## **BBC LEARNING ENGLISH**

# Question and Answer of the Week 你问我答 No more 和 no longer 的区别是什么?



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#### **Beth**

Hello and welcome to Question and Answer of the Week. I'm Beth.

## **Jiaying**

And I'm Jiaying. 本期节目要回答的问题来自一位网友,问题如下:

#### Question

请问 "no more"和 "no longer"有什么区别?

## **Jiaying**

谢谢你的问题。问题中的这两个固定搭配虽然都包含"no",但它们的具体含义和用法几乎完全不同。

#### **Beth**

We're going to look at the meaning and use of each phrase and will give you some examples!

#### **Jiaying**

好的,先来讲"no more"。

#### Beth

'No more' is used before nouns to talk about quantity or degree.

#### **Jiaying**

"No more"可以用在名词前,表示事物"一点也不剩"。

## **Examples**

There are no more biscuits.

(没有饼干了。)

There is no more milk.

(没有牛奶了。)

## **Jiaying**

在这两个例句中,"no more"的意思都是"没有",也就是"饼干和牛奶的量均为零": no more biscuits; no more milk。

我们接着来讲"no longer"。

#### Beth

'No longer' is used to show actions or situations stopping.

## **Jiaying**

"No longer"用来描述"动作或情况不再持续",也就是"停止了",它作副词使用,所以应放在主动词前。如果主动词是"be"动词,"no longer"则跟在后面。听两个例句。

## **Examples**

Lina no longer lives here.

(莉娜已经不住在这里了。)

They are no longer in a relationship.

(他们不再交往了。)

## **Jiaying**

在这两个例句中,"no longer"都表示"不再持续进行"。

#### Beth

'No longer' can sound quite formal. So, to make it sound more natural or less formal, we can make the main verb negative and use 'any more' instead of 'no longer'.

#### **Jiaying**

是的,固定搭配"no longer"比较正式,和"no longer"意思相同,但没它那么正式的搭配"any more"在日常交流中的使用频率也很高。用"any more"表示"不再…"的时候,谓语动词要变否定式。还要注意:"anymore"既可以写成一个词,也可以写成两个词"any more",而且要放在句尾。

## **Examples**

Lina doesn't live here anymore.

(莉娜已经不住在这里了。)

They aren't in a relationship any more.

(他们已经不再交往了。)

#### Beth

There is one situation where 'no more' and 'no longer' can be used interchangeably, and this is when it's used for the actual length of time or a measurement.

## **Jiaying**

"No more"和"no longer"只有在用来限定时间或尺寸时,可以互换使用,也就是 "be no more than"、 "be no longer than", 意思是 "不多于..., 不超过...", 后面接具体的时间或数字。听两组例句,句中分别用了"no more"和"no longer", 每组中两句话的意思完全相同。

## **Examples**

The rope should be no more than two metres. The rope should be no longer than two metres. (绳子不应超过两米。)

We'll be out no more than two hours. We'll be out no longer than two hours. (我们外出不超过两个小时。)

## **Jiaying**

好了,总结一下: "no more"用来谈论事物"一点也不剩"。"No longer"用来 谈论"动作或情况不再进行",用法较为正式。有一种情况下, "no more"和"no longer"可以互换,即在用来限定"(时间或尺寸)不超过...、不多于..."的时候。 So, hopefully you need 'no more' explanations or examples with these phrases!

#### Beth

That's right. We hope you'll 'no longer' be confused about how to use them!

If you have a question about the English language you'd like to ask us, please send us an email. Our email address is: questions.chinaelt@bbc.co.uk

## **Jiaying**

你也可以通过微博向我们提问。我们的微博账号是"BBC 英语教学"。Bye, everyone.

#### Beth

Bye!