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Feifei

大家好！欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的“地道英语”节目。我是冯菲菲。

Rob

...and me, Rob.

Feifei

我们可能听起来与以往有些不同，这是因为在新冠肺炎疫情爆发期间，我们无法在平时的录音间录制节目。

Now, Rob, why are you wearing those funny rubber shoes today?

Rob

Well, it's in preparation for our expression in this programme, Feifei!

Feifei

你穿胶鞋是为了给大家介绍一个表达？不过我们要教给大家的这个表达和穿胶鞋好像没有什么关系！

Rob

Ah, but these are special rubber shoes to stop me sliding down any slippery slopes – that is what we're talking about today, isn't it?

Feifei

Umm, well, sort of, but it's not really about slipping down a slope – only metaphorically.

Rob

Ah, right, so it's got something to do with easily descending downhill into something?

Feifei

说对了！如果一件坏事情或问题一旦开始，就很可能变得越来越糟糕，如果不加以制止，就愈演愈烈，后果不堪设想，那么这时候我们就可以说这个处境是一个“滑坡效应 a slippery slope”。咱们来听三个使用了“slippery slope”的例句。

Examples

Having a glass of wine with your dinner is a slippery slope. You'll end up finishing the whole bottle by the end of the evening.

Juan was on a slippery slope to getting the sack when he started missing important meetings with clients.

He's on a slippery slope to failure if he keeps missing the deadlines for his assignments.

Feifei

这里是 BBC 英语教学的“地道英语”节目。以上我们听到的例句都用了“slippery slope”来描述一旦开始就可能越变越糟糕的坏情况或不良习惯。说得通俗点，“a slippery slope”就是每况愈下的“下坡路”。

Rob

OK, so I won't be needing these slip-resistant shoes, then. Hmm, but they are very comfortable. Do you know what? I might keep wearing them.

Feifei

Oh, no, Rob. It'll be a slippery slope.

Rob

Why's that?

Feifei

Well, if you keep wearing them without socks...

Rob

...everyone will laugh at me?

Feifei

No! Your feet will smell and then nobody will want to sit next to you!

Rob

Hmm...charming! Well, it's a good job I'm self-isolating! Bye, Feifei.

Feifei
Bye, Rob.