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Jiaying

Hello. Welcome to The English We Speak.
I'm Jiaying.

Neil

...and hello, I'm Neil.

Jiaying

Hey, Neil, have you heard what Roy has
planned for our Christmas party this year?

Neil

Oh no, not axe throwing again!?

Jiaying

Maybe not. We did it last year. This year we're doing karaoke at our Christmas party. Roy is already practising singing some songs by Ariana Grande!

Neil

I do not like the sound of that!

Jiaying

What's wrong? Do you not like the sound of Roy's singing?

Neil

No! I mean, I don't like the idea of doing karaoke. When you 'don't like the sound of something' it means you don't like

something you have been told or read about.

Jiaying

I've got it. Well, hopefully, Neil, you'll like the sound of these examples!

Examples

We've been told to start work an hour earlier – I do not like the sound of that.

I don't like the sound of that new shopping centre – it's going to increase the amount of traffic around here.

I didn't like the sound of Enrique's camping trip – it involved walking ten kilometres with our tents!

Jiaying

This is The English We Speak from BBC Learning English and we're hearing about the expression 'not like the sound of something', which means you don't like something you have been told or read about. So, Neil, why don't you like the sound of doing karaoke?

Neil

I can't sing.

Jiaying

Don't be boring – it could be fun! Maybe you could do a duet with Roy?

Neil

I definitely don't like the sound of that!

Jiaying

Hmm, it's impossible to please everyone at the Christmas party. Maybe we should just have a meal together and talk to each other?

Neil

Now, I *do* like the sound of that. Right I'm off...

Jiaying

Where are you going?

Neil

To book that table at the restaurant. Bye.

Jiaying

Bye, Neil.

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