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[00:00:00] What's up, everyone? I'm Teacher Mike. Today we're going to study English with Eason Chan. Let's take a listen: I'm still not very used to being called Dr. Chan or Dr. Eason. Definitely not. It's sort of weird. It's as if... I'm I don't know what... I don't know how it feels, actually. But what I know is after this honorary doctorate, I think I have something to look forward to. He's a doctor too??? Amazing.

[00:00:39] Welcome back, everyone, to a new episode. Don't forget to subscribe to my channel. We have a lot of fun. You won't regret it, trust me. And show your love for Ethan by giving the video and like and sharing it around a bit.

[00:00:50] So as far as I know, Eason spent his high school and university days studying in the UK. And I'm not British, but I've seen a lot of his videos speaking English and his English is indistinguishable from a native speaker's. However, that's not to say he didn't have his own difficulties while learning English. Let's have a look.

[00:01:12] I also tried, you know, pasta. Pasta is similar to plaster. Like a cast, plaster. There's also 'bastard.' I've seen this word in the subtitles. Bastard, pasta, plaster, and also plastic, I get these words confused. Let's see what kind of trouble he got into. When I was angry I'd say: you bloody pasta! You pasta! That was then, let's see what he can do now. Can use an English accent? What would you like me to say? Beckham, he would say: you alright mate? What would you like me to say? His accent is a little lazy. So he's got a very posh British accent. But he said Beckam's accent isn't 'posh' at all.

[00:02:29] But if you want to speak like Hugh Grant... Hello... Hi ladies. Where would you like to go tonight? So sexy. So romantic!

[00:02:49] So he's clearly mastered a few British accents. Why is British English sexier? I don't know. So not everyone has the opportunity to go to the UK for high school and university and learn English. But in the age of technology, that doesn't matter anymore. Why? Because now you can bring the classroom to your home. How? With Lingoda's Language Sprint. Yes, the Lingoda Language Sprint is back. It's a program they only do a few times a year and you need to sign up by September 8th because it starts September 23rd. In case you forgot, there are two Sprints: the super sprint, which is 30

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[00:04:34] Since I'm kind of a little bit of influential.... Influentiality??? You know, whatever, you know. Influence? Influence hahahaha. I don't know if he was trying to be funny here or he forgot the word 'influence,' but he just totally made up an English word: influentiality. Personally, I think that was his style of humor. He really understands English humor and how to do jokes in English. Let's check out this clip from a concert he did in Vancouver.

[00:05:01] Do you actually understand my accent? Yeah! I do not know how to speak Canadian. 'Canadian' isn't a language. So I think it's funny. It's like saying I don't speak American.

[00:05:16] Vancouver... Vancouverian. Someone from Vancouver is a Vancouverian?

[00:05:24] Again, he's just making up silly words. Actually, I don't know how to say someone from Vancouver. Vancouverite?

[00:05:30] Vegetarian. Are you? Are you vegetarian? Vegetable? Yeah, I like to be a vegetable on Sunday. I sit at home, be a vegetable, and eat fish and chips. Ya, watch television. So you can actually say this, you can describe yourself or someone as a 'vegetable.' In this situation, he's just saying it's somebody lazy like himself who just likes to sit on the couch, eat fish and chips, like him and watch TV; a lazy person.

However, we need to be a little careful because it also means someone who has had a brain injury and maybe they're in a coma and they may or may not wake up. So be very careful about the context when you call someone a vegetable. And don't say vegetable: vegetable.

[00:06:23] I hope I have a chance to work with you. That was Mandarin. Yeah...if I could work with her.

[00:06:30] We call people like him a goofball. He's a goofball.

[00:06:37] Of course...Becks, come on. Well, I wish I had his body.

[00:06:42] Ok, so we call this kind of humor 'self-deprecating humor.' I wish I had his body. Of course, the most handsome man in the world. It just means my body's... meh. Most guys probably wish they had Beckham's body and athleticism. But this kind of humor where you're making fun of yourself is really common in the UK and in the US and Canada. Another interesting learning point I wanted to show you is using negative sentence to say something positive. Let's listen: To me, success is having a very kind and loving heart, and I think that's the best. Nothing beats that.

[00:07:17] So here is a superlative. The best. That is the best. But you can also say it another way using a negative word. Nothing beats that. Nothing is better than that. This is just one little trick to change up how you say superlatives. Nothing beats that. Nothing could be better. Now, let's look at a couple of cool words and phrases and see if we can add to our vocabulary.

[00:07:40] Yeah, I'm in a terribly good mood today.

[00:07:42] Terribly good mood. Aren't 'terrible' and 'good' opposites? How can you have a terribly good mood? But in this case, he's using it to say 'very,' 'really,' 'extremely.' He's in a really good mood. I'm in a terribly good mood today.

[00:07:56] They're good examples. He's just human. And he is... he's definitely got passion to life.

[00:08:04] He's just human. What is the implied meaning? It means that everyone makes mistakes. In English, we say "to be human is to err." Everyone makes mistakes. He's just human. It's his mistake but it's normal.

[00:08:19] I don't think people should be too cynical about things, like...

[00:08:23] Another great word: cynical. Everyone knows someone who is cynical. They always complain about things or maybe they're a bit pretentious. Stop being so cynical.

[00:08:33] You know, Oh I don't like whatever genre or whatever. I like all sorts of songs.

[00:08:38] Here's a really weird English word. It's pronounced 'genre.' Yes, genre. No, there's no G sound. It's genre. It's just one of those weird words that doesn't obey any of the rules. We use it a lot when we're talking about different kinds of music, movies or different styles of things.

[00:08:57] The good side is Cantopop has its own character. Cantopop. So in English, if pop music is sung in Cantonese, we would call it Cantopop. If it was sung in Mandarin, we would say Mandopop. If it was in Korean, we just call it KPop.

[00:09:14] I'm always more excited listening to funky stuff.

[00:09:17] Another great word: funky. This word can have several different meanings and it can just mean unique or strange. So maybe he likes unique or strange music. 'Funk' is also a type of music. So he could have been talking about funk music. But be careful, it also means stinky. Something smells kind of funky. Conversely, it can also mean something is very cool, but maybe in a peculiar way. That's suit is funky man. I like your dress. It's really funky. Cool, strange, together.

[00:09:47] So I hope you learned a few things today. Don't forget to subscribe. And if you like the video and you love Eason, don't forget to leave a like below. And remember the Lingoda Language Sprint starts September 23rd. Sign up by September 8th. Be diligent and follow the course rules. Get that cashback refund. As always, I hope you are happy and healthy. I'm Teacher Mike, see you next time!