

## Summary

Rob's making some bold claims that Feifei can't taking seriously. Has he really got some good news or is he just telling outrageous lies? Luckily Feifei has a phrase that can describe his actions. Learn all about it in this programme.

## Transcript

### Feifei

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Feifei and joining me today is Rob.

### Rob

Hi everyone. Ah Feifei, what a lovely day it is today.

### Feifei

What? It's raining. You seem to be in a good mood.

### Rob

Yes. I've done all my work and the boss has given me the rest of the day off... so I'm off. Bye.

### Feifei

Hold on Rob! Could you at least stay and present this programme?

### Rob

Oh OK then. I suppose there's no rush to go shopping and spend the bonus he's given me is there?

### Feifei

Oh come on Rob. This doesn't sound like our boss. You're telling me a barefaced lie.

### Rob

Barefaced? No no, this really is my hairy face – look!

### Feifei

No – the word 'barefaced' can literally mean 'having no beard' but we also use the word to mean 'without any disguise' or 'being deliberately bold and shameless'. So Rob is a 'barefaced liar' because he's obviously telling a lie without any embarrassment. Sorry Rob, I think you're lying but let's hear some more examples of this phrase...

## Examples

The company's claim that profits had jumped by ten per cent was obviously a barefaced lie.

John was at the pub last night bragging about his goal-scoring again – but we all know he's a barefaced liar.

**Feifei**

Someone being barefaced means doing something without shame, and Rob – you are being a deliberate and outrageous liar aren't you?

**Rob**

Oh well, yes, I suppose so - I was doing it to show you how great I am.

**Feifei**

Well it didn't work – and I'm going to show you my 'bear' face now.

[BEAR ROAR FX]

**Rob**

Wow that's a real 'bear' face but at least you haven't got a beard – although if you did have one, maybe you'd look less... fat?

**Feifei**

Huh! Barefaced cheek!

**Rob**

Time to go I think. Bye.

**Feifei**

Bye.