



The Empty Fort Strategy

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One entertaining **event** from Romance of the Three Kingdoms occurs when Zhuge Liang **was going to** be **attacked** by the Wei army at Xicheng. Liang had few soldiers to **defend** the city. His attacker, Sima Yi, on the other hand, had many soldiers. When Yi arrived, Liang was **calmly** playing music on his zither, and the city gates were wide open. Instead of attacking, Yi thought it was a **trap**, so he **retreated**. Liang's trick became known as "The Empty Fort Strategy."

This strategy **depends** on psychology. When the attacker sees a city with no defenders, he thinks, "My **enemy** is smart. A smart general should defend his city, but he isn't, so... it must be a trick by my smart enemy! He wants me to go in! No! I won't attack! I'll run away!" Of course, it is a trick—a trick designed to make the attacker run away!

一、實用文法

過去未來式「**was/were going to + 動詞**」表示「**本來要做什麼事**」。

二、小試身手

用「**was/were going to + 動詞**」並從單字庫中選出最合適的單字完成句子。

單字庫 Word box		
take	pick	close
cook	dance	reach

- I _____, but someone turned the music off.
- The restaurant _____, but it stayed open so I could eat lunch.
- They _____ a picture of the movie star, but she jumped in a car and drove away.

閱讀能力測驗

- What is the main idea of the article?
A. A way to defend a city
B. A special type of psychology
C. A trick used by psychologists
- Which of the following did NOT happen at Xicheng?
A. The Wei army retreated.
B. Sima Yi played some music.
C. Soldiers were not guarding the gates.
- Why is the Empty Fort Strategy called a "trick"?
A. Because it uses magic to defend a city.
B. Because it is very difficult to understand.
C. Because it gives an attacker a wrong idea.

空城計

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在三國演義中，一個很有娛樂性的事件發生在西城，諸葛亮被魏國大軍攻擊時。諸葛亮只有少數士兵防衛城鎮，但他的對手司馬懿卻有為數眾多的士兵。當司馬懿到達時，諸葛亮很冷靜地彈奏他的古箏，並且大開城門。司馬懿認為這是一個陷阱，因此不願進攻選擇撤退。諸葛亮的計謀成為眾所皆知的「空城計」。

這個計謀取決於心理學。當進攻方看到一座沒有防守方的城鎮時，他會覺得：「我的對手很聰明，一位聰明的將領應該要防守他的城鎮，但是他沒有這麼做，所以……這一定是我那聰明對手的計謀！他想要我進城！不！我不打了！我要逃離這裡！」當然，這是一個計謀，一個設計來讓攻擊方逃離的計謀！

國中2000字

event 事件
attack 攻擊
calm 冷靜
trap 陷阱
depend 依賴
enemy 敵人

補充單字

defend
防守
retreat
撤退

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