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Authentic Real English: Green Shoots 复苏迹象

- Diarmuid:** Hello everybody and welcome to Authentic Real English from the BBC with me, Diarmuid.
- Feifei:** And me Feifei.
- Diarmuid:** So what are we talking about today then Feifei?
- Feifei:** Our phrase today is one that has been used a lot in the media recently and is related to the economic problems the world has seen over the last year or so.
- Diarmuid:** Oh that's so depressing.
- Feifei:** Depressing 令人沮丧的。Why do you think that is so depressing?
- Diarmuid:** Well we have done so many words and phrases connected to the economy lately. Words like credit crunch.
- Feifei:** 信贷危机。
- Diarmuid:** Economic crisis.
- Feifei:** 金融危机。
- Diarmuid:** Recession.
- Feifei:** 经济衰退。
- Diarmuid:** And unemployment.
- Feifei:** 失业。I see what you mean. All of those words are very depressing.
- Diarmuid:** And pessimistic.
- Feifei:** 悲观的。In that case I have some good news for you because today's phrase is all about an optimistic 乐观的 view of the economy.
- Diarmuid:** I'm intrigued, Feifei. Tell me more.
- Feifei:** Today's phrase is green shoots. Green as in the colour green. And shoots. S.H.O.O.T.S. Green shoots.

- Diarmuid:** Green shoots. Why is that optimistic?
- Feifei:** It's to do with the meaning of shoots. Shoots 有发芽的意思。
- Diarmuid:** So in this case shoots are the first little green leaves that come out of the ground when a plant is beginning to grow.
- Feifei:** Yes, like in the beginning of spring when plants recover from winter.
- Diarmuid:** But how does that relate to the economy.
- Feifei:** The complete phrase is the green shoots of recovery 复苏迹象。就是说经济复苏的一点点迹象。

Example

Newsreader: The Minister of Finance said today that the first green shoots of recovery were beginning to be seen in the country's economy.

- Diarmuid:** So green shoots are signs that something, like an economy for example, is beginning to improve after a difficult time?
- Feifei:** You got it. 好了，今天的节目就到这里。欢迎随时登陆 www.bbcukchina.com 收听更多英语教学节目。
- Diarmuid:** Perhaps you will see the green shoots of your English level start to grow.
- Feifei:** Bye.
- Diarmuid:** Bye.