塞翁失马焉知非福

Blessing in Disguise

Story behind this proverb to make sense of it:

An old man's horse runs away from him. His neighbors say: 'What bad luck'. The old man says: 'maybe'. A few days later the horse returns, but alongside a few wild horses. His neighbors say: 'What good luck. You now own more horses. The old man says: 'maybe'. His son rides one of the horses but falls and breaks his leg. His neighbors say: 'Horrible luck'. The old man says: 'maybe'. All able young men are drafted to fight in war a couple days later; naturally, his son is spared from the draft. His neighbors say: 'amazing luck' The old man says: 'maybe'.



有缘千里来相会。

(Yǒuyuán qiānlǐ lái xiānghuì

Fate brings people together from far apart

This proverb espouses that human relationships are decreed by fate



患难见真情

(Huànnàn jiàn zhēnqíng / 'Hardship see true situation'

— In hardship, we see true friendship.

• Similar to: "A friend in need is a friend indeed."





广交友, 无深交

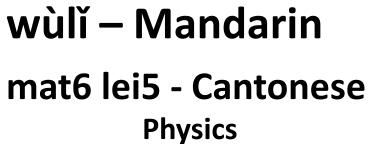
(Guǎng jiāoyǒu, wú shēnjiāo / 'widely make friends, no deep friendship')

Similar to: "A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody.













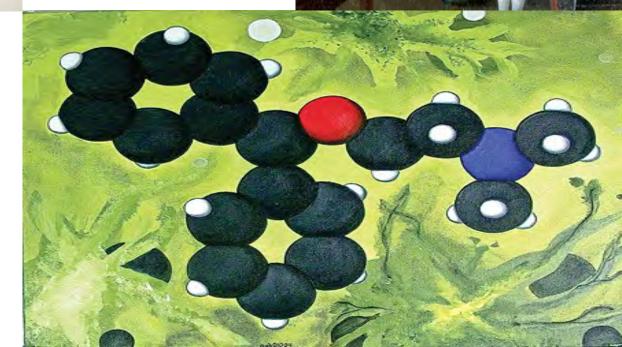
















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Thursday 23 June lunchtime in the aula:

Kahoot and Chinese snacks





