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Neil

Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English, I'm Neil. Feifei will be joining me in just a second. She's a little bit... sensitive, so I'm going to try to deliberately upset her – just to teach you an expression in English!

Feifei

Hi, Neil.

Neil

Oh, hi Feifei! What do you think of the new One Direction album?

Feifei

Oh, it's just great. I love it!

Neil

Really? I think it's rubbish. You must have terrible taste to like One Direction.

Feifei

Neil, that's so rude!

Neil

It's not rude – it's just a difference of opinion. Honestly, Feifei, you're such a snowflake.

Feifei

Oh, you mean beautiful and totally unique?

Neil

Err, no... I mean you melt easily. You can call someone who gets offended or upset too easily a 'snowflake'. Here are some examples.

Examples

A so-called friend of mine deleted a comment I made on his social media page just because I didn't agree with him. What a snowflake!

There are so many places you can express yourself these days, but at the same time everyone gets offended so easily. You can see why it's called 'generation snowflake'.

Feifei

上面例句里单词“**snowflake** 雪花”实际所表达的意思是“脆弱的，容易受伤的，容易生气的”。注意这个用法有诋毁他人的含义，所以在使用时要格外注意。

Neil

That's right. 'Generation snowflake' refers to young adults who are too sensitive to handle criticism of their opinions.

Feifei

有人说现代的年轻一代是“**generation snowflake** 雪花一代”。But this is pretty insulting, Neil.

Neil

It is pretty insulting, Feifei – but you're only upset because you're such a snowflake. Though, of course you're also unique and beautiful.

Feifei

Oh, I see – trying to be nice in case you offend me? Who's the snowflake now, Neil!?

Neil

Well, it's just better if we all get along, isn't it? Goodbye!

Feifei

Bye!