



- Narrator:** 欢迎来到《白领英语》节目。Anna 现在坐上了临时领导的位子，因为Paul 出了点饼干小事故。但是她和 Tom 在 Paul 的日记本中看到 'Socrates, IPC, final'。这意味着公司又有灾难将降临吗？Let's find out.
- Tom:** It's very odd and it can't be good. But Socrates must mean Mr Socrates.
- Anna:** Yes – but IPC? What's that mean?
- Tom:** Yeah and 'final' sounds very... final. Hmm... I've got it! IPC – it must be code for imminent post closures – they're going to sack us all!
- Anna:** Sshh. Keep your voice down. Don't tell everyone. Let's check things out first – don't say anything yet. OK?
- Tom:** OK. Mum's the word.
- Anna:** Your Mum knows?!
- Tom:** No, no, no, it's our little secret. See you later.
- Denise:** Everything OK Tom?
- Tom:** Oh yeah, everything's cool... actually Denise, it's not. I think we're all going to be sacked tomorrow by Mr Socrates.
- Denise:** What? No! I've got a hairdresser's appointment on Saturday, how am I going to pay for it now? What am I going to do? I know, I'll call Marge.
- Tom:** (*Calling across office*) Brian, Pete... we're all going to be sacked tomorrow.
- Narrator:** Erm... Anna, 有问题了。
- Anna:** What?
- Narrator:** Tom 在散播裁员的消息，大家都慌了。
- Anna:** Oh no! I'd better do something... but what shall I say?
- Narrator:** 赶快召集大家开个会。告诉大家他们听到的一些传言不是真的 'there are some rumours going around that are not true'. 说你正在努力寻找答案，一有消息就会通知所有人 'I am trying to establish the facts and I will let you know as soon as I have some information'. 你需要告诉大家不要到处散布谣言 'I would be grateful if you hear any rumours, not to pass them on'. 这的确是一个棘手的情况，你得好好处理。Good luck!

Anna: Gosh. This is hard but here goes... Excuse me, could everyone gather round please?

Denise: Is this about the sackings?

Anna: No Denise. Any rumours about sackings are not true.

Tom: Yeah that's right – who told you that Denise?

Denise: Hmm...

Anna: Please don't listen to rumours. I am trying to establish the facts and if I get any information I will let you know straight away.

Denise: But I heard Mr Socrates is coming tomorrow; surely he's going to sack us?

Anna: Ignore the rumours – and please don't pass them on.

Narrator: Psst Anna. 告诉他们继续照常工作 'carry on with their work as normal'.

Anna: Right, yes... could you please just carry on with your work as normal. Thank you.

Tom: So Anna, how are you going to find out the facts?

Anna: I'm going to have to call Paul – in private Tom – I don't want any more rumours getting out.

Tom: Oh yeah, yeah, absolutely. You need to establish the facts, right?

(Door shuts and Anna calls Paul)

Paul: Hello, Paul speaking.

Anna: Oh hi Paul. It's Anna. Sorry to bother you. Are you feeling better?

Paul: Much better thanks – but keeping clear of biscuits for a while! Anyway, is everything OK?

Anna: Not exactly. There are rumours spreading about job cuts. Tom saw a note in your diary for tomorrow that said 'Socrates, IPC, final'.

Paul: Hmm. Really? Oh yes! I mean, oh no! It's not job cuts – it's IPC - the International Plastics Convention tomorrow! And Mr Socrates is flying in for it. Oh golly gosh, I'd forgotten about that.

Anna: I see – and why did you write final?

Paul: Because there's an award being given for the Best Plastic Innovation – and we're in the final with our Imperial Lemon. It was a reminder to me to write an acceptance speech. Oh golly gosh, I haven't written a thing.

Anna: Oh dear. What are we going to do?

Narrator: 是啊，这可怎么办呢？还好裁员的传言不是真的。明天对 Tip Top 公司来说是很重要的一天。以下是 Anna 为了控制谣言散布时所用的语言：

There are some rumours going around that are not true.

Please don't listen to rumours.

I am trying to establish the facts and if I get any information I will let you know straight away.

Ignore the rumours and please don't pass them on.

Please just carry on with your work as normal. Thank you.

Narrator: 明天的国际塑料大会对公司来说是非常重要。Mr Socrates 也要从美国飞来参加。公司说不一定能得个大奖。不过谁来写这个演讲稿呢？

Paul: OK Anna, this calls for some urgent action. I want you and Tom to meet me at the Princess Diana Conference Centre tomorrow at 9.00.

Anna: Right. And what about the speech?

Paul: *(Making excuses)* Well, I've got quite a lot on my plate so I was wondering if you could give it a go... please?

Anna: Me?! I've never done it before. What am I going to say?!

Narrator: 别着急！我们会尽量得帮你的。Anna 能写出一份漂亮的演讲稿吗？我们下次节目就能知道了。我们下会再见！

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