## Lesson 89 For sale 待售

Listen to the tape then answer this question. Why couldn't Nigel decide? 听录音,然后回答问题。为什么奈杰尔作不了决定?

NIGEL: Good afternoon.

I believe that

this house is for sale.

IAN: That's right.

NIGEL: May I have a look at it, please?

IAN: Yes, of course.

Come in.

NIGEL: How long have you lived here?

IAN: I've lived here for twenty years.

NIGEL: Twenty years!

That's a long time.

IAN: Yes, I've been here since 1976.

NIGEL: Then why do you want to sell it?

IAN: Because I've just retired.

I want to buy

a small house in the country.

NIGEL: How much does this house cost?

IAN: £68,500.

NIGEL: That's a lot of money!

IAN: It's worth every penny of it.

NIGEL: Well, I like the house,

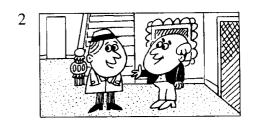
but I can't decide yet.

My wife must see it first.

IAN: Women always have

the last word.





## New words and expressions 生词和短语

believe /bɪˈliːv/ v. 相信,认为

may /met/ modal verb (用于请求许可)可以

how long 多长

since /sins/ prep. 自从 why /wai/ adv. 为什么

sell /sel/ (sold /səold/, sold) v. 卖、出售

because /bɪˈkɒz/ conj. 因为

retire /rɪ'taɪə/ v. 退休

cost /kpst/ (cost, cost) v. 花费

pound/paund/n. 英镑(£)

worth /wɜːθ/ prep. 值……钱

penny /'peni/ n. 便士

## Notes on the text 课文注释

1 for sale, 供出售, 待售。

2 May I...? 是一种比较正式的表示请求的句型。 其中的 may 有"请求允许"的意思。

3 It's worth every penny of it.

有强调的意思、后面的一个 it 是指刚才提到的那笔钱。全句的意思是:"你支付出的每一个便士都是划算的",可以译成:"它确实值这么多钱。"

4 I can't decide yet. 我还不能决定。句中的 yet 常用在否定句中,表示"迄今仍未"的意思。

5 My wife must see it first. 我的妻子必须先来看一看。其中的 must 当"必须"讲。

6 have the last word, 最后拍板。

## 参考译文

奈杰尔: 下午好。我想这房子是要出售的吧!

伊 恩:是的。

奈杰尔: 我可以看一看吗?

伊 恩: 可以,当然可以。请进。

奈杰尔: 您在这里住了多长时间?

伊 恩:我在这里已经住了20年了。

伊 思: 是啊,从1976年起我就住在这里。

奈杰尔: 那么,您为什么要卖掉它呢?

伊 思: 因为我刚退休。我想在乡下买幢小房子。

奈杰尔: 这座房子卖多少钱?

伊 恩: 68,500 英镑。

奈杰尔: 那可真是一大笔钱呢!

伊 恩: 它确确实实值这么多钱。

奈杰尔: 啊,我喜欢这房子,但我还不能决定。我妻子必须先来看一看。

伊 恩: 女人总是最后说了算的。