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Feifei

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak from BBC Learning English. I'm Feifei...

Neil

And I'm Neil. Hang on a minute, Feifei. Your champagne and caviar will be arriving in just a minute.

Feifei

Champagne and caviar? But we're recording a programme.

Neil

Yes, and when we're finished, your Rolls Royce will be arriving to take you back to the palace.

Feifei

Rolls Royce? Palace? Are you OK?

Neil

Oh would you prefer a limousine?

Feifei

Right, Neil. What's going on?

Neil

I'm giving you the royal treatment.

Feifei

Ah, I see. To 'give someone the royal treatment' means to behave towards them as if they are very important.

Neil

Exactly. It means to treat someone in the way a member of a royal family would expect. Now let's hear some examples of this expression in use.

Examples

I met my boyfriend's parents for the first time last week and they gave me the royal treatment. We went out for a beautiful meal and then the theatre afterwards.

You get the royal treatment when you book hospitality tickets in the Premier League. Free food and drinks and an amazing view of the match.

I can't stand the new boss. He really expects the royal treatment from everyone. He's not THAT important.

Feifei

You're listening to The English We Speak from BBC Learning English. In this programme, we're marking Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee – that's 70 years as British monarch – with a royal expression.

Neil

If you 'give someone the royal treatment', you treat them very well – as if they were a king or a queen.

Feifei

Exactly. So, Neil, where's the champagne and caviar?

Neil

What champagne and caviar?

Feifei

That you promised at the start of the programme.

Neil

Oh, I just made that up – in order to teach our listeners a useful expression.

Feifei

So, I guess I'll be getting the train home as usual.

Neil

Sorry – no royal treatment for you today.
Bye!

Feifei

Bye.

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