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### *An Incident to Remember*

#### 值得謹記的事件

David Dao was a doctor from Kentucky. He boarded a United Airlines flight on April 9, 2017 at the O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. Little did he know that he would soon be dragged off the plane. After getting on the plane, Dao sat down in the seat that he had already paid for. Shortly after this, an announcement was made saying that the flight had been **overbooked**, and a few passengers would have to get off. When no one **volunteered**, random names were chosen. Dao was one of four passengers who were asked to leave, and while the three other passengers got off, Dao didn't. He refused to give his seat up. Police officers then pulled him out of his chair and tried to remove him. Dao became bloody in the process, and several of the other passengers started gasping and screaming.



David Dao是肯塔基州的一名醫生。2017年4月9日他在芝加哥歐海爾國際機場搭上美國聯航的航班。他不知道，他將很快被拖下飛機。上了飛機後，Dao坐在他已付費的座位上。不久之後，有人宣佈航班被超額預訂，少數乘客必須下機。沒人自願時，名字會隨機選擇。Dao是被要求離開的四名乘客之一，另外三名乘客下機時但Dao並沒有。他拒絕放棄座位。員警隨後把他拉出椅子，試圖把他移開。Dao在這個過程中鮮血淋漓，其他幾個乘客也開始驚聲尖叫。

The **incident** was recorded on video and it went viral. Oscar Munoz, the CEO of United Airlines, offered a **controversial** apology that many members of the public disagreed with. Dao later **revealed** that he hadn't given up his seat because he was a doctor who had **patients** to see that night. It was one of the biggest **corporate** mess-ups of 2017. Days later Munoz offered a more heartfelt apology, but the damage had already been done.



該事件被錄成影片，並大量流傳。聯合航空公司執行總裁Oscar Munoz給了一個公眾無法同意而引起爭議的道歉。Dao後來透露，他之所以沒有放棄座位是因為他是一名當晚要給病人看病的醫生。這是2017年度，公司企業處理不當的大宗事件其中一件。幾天後，Munoz更誠心地再道歉一次，但傷害已經造成。

## **Vocabulary 好字精選**

1. overbook (v) to accept more reservations for than there is room for 超額預訂

Many people were inconvenienced because the flight had been overbooked.

許多人因為飛行超額預訂而感到不便。

2. volunteer (v) to freely offer to do something 自願

I often volunteer to help out at the animal shelter.

我經常自願到動物收容所幫忙。

3. incident (n) an event or occurrence 事件

The incident was reported in the newspaper.

該事件被報導在報紙上。

4. controversial (adj.) likely to cause public disagreement 有爭議的

The celebrity's remarks about black people were very controversial.

該名人對黑人的評論頗受爭議。

5. reveal (v) to make (previously unknown information) known to others 透露，洩漏

Kyle didn't want to reveal what he knew.

Kyle 不想透露他所知道的。

6. patient (n) a person receiving medical treatment 病人

Dr. Stevens didn't have many patients to treat that day.

Stevens 醫生那天沒有很多病人要治療。

7. corporate (adj.) relating to a corporation 公司的，企業的

Mr. Clark is a corporate executive.

Clark 先生是一位公司主管。

## **Phrases and Sentence Patterns 句型解析**

1. little did + pronoun + know that (idiom) used in a slightly dramatic sense to show that a vital piece of information wasn't available to someone (人) 不知道... (否定字放句首的倒裝句) 句型: 『否定字 + 助動詞/Be 動詞 + S + 原型動詞...』

The boy grabbed his basketball and headed toward the door to go outside. Little did he know that it was raining.

男孩抓住籃球，朝門外走去。他不知道下雨了。

2. give (something) up (phrasal verb) to yield control or possession of (something) 放棄控制或佔有 (某物)

Joe gave his place in line up to go to the bathroom.

Joe 放棄了他排隊的位置去洗手間。

3. go viral (phrasal verb) (of an image, video, or story) to spread quickly and widely on the internet 大量流傳

I think Sarah's dancing video could go viral!

我認為 Sarah 的舞蹈影片可能會大量流傳！

4. the damage + be + done (phrase) used to show that it's too late to prevent the occurrence of something undesirable 傷害已造成

Tina caught Dan cheating on her with another woman, and although Dan tried to explain, the damage had been done.

Tina 抓到 Dan 跟另一個女人出軌，雖然 Dan 試圖解釋，但傷害已經造成。



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### *Universities with No Majors*

#### 沒有主修科系的大學

Imagine going to a university that didn't offer any **majors**. Talk about a crazy idea! Many Taiwanese students apply to certain departments in their universities, and some students choose their majors. In most American universities students select their majors, but a few schools are now offering students the chance to *create* their majors.

想像你去一間大學但卻沒有任何主修科系。來談談一個瘋狂的想法！許多台灣學生去申請特定的大學系所，有些學生選擇主修。大部分的美國大學生也要選擇主修科系，但現在有些學校提供學生們機會來自訂自己的主修。



Instead of focusing on a **specific** area of study like law or mathematics, students can create a major that is connected with their own interests. James Madison University is one school that allows students to make their own majors. Sarah Lawrence College, which is located near New York City, doesn't have any traditional majors at all. Students just talk about their study plans with **advisers** who help them choose **courses**.

學生們不用像法律或數學一樣專攻某一門特定研究領域，他們可以自訂一個與自身興趣相關的主修科系。James Madison 大學是一間允許學生自己排訂主修課程的大學。紐約市附近的 Sarah Lawrence 大學也完全沒有傳統的主修科系。學生們只需和協助選課的指導教授討論課表就好。



One advantage of this method of study is that students often become more excited about learning. They can focus more on their work if they are more interested. Another advantage is that students may become more **independent**. Their paths aren't

chosen for them; they must figure out what they want to do.

這種方法的好處是學生通常會對學習更有衝勁。假如是他們有興趣的課業，學生就會更專注。另一個好處是學生可能會變得更獨立。他們不用按照被安排好的人生道路；他們只要理清自己想做的是什麼就好。

## **Vocabulary 好字精選**

1. major (n) a field of study chosen by a university student [美] (大學中的) 主修科目

Her major was English. 她的主修科系是英文。

2. department (n) one of the sections of a school or college dealing with a certain field of knowledge (大學的) 系

Mike took some of the classes offered by the department of computer science.

Mike 選修了一些電腦科學系的課。

3. specific (adj.) particular 特殊的，特定的

Each country's flag has its own specific colors.

每個國家的國旗都有著它們自己獨特的顏色。

4. adviser (n) a teacher responsible for advising students on academic matters [美] (指導大學新生學科問題等的) 指導教授

University students are each assigned an academic adviser.

每一個大學生都被分配到一位大學指導教授。

5. course (n) a series of lessons that make up a unit in an educational curriculum 課程，科目

Starting on Monday, students can sign up for the courses they want to take this semester.

從星期一開始，學生們可以報名他們這學期想要選修的課程。

6. independent (adj.) not depending on others 獨立的

You can't rely on your parents all the time. You need to be more independent!

你不可以總是依賴你的父母親。你需要更加獨立！

## **Phrases and Sentence Patterns 句型解析**

1. talk about (phrase) used informally to add emphasis to a statement (非正式) 加強語氣用

I randomly met my college friend while I was on vacation in Africa. Talk about a small world!

我在非洲度假時碰巧遇到了我的大學朋友。世界真小阿！

2. Many + clause, + and some + clause. (sentence pattern) 許多...，還有些...

Many international students at this university choose to study business, and some choose to study medicine.

這間大學許多國際學生都選修商業學，也有一些人選讀醫學。

3. figure out (phrasal verb) to determine [美][口] 想出，理解，明白

Dr. Smith couldn't figure out what the patient was talking about.

Smith 醫生無法理解這些病患所在說什麼。



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