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## The English We Speak

### Waffle on



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**Feifei**

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

**Rob**

And I'm Rob. Feifei, feeling hungry?

**Feifei**

Rob, they smell amazing!

**Rob**

Almost there. We're having a special treat today – waffles!

**Feifei**

Rob is making waffles: those lovely, crispy little cakes with raised squares on the surface.

**Rob**

Absolutely! My favourite. But what are we going to put on them?

**Feifei**

Oh that's simple: strawberries and syrup. What about you?

**Rob**

OK, I'm not so sure. I mean, I used to always love them with honey and bananas. But they do taste amazing with melted chocolate. Or... with cream. You know, I recently tried one with peanut butter: not a good experience. I guess strawberries would be worth trying... Or mango. But only if the mangoes are fresh...

**Feifei**

Rob?

**Rob**

Yes?

**Feifei**

Can you stop waffling on?

**Rob**

Ah, very clever. Perfect time to use that phrase! I do need to stop waffling on, don't I?

**Feifei**

Yes, please. To 'waffle on' means to talk and talk without saying anything very useful or interesting.

**Rob**

I am sometimes guilty of that. Let's hear a few more examples.

**Examples**

I think I did really badly in the interview. I wasn't sure how to answer the questions, so I just waffled on.

Meetings with Frank are frustrating. He always waffles on about unimportant things. Someone needs to have a word with him.

I used to find her blog really interesting and inspiring, but these days she just waffles on about her pet tortoise.

**Feifei**

There we are. To waffle on. At least we don't waffle on in this programme, do we Rob?

**Rob**

Well, I must admit that sometimes people have said I do talk rather a lot, especially when it's about travel or languages... which reminds me I really should book my next holiday... I've been considering Croatia, though I...

**Feifei**

Rob?

**Rob**

Ah. Am I waffling on?

**Feifei**

I'm afraid so.

['Ping' sound of a microwave]

**Rob**

Ooh, it's waffle time!

**Feifei**

Great. Hopefully these tasty waffles will keep you quiet for a while.

**Rob**

Are you saying the waffles will stop me waffling on?

**Feifei**

Yup! Now, enough talk... Oh, these waffles are delicious.

**Rob**

Not bad, eh?!

**Feifei**

Bye.

**Rob**

Bye.