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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## Authentic Real English 道地英語

### Get your act together

### 有條不紊地行事

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**Feifei**

Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English! 歡迎收聽“道地英語”，我是菲菲。

**Rob**

... and hello, I'm Rob.

**Feifei**

你一臉愁苦的樣子，發生什麼了？

**Rob**

Hmm. Well, I've got so much work to do. I'm still trying to catch up on yesterday's work.

**Feifei**

Oh, dear! Does that explain why you look so scruffy?

**Rob**

Hmm... probably. I haven't had time to iron my shirt – and when I was trying to find something on my desk, I knocked coffee all over me.

**Feifei**

I think you need to get your act together.

**Rob**

Err. This has nothing to do with acting – this is for real!

**Feifei**

我不是說你在演戲，我相信你，“Get your act together”的意思是“有條理地做事，合理安排，仔細籌畫”，換句話說，就是用更有效的方式將你的生活和工作安排得有條不紊，So, Rob, I'm saying sort your life out if you want to achieve more. Here are some more examples of this phrase.

## Examples

If you want to graduate with a good degree, you'll have to get your act together.

The team needs to get its act together if it wants to stay in the tournament.

The business needs to get its act together if it wants to recruit the best talent.

## Feifei

這裡是 BBC 英語教學的“道地英語”節目，Rob 因為工作忙，愁眉苦臉，手忙腳亂，我告訴他應該“get your act together”，意思就是讓他“將事情安排得有條不紊”。

## Rob

OK, Feifei. Tell me how I can get my act together.

## Feifei

Well, look at this. I've created a rota, showing every task you need to do in a different colour.

## Rob

Ah... amazing!

## Feifei

And it tells you when to do it and for how long – so now you'll never feel overwhelmed by your workload again.

## Rob

Oh, thanks very much – err... but hold on, what's this task that's coloured yellow?

## Feifei

That's ironing, Rob. You've got to find time to iron a shirt!

## Rob

Oh, good thinking. And this task, coloured brown?

## Feifei

Ah, that's coffee time. Do you want one now?

## Rob

Ah, good idea. Look, I'll do the rest of my tasks later.

## Feifei

No, Rob – you'll get your act together and I'll get the coffee! Bye.

## Rob

Bye.