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Don't mind me!



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Jiaying

Hello. Welcome to The English We Speak,
with me Jiaying...

Neil

... and me... Neil...

Jiaying

Neil, what are you doing?

Neil

Oh, don't mind me – I'm just doing some
useful chores while I'm in the studio.

Jiaying

Neil, I *do* mind.

Neil

Well, don't mind – just ignore me – that's what I mean.

Jiaying

That's not easy – but I get it. When someone says 'don't mind me', they mean 'ignore me', 'don't let me interrupt you'. So, you don't want to interrupt me – but it's very distracting.

Neil

Sorry. I'll just finish them off while we hear some more examples of 'don't mind me'...

Examples

Don't mind me – I've just come back to get the books I left on the table.

Please don't mind me – I've got to eat this sandwich during the meeting because I haven't had time for lunch.

I've just got to fix this light, so don't mind me.

Jiaying

You're listening to The English We Speak from BBC Learning English. Today, we're hearing about the phrase 'don't mind me', which people say to mean 'please continue, don't let me interrupt you.' But, unfortunately, Neil, clipping your

fingernails in the studio has interrupted me. I can't concentrate.

Neil

I've finished now. But... don't mind me if I start on my toenails now – I just need to remove my socks.

Jiaying

Oh no! Neil, don't mind me if I go now – this is too much!

Neil

Where are you going?

Jiaying

To get some fresh air – and a cup of coffee, just for me.

Neil

Oh, don't mind me – I'm only your co-presenter and lifelong friend!

Jiaying

Bye, Neil.

Neil

Bye – now back to my toenails....

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