

5 English Animals Idioms



1. (Have or Get) your ducks in a row



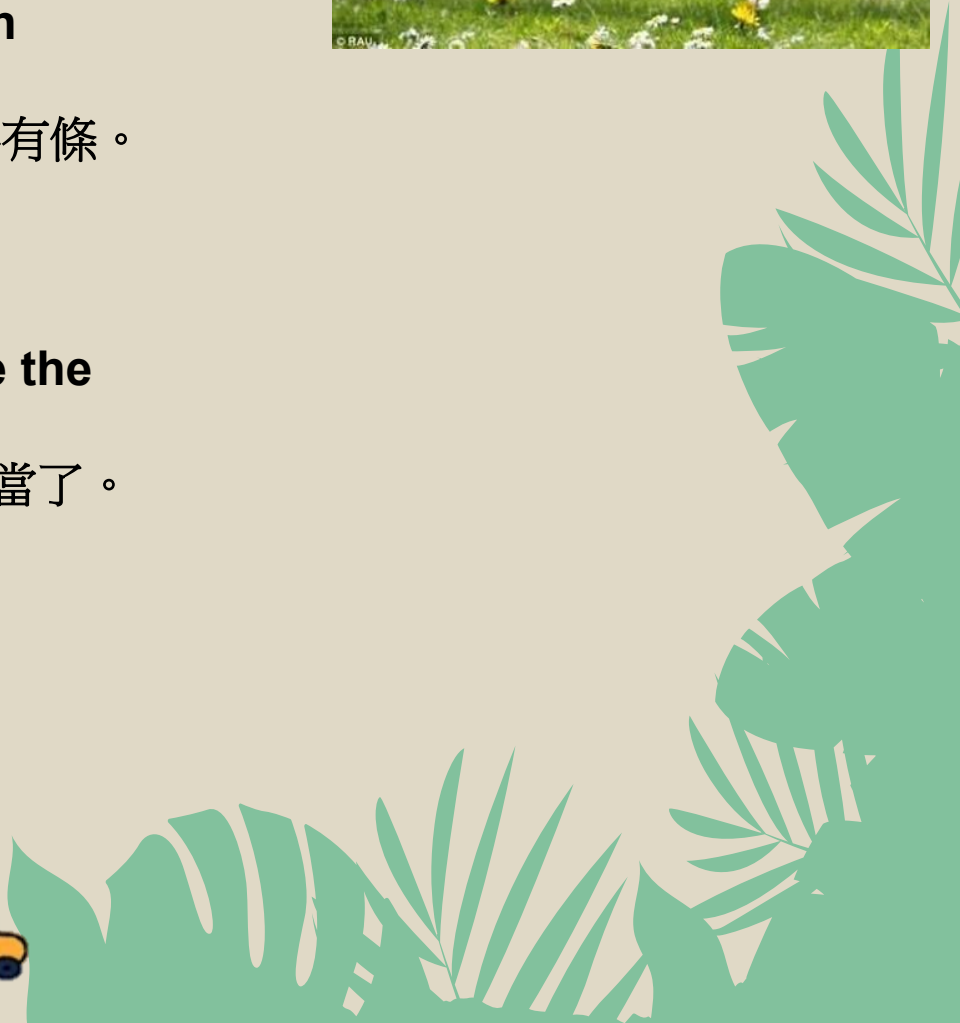
- to be well prepared or well organized for something that is going to happen

- 意思是把事情組織的一絲不紊或井井有條。
- 準備妥當。

- **Example:**

Dad **got** all his **ducks in a row** before the birthday party begin.

爸爸在生日派對開始前把一切都準備妥當了。



2. Get someone's goat

- to **annoy** someone very much:
- 激怒或惹惱某人。
- Example:
She really **gets** my **goat**.
(她真的激怒了我。)
He always knows what to say to **get** my **goat**.
(他總是知道說甚麼來激怒我。)



Annoy:

Meaning : to make someone angry

意思:煩擾；打攪；使某人煩惱

Goat (山羊)



3. The elephant in the room

- mean that there is an obvious problem or difficult situation that people do not want to talk about.
- 人們不願提及的棘手問題。
- 表示一些很明顯，但是大家都在視而不見的問題。
- **Example:**
Pollution is our government's elephant in the room.
環境污染是我們的政府在視而不見的大問題。



4. Hold your horses

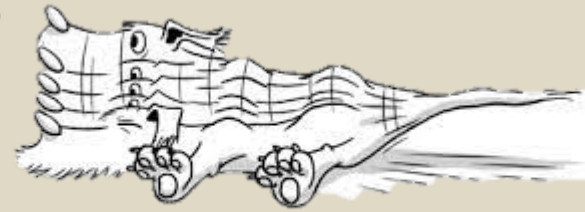
- used to tell someone to stop and consider(考慮) carefully(小心地) their decision(決定) or opinion(選擇) about something
- 停下來想想，且慢
- 等一下，慢一點
- Example:
Hold your horses! You can't just go and yell at people like that.
等一下! 你不能就這樣跑去罵人。

Hold your horses. Let me tell you about the current situation first.
等一下，先讓我告訴你現在的情況。



5. The tail wagging(擺動) the dog

- a situation in which a large group has to do something to satisfy a small group
- 本末倒置，主次顛倒
- 次要部分支配或決定全局



- **Example:**

Why is this small matter taking so much time? Now it's the tail wagging the dog!

為甚麼這種小事要花這麼多時間呢？現在這就是本末倒置！



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