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# Take Away English 随身英语 Do it yourself exercise

## 自主健身小贴士



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Vocabulary: fitness 词汇: 健身

It's very common these days for people to have a **gym regime**. Whatever the drive behind it, whether health-related, performance-related or just plain **vainglory**, it is not uncommon for people to take some sort of regular exercise each week.

But if you've never done it before, what's the best way to go about it? Well, many people make use of a PT – that's a personal trainer. This might be because they're **wet behind the ears** or maybe they just don't want the **aggro** of designing their own workout plan. A PT will create a **bespoke** plan for you based on your aims. They will tailor it to your current abilities and, better still, they will teach you how to move in a way that won't **incapacitate** you.

However, the **trade-off** with a PT is the price. Each hourly session can be **steep** considering the **double whammy** of having to pay both the PT and membership of the gym, too. If you are at all **strapped for cash** then regular sessions might be out of your budget.

So what's left? Well, if you have the grit for it, you can make your own regime. It's relatively easy to do if you have the **know-how**. But before you do, here are some basic pointers.

First, keep your fitness goal in mind. Are you looking to **slim down**, **bulk up**, get **shredded** or increase your abilities? Whatever it is, make sure the things you choose to do are in pursuit of that goal. Next, do your research. These days, social media is chock-full of fitness videos and advice. Watch as many of these as possible, but make sure to be a little critical of them – everyone has a different **physique** and what works for one may not work for another. Finally, **keep your feet on the ground**. Be patient with yourself and set realistic goals – it takes at least three months to see any realistic body changes. And don't be **overzealous** – never work in pain – a good workout is difficult and challenging, but never painful. Pain means you are damaging yourself.

If nothing else, focus on **calisthenics** – these are the basic body movements which everyone can do anywhere, even at home. They include **squats**, **push-ups**, **pull-ups** and **crunches**, among other things. Do as many of one exercise as you can without stopping, and then try and repeat that number twice more – make sure you sweat, and don't forget to rest for a minute in between!

### 词汇表

gym regime	健身计划、健身方法
vainglory	虚荣心
wet behind the ears	无所适从的、毫无经验的
aggro	麻烦
bespoke	量身定制的
incapacitate	使人无法做…
trade-off	妥协、让步
steep	价格极高的(口语)
double whammy	雪上加霜,双重打击
strapped for cash	手头紧
know-how	专业知识
slim down	变得苗条、痩下来
bulk up	变得更壮
shredded	肌肉线条分明的(口语)
physique	体格
keep your feet on the ground	脚踏实地
overzealous	过度热衷的
calisthenics	健美操
squat	蹲起运动
push-up	俯卧撑
pull-up	引体向上
crunch	仰卧起坐

### 测验与练习

Ⅰ. 阅读课文并回答	<b></b>			
I. What reasons do people have for following a gym regime?				
2. Why might people make use of a PT?				
3. What types of fitness goals do people have to keep in mind when making a plan?				
4. Why is social media a good place to look for exercise plans?				
5. In what way should you keep your feet on the ground?				
2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。				
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aggro	push-ups	calisthenics	vainglory	
Sorry, kids. I'll have to take you to the cinema next week. I'm a little bit at the moment, so I can't afford it.				
trade-off	steep	wet behind the ears	strapped for cash	
3. The advantage is that you'll be much closer to work, but the is that you'll be paying a lot more rent. Do you think it's worth it?				
bespoke	trade-off	the know-how	physique	
4. If you have any computer problems, ask John. He's the one with He can fix any problem				
the know-how	double whammy	incapacitate	crunches	
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shredded	regime	aggro	wet behind the ears	

#### 答案

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