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**Mind-Boggling 难以置信的**

**Feifei:** 大家好，欢迎收听地道英语节目，我是冯菲菲。

**William:** And I'm William.

**Feifei:** William, how much do you know about China?

**William:** Er... Not much. Why are you asking?

**Feifei:** 我今天读报纸的时候，看到一个有关中国的小测验。

**William:** Oh no, not quizzes, I'm rubbish at quizzes.

**Feifei:** Let's see. Here is the first one – 中国的首都是哪儿？

**William:** Ah, well. That's easy, Beijing.

**Feifei:** 回答正确！中国哪里的菜肴是以麻辣出名的？

**William:** Em, I think Sichuan food is quite spicy.

**Feifei:** See, you are doing well! How about this one – 汉字里一共有多少个字？这道题有点难度。

**William:** Em, 5,000?

**Feifei:** No. Try again.

**William:** 7,000?

**Feifei:** No. Roughly 42,000.

**William:** Wow, that's amazing. I didn't know it was that many. How can people possibly learn them all? I just think that's totally mind-boggling!

**Feifei:** Mind-boggling, 这个短语是什么意思？

**William:** Mind-boggling means something overwhelming and amazing, like really impressive numbers or facts.

**Feifei:** 知道了, **mind-boggling** 就是说一件令人吃惊的、非常难以置信的事情。比方说一个巨大的数字。

**William:** It's made up of two words: mind and to boggle. Let's hear an example.

**Example:**

*Woman 1: I took my son to the Science Museum on Sunday.*

*Woman 2: Did you go to the space mission area?*

*Woman 1: Oh yes. There were rockets, space suits, even parts from a satellite - so many mind-boggling things to see.*

**Feifei:** 我对宇宙一向都很感兴趣, 不过里面的学问真的是太深奥了。

**William:** Well, astronomy, the study of stars, has lots of mind-boggling theories.

**Example:**

*Man: I was at a physics workshop last month in Munich. There were seminars on black holes and antimatter. It was totally mind-boggling stuff; I think I might have understood about five percent of what was discussed.*

**Feifei:** 我想大家现在知道 **mind-boggling** 这个短语的意思和用法了吧。其实就是用来形容那些令人难以置信的事实。And here is one final mind-boggling question – How many stars are there in the Milky Way?

**William:** Er, is it 42,000 again?

**Feifei:** No, no! Some people say there are over 200 billion stars in the Milky Way but no one knows for sure.

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**William:** Bye.

