# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Authentic Real English 地道英语 表达 "all that jazz" 原来和爵士乐没关系



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# Feifei

大家好,欢迎收听 BBC 英语教学的《地道英语》节目。我是冯菲菲。

### Neil

And I'm Neil.

# **Feifei**

Neil,本集节目中我们要给大家介绍的这个表达和"音乐"有关。Do you like rock music?

# Neil

Rock. Yeah, I love it.

# **Feifei**

Really?

# Neil

When I was younger I was in a rock band, we had it all: long hair, loud guitars, even louder drums, leather... all that jazz!

# Feifei

Jazz 爵士乐? Hang on, was it a jazz or a rock band?!

# Neil

Aha - very funny - 'all that jazz' is our phrase. And it has nothing to do with jazz.

# Feifei

是的,all that jazz 这个表达其实和爵士乐没有任何关系,它的实际意思是"诸如此类的事情"。

# Neil

You often use it after listing things. For example: I love Christmas dinner – you've got turkey, Brussels sprouts, roast potatoes, gravy, all that jazz. It's just great.

# Feifei

You're not wrong. I love all that jazz too. And now you've made my mouth water, so let's take a break and listen to these examples.

# **Examples**

I had a super lazy weekend. I woke up late, got some coffee, went for a walk, watched a couple of movies, all that jazz. It was great.

I don't read celebrity gossip. You know: who's going out with who, who got plastic surgery, all that jazz. I'm just not interested!

### Neil

It's often used in a list of unpleasant or boring things.

# Feifei

For example: This morning I cleaned the whole house – washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, all that jazz!

# Neil

Yes, by using 'jazz' to describe dull things, it's ironic and brings some humour.

# Feifei

It does, Neil. 在列举一系列无聊的事情时候,我们用 all that jazz 这个说法来增加一点幽默,让大家感到轻松、不那么沉闷。Especially when we compare it with the phrase 'to jazz up'. 就像我们用 jazz something up 来表示使物体更加有趣,更吸引人。比如: You can 'jazz up an outfit' or 'jazz up a meal'。

# Neil

Before we go, we should of course mention the phrase is also the name of a song from the 1975 Broadway musical, Chicago.

# Feifei

Fancy singing it for us, Neil?

### Neil

I really couldn't. After all, I was in a rock band. Not a jazz band! What about you, Feifei?

# Feifei

Maybe next time. I can't remember the words!

# Neil

Excuses, excuses! Bye for now.

<b>Feifei</b> Bye.			