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- Finn:** Hello Feifei. Welcome back to the office.
- Feifei:** Hi Finn. Back to work!
- Finn:** How was your holiday? You look great.
- Feifei:** Fantastic, thanks! 整个假期我天天都躺在沙滩上休息...
- Finn:** Nice...
- Feifei:** Yeah, just relaxing, swimming, reading novels, eating fresh seafood, and my favourite new thing: playing beach volleyball!
- Finn:** Cool – you must have had a ball!
- Feifei:** Of course we had a ball. We were playing volleyball!! You can't play volleyball without... a ball.
- Finn:** You're right, you do need a ball – but you see I meant...
- Feifei:** I know what you meant, just kidding! To 'have a ball' 这个短语的意思是尽情享乐, 无限狂欢。
- Finn:** Yes, well did you? Have a good time?
- Feifei:** We had... a ball!
- Finn:** Listen to these other people who had... a ball.

### **Examples**

*We went to my sister's wedding at the weekend. Everyone had a ball – it was so much fun.*

*I had a ball at the party. So many of my friends were there and the music was great.*

**Feifei:** Of course we don't always use it to talk about things in the past.

**Finn:** Yes, listen out for people 'having a ball', like this one:

### **Examples**

*I'm having a ball in my new job. It's so much better than my old one.*

**Feifei:** Or you can combine with 'will' when talking about the future.

### **Examples**

*A: I'm not sure about joining the singing class.*

*B: Of course you should join – you'll have a ball!*

**Finn:** Anyway Feifei, it's good to have you back.

**Feifei:** Good to be back.

**Finn:** We're having a ball.

**Feifei:** I know, it's fun to be in the studio again.

**Finn:** No, we're really having a ball.

**Feifei:** Eh?

**Finn:** Yes, BBC Learning English is holding a ball – a formal party where people come and dance - tonight.

**Feifei:** Oh, that kind of ball 舞会 – our ball! I'd completely forgotten! I'm playing volleyball tonight.

**Finn:** Well, I'm sure you'll have a ball whatever you do!

**Feifei:** Haha – yes, well you have a ball, at the ball!

**Finn:** Very good. For more English phrases, log on to [bbcukchina.com](http://bbcukchina.com). Bye.

**Feifei:** See ya.