

## Summary

Sometimes people need to be on top form and do their best work. It could be during a meeting, or a conference or even a quiz with your friends. These are just some of times people may need to bring their A game. That's what Feifei and Roy talk about in The English We Speak.

## Transcript

### Feifei

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

### Roy

And I'm Roy! I'm so excited! You made me so happy when you messaged me what we're doing today!

### Feifei

What?! We are about to go into one of the most intense and important meetings of our lives. Why are you happy about that?

### Roy

I thought we were playing a selection of classic board games!? I brought my favourite game.

### Feifei

Why on earth would you bring a selection of board games to a huge meeting?

### Roy

You told me in your message to bring a game! You were very clear!

### Feifei

No, Roy! I said bring your A game! Not bring a game! Your A game is your best performance – and that's what we need in this meeting.

### Roy

Right, well clearly I have brought my A game – and a great board game that we can play after we are successful in the meeting!

### Feifei

Roy, if you manage to convince everyone of my plan, I'll play your stupid game! Let's listen to these examples while we have a meeting.

## Examples

Claus brought his A game to the meeting and sealed the deal.

That team won the match easily. They brought their A game.

Erica didn't bring her A game to the quiz, and we lost by a point.

**Feifei**

This is The English We Speak from BBC Learning English, and we're talking about the expression 'A game'. Your A game is your best or highest level of performance.

**Roy**

Yes, it's commonly used with the verb 'bring' and a possessive pronoun like 'your'. You're very lucky that I brought my A game to the meeting – but it really didn't seem like that a truly vital and important meeting.

**Feifei**

It was for me. I'm just really happy you managed to convince them that I needed an indoor golf course in the office! And now I believe I owe you something!

**Roy**

Yes, you promised to play the board game I brought with me today!

**Feifei**

No, not that – it looks boring, and I don't want to fall asleep. I was thinking of playing some golf.

**Roy**

Well, OK. I like golf, I'm not very good at it, so I'll have to bring my A game if I want to beat you.

**Feifei**

You're not playing – I'll let you carry my clubs while I play as a reward for your hard work in the meeting. So, don't worry about bringing your A game. Bye!

**Roy**

Bye!