

课文

Pollution is a big problem in almost all the big cities of the world. City people are therefore, becoming more and more worried about how they can get rid of pollution. They are also concerned about whether the government is doing enough to protect the environment.

However people in Ireland don't have these worries. They are sure they have found the answer to the problem. They use windmills, these windmills can create power without creating pollution. These methods are so successful that other countries are thinking of doing the same. Why not? What works for Ireland can work for any other country.

C: May I have a word with you?

W: Sure. What's the problem?

C: It's about your son. I'm tired of his making so much noise at all hours of the day.

W: I'm sorry. I'm sure he's not doing it on purpose.

C: I'm sure he's not. But we can do without the noise pollution, you know?

W: You're absolutely right. By the way, how was your party last night? It sure sounded like you had a great time.

C: Uh...

Smoking is bad in that it is harmful to one's health. In spite of the fact that doctors have even warned that it causes cancer, people still keep on smoking.

In some Western countries, however, people are beginning to kick the bad habit. They realize that health should come first. To help them quit smoking, there are laws against cigarette advertising and smoking in public places. This is praiseworthy except that Western countries are now selling cigarettes in the East in greater numbers than ever. That they are doing this is immoral, don't you think?

Jane is talking to her boyfriend.

J: You promised me that you were going to give up smoking. What's that in your hand?

B: I'm sorry. I really want to except that every time I get nervous, I can't help smoking.

J: That's just an excuse.

B: No. It's true. I've tried everything: chewing gum, biting my fingernails and even meditation, but nothing works.

J: Well, if you want to be with me, you'll just have to quit cold turkey.

B: That will work!

短语

- **foul language** 下流话
- **a power failure** n.停电

during the power failer the lights **went out**. (灯) 熄灭

- big problem = serious problem
- **worry vt/n. 担心**

My only worry is that... 我唯一担心的是

be worried about 担心

I'm worried about you. 我担心你

worry sb (with sth) = bother 骚扰；烦扰；使不安宁，使担忧

The noise never seems to worry her. 这噪音似乎从不让她厌烦。

He's daughter worried himself sick (= become extremely anxious) about his daughter. 他的女儿可把他愁坏了。

- be concerned about 担心，关心 = be worried about
- create power 产生电能 = **generate power** 发电 (更常用)

- **have a word** with you 跟你谈谈

have words (复数) 跟某人吵架

I had words with him just now over money

- sure = of course = **you bet** (年轻用法)
- be tired **of** sth = **be sick of** sth = **be fed up with** 厌烦
I am tired of that 从句 **X** that 前面不能直接跟介词(curious同理)
变化1: I am tired **of the fact that** 从句
变化2: I am tired **of sb's V-ing** 所有格, 现在口语里很多时候不用所有格

I am tired of my son('s) talking on the phone all the night

- **all hours of the day** 全天24小时不间断, 一天到晚

= **around the clock**

= **24 hour a day**

- **always on the ball** 时刻警觉, 时刻注意
- **put out** my cigarette 熄灭烟 (ashtray烟灰缸, ash灰)
- Health **comes first** . 健康至上
- **kick** the bad habit of smoking 戒烟

= **get rid of** = **rid yourself**

= **quit** smoking

- cold turkey (adv) = all at once 一劳永逸
- I'll **be true to** sb. = I'll **be faithful to** sb. 对某人忠实
- **all at once** 突然/同时
- **Quit Cold Turkey** 断然戒掉某个习惯
- **once and for all** 断然地, 坚决地

- **I'm still working on it** = still need some time 我还在看/我还在做
- **grab** = go get quickly.

I'll just go grab a burger across the street

- **Calling In Sick** 请病假
- **take the day/week off** 请一天/一周假
- I'm **coming down with** = starting to get sick
- **I was hoping** = I want
= **I was thinking of**
- **come in handy** 迟早有用

There some tips may come in handy

- **complementary upgrade** 免费升级, 升舱
- **the timing is just not right** 时机不对
- take some of the **weight off my shoulders** . 帮我分担一点肩头重担
- **in a way** 某种程度上
- **Cut in line** = **jumping the queue** [B] 插队
- **line up** = **form the queue** 形成一个排队
- **We've got all our bases covered.** 一切准备就绪
- **let's get going** = let's start, let's go

I have the chicken, so, let's get cooking

I have another meeting in twenty minutes, so, let's get down to(开始着手做) business.

- it's **all set** . 都准备好了

词汇

- **miser** 守财奴 **stingy** adj 吝啬, 小气
- **praiseworthy** 值得称赞的
- **immortal** 不朽的