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**Authentic Real English: To Go the Whole Hog 全力以赴**

Jo: I'm Jo, this is BBC Learning English and you're listening to Authentic Real English. With me today is Helen.

Helen: Hi Jo. 地道英语中介绍的一些英语表达，你可能在英语课堂上学不到，但是它们在生活中却会经常出现。那今天的新表达是什么呢 Jo?

Jo: Well today we're going to look at the expression: to go the whole W.H.O.L.E. hog H.O.G. A hog is another word for a male pig.

Helen: A hog 的意思是一头雄猪，这个表达 to go the whole hog 到底是什么意思呢？我有点儿迷惑, Jo?

Jo: Well if you "go the whole hog" it means you do something completely or thoroughly.

Helen: 你的意思是说这个表达的真实含义是完全投入的做某件事，全力以赴。那能举个例子吗, Jo?

Jo: So for example, I might be in a restaurant and I might have eaten a starter and a main course.

Helen: 你是说在餐馆里你吃完了头盘还有正餐。

Jo: And I might be thinking about having a dessert. Well I've already eaten a lot so I might as well "go the whole hog" and have three courses – just to have a complete meal.

Helen: 虽然你可能已经差不多吃饱了，但是你觉得既然都来了，还不如吃得彻底，把甜点也算上。这种情况下你就可以说 going the whole hog. 这个表达的意思也就是既然已经开头了，那还不如就执行到底。

Jo: Let's listen to some more examples.

**Examples**

A: *So what are you doing for your birthday?*

B: *Well I was going to have a meal with some friends but there were so many I wanted to invite, I thought I'd just go the whole hog and have a big party at my house!*

A: *Wow you've bought a lot of things there?*

*B: Well I bought some shoes and a dress so I thought I might as well go the whole hog and get a new coat as well!*

Jo: That's about all we have time for on BBC Learning English today. Shall we go for a coffee Helen?

Helen: I'm quite hungry actually Jo. Shall we just go the whole hog and go for lunch?

Jo: Oh go on then. Don't forget you can learn more Authentic Real English words and expressions by logging on to our website [www.bbcchina.com.cn](http://www.bbcchina.com.cn). See you soon.

Helen: 再见!