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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## Authentic Real English 道地英語

### Willy-nilly

### 亂七八糟，毫無章法

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#### Feifei

Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English. 這裡是 BBC 英語教學的“道地英語”節目。我是馮菲菲。

#### Roy

And me, Roy. Feifei, you look really angry. What's wrong?

#### Feifei

Well, Roy. I can't find anything in the office. Things have been moved and stuff's just been thrown into drawers willy-nilly.

#### Roy

Willy and Nilly? Who are these people? And why are they throwing stuff in drawers?

#### Feifei

你聽錯了，我剛剛說“willy-nilly”，這不是人名，“Willy-nilly”是一個口語表達，它的意思是“雜亂地，雜亂無序地”，咱們辦公室裡一團糟，東西扔得到處都是，真是不知道這是怎麼回事！

#### Roy

Ah... I understand. It was Rob. He organised the office willy-nilly, and you know what he's like – just throwing things in drawers willy-nilly, putting things everywhere willy-nilly! Making a mess willy-nilly...

#### Feifei

Roy, I think you're overusing the expression. You can't just say it willy-nilly.

#### Roy

Haha... very good! I see what you did there – impressive use of the expression.

#### Feifei

Well, if you're impressed by that, wait till you hear another use of 'willy-nilly'.

#### Examples

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I'm not sure that's art. It looks like you've just thrown colours on the canvas willy-nilly.

You can't just come into the office willy-nilly. We have a set start time!

In the morning, I just put on any old clothes willy-nilly.

**Feifei**

你正在收聽的是 BBC 英語教學的“道地英語”節目，本期節目中，我們教大家如何使用表達“willy-nilly”，我們用“willy-nilly”來描述做事“沒有次序，毫無章法，從而使事物變得亂糟糟地”。

**Roy**

So, I guess you can't just use the expression in a sentence willy-nilly.

**Feifei**

Exactly. By the way, Roy. I saw you were arranging another office Olympics – I'm sorry, I just can't attend your silly games willy-nilly as I have to work.

**Roy**

But if you can't attend them willy-nilly, perhaps you could plan for a time when you don't have work.

**Feifei**

Even if I didn't have to work, I wouldn't take part!

**Roy**

Why not?

**Feifei**

Because those games are stupid. Bye.

**Roy**

Bye.