

Episode9

文化解析

Expressing Emotions

- A: This is an interesting dialogue as Cooper displays a range of emotions while talking to Nana. Cooper starts out at an emotional low. But he manages to change the topic of conversation and improve his mood.
- B: Cooper is depressed because he thinks Nana and Dean are seeing each other. He speaks in a low-pitched voice, and his sound is weak. He has to force himself to lighten up. His conversation with Nana is empty and meaningless. He tries to hide his disappointment.
- A: But then Nana mentions the bookstore. Cooper sees an opportunity to shift the topic of the conversation. Cooper takes the word “bookstore” and introduces it to a new context. They start to talk about Nana’s family members and her plans to buy a book. The topic is more interesting now.
- B: Cooper’s mood improves. He starts to smile.
- A: Nana then says that studying Chinese is important.
- B: Cooper sees another opportunity to shift the topic of conversation. He offers to help Nana with her Chinese. Cooper’s mood further improves.
- A: Yes, Cooper volunteers to help get Nana more information about admission into his department.

B: Toward the end of the dialogue, Cooper says, “I’ll keep you posted.”
With that, he gives himself an opportunity to meet with Nana again,
and perhaps impress Nana with his helpfulness.

A: Yes, Cooper does see a ray of hope. He’s upbeat (心情愉快) .

