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(Rob and Li are in a toy shop with Rob's nephew)

Rob: Thanks for coming with me to this toy shop, Li. I have to find a gift for

my nephew, Dominic. It's his birthday.

Dominic: I'm a big boy now!

Li: Hey Rob, 你侄子很可爱哟,可是我知道小孩子们有时会很挑剔的,不过别担心我来

帮你选。

Dominic: I want that! Ooh on the shelf! Big ears! Mickey Mouse! Mickey, Mickey,

Mickey Mouse!

Rob: That one over there's ideal! It's really great.

Li: 怎么?你想给他买电脑游戏,他还不到四岁呢,Rob!

Rob: Oh he'll love it! You can be an astronaut who chases aliens...

Li: Oh 电脑游戏! 你可以充当宇航员,用激光枪来追踪外星人 Ptshiw ptshiw

ptshiw... come on, Rob, this gift is for you!

Rob: Alright, alright. I am the one who likes it. Go on, take the mickey!

Li: Take the Mickey? OK. Dominic 你已经是大孩子了,米老鼠是小 baby 的玩具,

咱不要,快给我吧。

(Li takes the Mickey Mouse toy from Dominic's hands)

Dominic: No! I like Mickey! He's got nice big ears!

Rob: There's no need to do that Li. Maybe a stuffed Mickey Mouse is all he

wants.

Li: But Rob 你刚才不是让我把米老鼠从 Dominic 的手里拿过来吗?

Rob: No, no, no, I said you were taking the mickey out of me. In English, the

expression 'taking the mickey' means to make fun of somebody.

Li: 啊,原来 'taking the mickey out of somebody' 是个固定表达,和迪斯尼卡通片

中的米老鼠没关系,这个短语的意思是取笑、嘲笑某人。

Rob: That's right. It's a very old expression. Let's hear some examples.

Examples

When you asked me to lend you \$2,000 I thought you were taking the mickey. You know I don't have much money.

My brother doesn't take anything seriously. He takes the mickey out of our parents and teachers all the time.

Rob: Now that this is clear, where is Dominic?

Dominic: I want that! Big car! Brrrum. It's like daddy's!

Li: 快看, Dominic 爬上了那辆闪亮的轿车, Rob, 这辆车可看上去很贵呀!

Rob: This is for boys with very rich uncles. Come back here, Dominic!

Li: Ah, 现在是你侄子在取笑你喽! Taking the mickey out of you, Rob.

Rob: Come on, Dominic. How about... how about the Mickey Mouse... or this

teddy bear here...

Dominic: No! I want the car! Brrrumm. Give me the car! It's my birthday!

Li: Yes, indeed. 现在 Dominic 认准了就要这辆汽车,我要看看 Rob 有什么绝招能

说服他这四岁的小侄子! Bye.

Rob: Bye.

Dominic: And I will go home in my big car! Bye bye! Brrruum!