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**Suppose 设想/应该**

Yang Li: Hello everyone. Welcome to Question and Answer of the Week from BBC Learning English. 我是杨莉，大家好。今天的《你问我答》将介绍 **suppose** 这个词的几个主要用法，问题来自中国的 Tony.

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*Can you tell me how to use the word "suppose" as I often hear people use it?*  
--Tony

Yang Li: **Suppose** 这个词的拼写是 **s-u-p-p-o-s-e** **suppose**. 首先我们来看看这个词的第一个词意，就是设想，推测 **to think, believe or assume that something is true or probable**.

Yang Li: **What makes you suppose that I am against it?** 什么原因让你觉得我对此是反对的？这里的 **suppose** 是认为。**What makes you think that I am against it?** 下面请听一段对话：

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*A: Do you think Mandy will invite us again for her New Year party?*  
*B: I suppose so. She seemed to have enjoyed our company last year.*

Yang Li: 你觉得 **Mandy** 还会邀请我们参加新年聚会吗？对方说，我想是的 **I suppose so**. 表示一种推测 **I think so**. 再听一段对话。

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*A: Did you have a good journey?*  
*B: The train was rather too crowded for a comfortable journey I'm afraid. But I suppose that's quite normal during rush hour, isn't it?*

Yang Li: 这里的 **I suppose** 也是一种推测，注意这个词稍稍含有一点不十分肯定的语气，我觉得。

Yang Li: **Suppose** 还可以用来表示一种虚拟的设想 **to pretend that something is true**. 比如说，假设你有百万英镑的话，你会怎么花这笔呢？**Suppose you had a million**

pounds what would you do with it? 设想你出国深造了，你还会和他结婚吗？  
Suppose you went abroad to study would you still marry him?

Yang Li: 下面我们来看看 **suppose** 一词的第三个用法。作为一个固定短语 **to be supposed to do something** 意思是份内职责。

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*B: What for?*

*A: For strengthening diplomacy.*

*B: Ridiculous. Isn't that what he is supposed to do?*

Yang Li: 美国新总统奥巴马以其加强外交的努力获得世界诺贝尔和平奖，对此这有人认这很可笑，**it's ridiculous**。难道这不是一位总统的份内职责吗？**Isn't that what he is supposed to do? To be supposed to do** 应该做的。**Am I supposed to?** 翻译成汉语就是我应该如何，不过含有一种职责和期待，也就是说，外界期待我如何如何。

Yang Li: 现在我想请大家一起来思考这句话：我应该帮助她吗？**Should I help her? Am I supposed to help her?** 你能体味出这两句话的不同吗？**Should I help her?** 是说话的人在问自己，要不要帮她？而 **am I supposed to help her?** 这明显是问别人，从我的职责上说，是不是我要帮助她呢？**See the difference? Now let's listen to one more example.**

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*A: Are you going to wear this pair of old jeans to Helen's party?*

*B: Am I supposed to wear something formal? Why didn't you tell me?*

Yang Li: 这句话里的 **am I supposed to wear something formal** 表示说话人不清楚是不是别人期待他穿正装？

Yang Li: 好我来总结一下，**suppose** 基本意思是设想，应该，不过还经常用在 **to be supposed to** 这个固定短语中，意思是期待中应该做什么或职责中应该做什么。好希望 **Tony** 和其它听众朋友有所收获。谢谢大家，下面我听大家把所有示范例句听一遍，练习听力，加深印象。**Now the last and final chance to listen to all the examples. Good luck and see you next time.**

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