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The English We Speak

All over the place



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Neil

Hello, and welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Neil and... er... here with me...

Feifei

Here with you is... Feifei. What are you looking for, Neil?

Neil

...I'm looking for my script...

Feifei

Your script?

Neil

Yes... and... my pen... I had it a moment ago... where's it gone?

Feifei

What's going on with you, Neil? You're all over the place today!

Neil

Yes, I am! That's a good expression: all over the place!

Feifei

It can mean that someone is disorganised and confused – they are all over the place.

Neil

Yes, and it can also mean that things are left in many places in an untidy way – your things are all over the place! Here are some examples of how this expression is used:

Examples

Don't expect Simon to help you with your report. He's all over the place right now - he can't even finish his own work.

What a windy day. My hair's all over the place!

Neil

Well Feifei, I'm afraid I'm a bit disorganised today. You know I woke up late, I missed my bus and... well the day's just been a bit difficult. I *am* all over the place...and... where is it...

Feifei

What are you looking for now?

Neil

I still haven't found my script.

Feifei

Is it this one?

Neil

Yes, that's it! Great!

Feifei

And here's your pen. It was on the floor.

Neil

Good. I'm ready to start the programme now.

Feifei

The programme's finished, Neil. It's done.

Neil

Oh, is it? So... we can go now? I could do with a coffee, Feifei.

Feifei

Yes – it will do you good. Let's go.

Both

Bye!