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The English We Speak

Got your number

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Feifei

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Feifei...

Rob

...and I'm Rob.

Feifei

Rob... are you in a rush to go home today?

Rob

Err no Feifei. Why, do you want to go for a drink?

Feifei

Well sort of. A friend of mine is visiting and I'd like to go for a drink her. You could join us later if you like?

Rob

Oh I see! I've got your number!

Feifei

Err yes – you have – so you can call me and meet us later. OK?

Rob

No – I mean I know what you're trying to do. You want to go to the pub now and leave me to present the rest of this programme?

Feifei

Well...

Rob

I know what you're up to! Well you can't go until we've heard some more examples...

Examples

So I'll cook and you wash up? Hmm, I've got your number; you're just going to watch TV all evening.

You can't fool me, I've got your number – you're never going to pay me back.

Watch out, he's got your number – he knows what you're up to.

Feifei

OK Rob – if you say 'I've got your number' it means you understand what someone is trying to do or why they are behaving in a certain way.

Rob

Exactly – it's not about having your telephone number. I knew when you asked me if I was rushing home you were after something.

Feifei

What - so I could sneak out early to go for a drink? Honestly, who do you think I am?!

Rob

Well it sounded like you were planning something... but maybe I misunderstood you. You wouldn't leave me here alone, would you, Feifei? Feifei? Feifei? Oh she's gone. Now where did I put her phone number... Bye.