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- Jen:** Hello, I'm Jennifer. Welcome to Authentic Real English. I'm joined today by Li. Hi Li!
- Li:** Hi Jen!
- Jen:** I thought that Neil was supposed to be joining me today - where is he?
- Li:** Oh Jen, 你不知道啊? Neil 生病了, 而且是重病呢。I heard the boss saying he has man flu!
- Jen:** Man flu! That's probably correct.
- Li:** 这个男性流感是不是很容易传染啊? 我们是不是应该把办公桌都消毒一下?
- Jen:** I think we'll be OK, Li.
- Li:** No... I think that we should all go to the doctor's to see if we can get an immunisation.
- Jen:** I really wouldn't worry too much about it.
- Li:** But Jen, you should take this more seriously! 所有的流感都很危险, 不能掉以轻心, 传染上了, 可能会病上好几个星期呢!
- Jen:** Well, proper flu can, yes. Flu is short for influenza, which is a very infectious virus. It can cause fever, headaches, coughing... And some strains, or types of flu, can cause death!
- Li:** 流行性感冒 influenza, 简称流感 flu. 症状包括发烧, 头痛, 咳嗽, 甚至死亡! I don't want Neil to die. Should we send him some flowers?
- Jen:** Hold on a second. Neil won't die. Man flu is a bit different to normal flu. In fact, it's not even a real virus.
- Li:** So what is man flu, then?
- Jen:** In English, when a man gets a minor cold or perhaps a sore throat, many women refer to it as man flu.

- Li:** 当一个男人得了小感冒或喉咙痛，人们说这是男性流感。Why?
- Jen:** Well, lots of men tend to exaggerate their symptoms when they have a minor illness; in other words, they make it sound worse than it is.
- Li:** I see! 原来老板告诉我 Neil 得了男性感冒的时候，她的意思是说 Neil 其实是小感冒，但夸大了他的病症。
- Jen:** That's right!
- Li:** Well, I want to talk to him. 我得给他打电话，这么点儿小毛病就不想上班了，那像什么话？
- Jen:** Oh dear...
- Phone rings*
- Li:** Hello Neil, yes, I've heard you're very sick... Yes, yes, it's terrible. I just wanted to let you know that we're having a party in the office tonight, and I'm going to bring some lovely food and cakes for everyone. It's a shame you can't come because you're too sick... Oh really... OK then!
- Li puts phone down*
- Li:** 他说他一会儿就来上班。
- Jen:** Why did you tell him we're having a party?
- Li:** I thought if I told him there was going to be food and cakes that he might decide to come into work, after all!
- Jen:** Wow Li, I think you've found a cure for man flu - cake!
- Li:** 那就叫我莉医生吧 Doctor Li. Sounds good!
- Jen:** Join us again for another edition of Authentic Real English from www.bbcukchina.com. Bye for now!
- Li:** Bye!