing drink in a lovely old building. Jean: Well, that ' s about all we have time for today on BBC Learning English. Neil: If you want to learn more, go to our website [www.bbc.co.uk/china](http://www.bbc.co.uk/china). Jean: See you next time. Neil: Bye. 最生动活泼的美国俚语口语讲解 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)