

PETER:
Jane, don't worry. We can easily
leave time catch the bus.
It's only seven o'clock.

JANE:
Your watch must be slow, Peter.
Mine says four minutes past seven.
No, actually it's just five past
seven.

PETER:
Oh, dear - I didn't realize that. We'll
never it. I'm afraid I'll be late for
work - unless I go without a shave!

ANNE:
Has anyone heard from Maureen?
I've lost touch with her completely.

JIM:
That's not surprising. She's been
living on a cattle station in North
Queensland.

JUNE:
Yes. I had a letter from her only
last week. Apparently, she's been
finding it a bit lonely up there.

JIM:
I hear they're doing very well, though.

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PART I - The Dialogues

Dialogue 1

有几个十年前毕业的澳大利亚老同学，现在回到学校来团聚。他们自然谈起了没来参加聚会的同学，如 Ric Bradshaw。

JUNE:
Have you heard anything of
Ric Bradshaw lately?

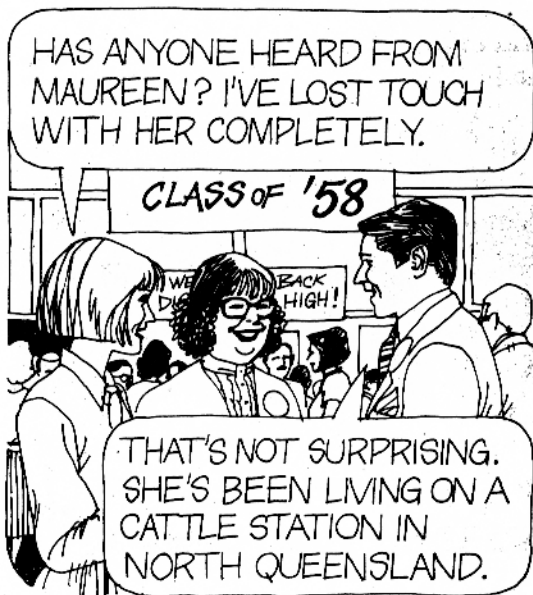
JIM:
I believe he's living in Ethiopia.

ANNE:
What on earth's he doing there?

ANDREW:
Oh, didn't you know? He and his
wife are doctors. They've been
working in Africa for years.

Dialogue 2

Jim, June 和 Anne 还谈到了女同学
Maureen 的情况。



PART II - Vocabulary

background ['bækgraund]
背景 (知识)

a drover ['drəuvə]
赶着牛羊群走远道的放牧人

a reunion [ri:'ju:njən] 团聚

a taxi driver ['tæksi: draivə]
出租汽车司机

a waiter ['weita] 饭馆服务员

collect [kə'lekt] 收集
 keep in touch ['ki:p in 'tʌtʃ] 保持联系
 lose touch ['lu:z 'tʌtʃ] 失去联系
 settle down ['setəl 'daun] 安顿下来

Funny you should ask

['fʌni: ju: ʃəd 'ɑ:sk]

真怪，你怎么会问……

Last I heard ['la:st ai 'hɜ:d]

我最后一次听人说

overseas [əʊvə'si:z] 海外，国外

regularly ['regjələli:] 经常地

NAMES:

June [dʒu:n]

Maureen ['mɔ:ri:n] } (female)

Jim [dʒim]

Ric(k) [rik] (short for Richard) } (male)

Ethiopia [i:θi:'əʊpi:ə] 埃塞俄比亚

PART III - The Lesson

TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN FOR SOME TIME

怎样谈论很久不见的人

1. ASKING ABOUT THEM

怎么打听情况

Have you heard from your brother lately?

What's he doing these days?

Have you heard anything of Ric Bradshaw lately?

How's he going these days?

Where's he living?

注意:

• *How's he going?* 意思是“他近来怎么样?”也可以说 *How's he getting on?*

上述各句中的现在进行时,表示一个动作在进行,意思比较笼统,语气也比较随便。

• *hear from someone* 和 *hear of someone* 两个短语意思不同,使用时要注意:

Have you heard FROM your cousin lately?

意思是:近来你是否接到过他的信或电话?

Have you heard (anything) OF your cousin lately?

意思是:近来你是否听到有关他的消息?

2. REPLYING TO THESE QUESTIONS

怎么答复

a) *Have you heard from John lately? What's he doing these days?*

- *John's been working on a cattle station in North Queensland.*

b) *How's Sue going these days?*

- *She's a doctor now.*

c) *Where's David living?*

- *(At the moment) he's living in Melbourne.*

接着你还可以说:

I hear
I believe
Apparently } he's enjoying it.

或:

I heard he was enjoying it.

如果你无法提供消息,你可以这样回答:

a) *Have you heard from your brother lately?*

- (No) { *I haven't heard from him for ages.*
I've lost touch with him completely.

b) Have you heard anything of Maureen?

- (No), I haven't heard of her for some time.

注意:

● 现在完成进行时表示动作从过去某一时间开始一直延续到现在。它有一定的时间概念。

● 说话人所说的内容, 如果是根据别人所提供的情况, 就可以用 **I hear, I believe, apparently** 这些用语。有时也可以用 **I heard**。若用 **I heard**, 从句中的时态也要相应改成过去时。

● 当某人要迁往外地, 或在相当一段时间里可能见不到某人时, 可以用以下几种说法:

Keep in touch, won't you?

Let's try to keep in touch.

Let's not lose touch.

3. REACTING TO THIS INFORMATION

了解情况后, 怎样作相应的回答

当你得知某人已去了一个令人意想不到的地方, 你就可以用 **What's he doing there?**。说此问句不是为了了解他在那里干什么, 而是对他去那么一个地方表示惊讶。如果想加强语气, 就可以把短语 **on earth**, 放在疑问词后面, 例如 **What on earth's he doing there?**。这种用法经常可以在英语口语中听到。例如:

What on earth is the matter?

How on earth did that happen?

Where on earth have I put my pen?

When on earth will the bus arrive?

Why on earth did you say that?

有时说话人用短语 **on earth** 是表示他对谈论的事或人怀有不痛快的心情。(参看第 51 讲第 III 部分)

PART IV - Exercise

请阅读下面的对话, 然后回答问题:

ANNE:

Remember that Don Lawson you introduced me to years ago? We kept in touch for a while, but I haven't heard anything of him lately.

BRIAN:

Oh, I believe he's living in Los Angeles.

ANNE:

Los Angeles? What's he doing there?

BRIAN:

He went there to study computer science. He's been there for over a year.

ANNE:

And how's he going? Do you know?

BRIAN:

Rather well, I believe. I hear he likes it there.

ANNE:

And what about his younger sister, Pat?

BRIAN:

Oh, she's doing well.

ANNE:

Ah. Where's she living?

BRIAN:

Here, in Sydney.

ANNE:

And do you know what she's doing at the moment?

BRIAN:

She's just had a baby, actually - Edward John.

ANNE:

Oh, you seem to know quite a lot about her!

BRIAN:

Well, I ought to - she's my wife.

ANNE:

Why didn't you tell me?!

QUESTIONS

1. Where's Don Lawson living at the moment?
2. How long has he been there?
3. Why did he go there?
4. How does he feel about it?
5. How is his sister, Pat, doing?
6. What's her son's name?
7. How is it that Brian knows so much about Don and Pat?
8. How did Anne first meet Don?
9. Has Anne heard from Don lately?
10. Has she been keeping in touch with him lately?

两人一起练习以上对话，还可以交替练习。练习时可以更换人名及地名。

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PART I - The Dialogue

Julia 开了一家出版公司，但大部分出版物都送到新加坡或香港去印刷，因而她经常出国。明天她将离开澳大利亚到国外去办事。今晚她和她年老的父亲共进晚餐，并向他告别。

DAD:

I wonder what you'll be doing this time tomorrow.

JULIA:

Um... I'll be on the plane somewhere between Darwin and Singapore. I'll probably be having a sleep.

DAD:

Uh, I guess I'll be watching television - as usual.

(过了一会儿)

Where will you be staying tomorrow night?

JULIA:

In Singapore. I have an appointment in Singapore the next morning, (and) in the afternoon I'll be flying on to Hong Kong.



PART II - Vocabulary

an alarm clock [ə'la:m klɒk] 闹钟

a bargain ['ba:gən] 便宜货

a business trip ['biznəs tri:p]
出差办事

a businesswoman

['biznəs wumən] 女商人

revision [rə'vi:ʒən] 复习