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## The English We Speak

### Game changer

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**Feifei**

Hello and welcome to The English We Speak. I'm Feifei and joining me is Harry.

**Harry**

Hello there! And the popular modern expression we are going to look at in this programme is 'game changer'.

**Feifei**

Game changer. We'll look at what it means and when you can use it. So Harry – did you end up buying a new TV like you were planning?

**Harry**

I certainly did - and then some! I don't know if 'TV' is really the right word for it though.

**Feifei**

Why not?

**Harry**

Well, it's so much more. It's got a 72-inch curved screen with ultimate high-definition and it's 3D. When you watch a programme, it's like you're really there.

**Feifei**

Wow - it sounds amazing.

**Harry**

It is! TV will never be the same again. In TV terms, it's a real game changer.

**Feifei**

A game changer? What's that?

**Harry**

Well, it's so unlike any normal TV, that it's changed the rules of what TVs are. You will never think of TV in the same way if you watch my TV – it's a new world of television.

**Feifei**

So 'game changer' means something that is so new and different, it changes the rules of the game.

**Harry**

Exactly. It could be technology, like my TV, or a person with new ideas, or a new direction in music or fashion. Any new innovation that changes the current situation.

**Feifei**

I see. Let's listen to some examples:

**Examples**

The Beatles' album Sergeant Pepper was a real game changer – it transformed pop music forever.

Our company needs a game changer – someone who can come in and rethink the way we do everything.

Last year my boss said we could all work from home whenever we needed to. It's been a real game changer in the way we work.

**Feifei**

So, some different types of game changers there. For people learning English, I suppose the internet has been a real game changer. You can study anytime, anywhere now.

**Harry**

You can – especially if you visit our website [bbclearningenglish.com](http://bbclearningenglish.com).

**Feifei**

Very true, if you want to improve your English, our website can be a real game changer. So, I suppose you're going to be staying in tonight.

**Harry**

Me? No, I'm going out.

**Feifei**

But, you've got an amazing new TV, the game changer.

**Harry**

I know, but it's Thursday, and there's never anything good on TV on Thursdays. And to be honest, I think I've been watching too much TV. I need to get out more.

**Feifei**

Oh well – I guess your TV didn't change the game for long. Join us again for more The English We Speak.

**Both**

Bye!