

A wake-up call

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Feifei

欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的“地道英语”节目。大家好，我是冯菲菲。还有我的搭档 Rob，不过他又迟到了！

Rob

... Oh, sorry I'm late. I missed my train... and had to wait for... the next one...

Feifei

看你气喘吁吁的样子！Are you OK, Rob? You seem breathless.

Rob

Well, you would be if you had run to the station and from the station to the office.

Feifei

Hmm, it's not that far, Rob! I think this is a wake-up call.

Rob

A wake-up call? No, no, no. I set my alarm – I got out of bed – it just seems to take longer to walk to the station these days.

Feifei

我不是在说你的闹钟！我们可以用“a wake-up call”来警告某人应该在一个情况变得更糟糕之前，做出行动，改变现状。

Rob

And what is my 'current situation'?

Feifei

You're unfit. You need to do some more exercise! Let's hear some examples of 'a wake-up call', shall we?

Examples

Martha's bad test results were a wake-up call for her to work harder before her final exams.

The store's poor sales results are a wake-up call for the business to move with the times and sell more fashionable clothes.

The recent extreme weather is a wake-up call for us all to do something about climate change.

Feifei

你正在收听的是 BBC 英语教学的“地道英语”节目。以上我们给大家介绍了如何用“a wake-up call”来表示“警示，警钟”的意思。It's time to change! Like Rob's fitness. So, Rob, how are you going to change your current situation?

Rob

Ah, well, that's easy. I'm going to get a later train. More time in bed.

Feifei

I wouldn't, otherwise you'll get another 'wake-up call'.

Rob

Oh, who from?

Feifei

The boss – he hates people being late all the time. So, if you're not punctual, you might get the sack!

Rob

Alright, I'm off!

Feifei

Where are you going?

Rob

To do some exercise. Like you said, I need to get fit – quickly! Bye.

Feifei

Good luck, Rob.