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**Rob**

Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English. I'm Rob and joining me is Feifei.

**Feifei**

Hello.

**Rob**

Bless you!

**Feifei**

[sneezes]

**Rob**

Are you ok? Have you got a cold?

**Feifei**

我没有感冒，不过好像总觉得有什么东西弄得我鼻子痒痒。Errr... Rob, is that a cat on your lap?!

**Rob**

Yes. Meet Tiddles. I decided to bring him to the office because he gets lonely at home on his own... don't you Tiddley-widdly? It's a good idea, don't you think? Feifei? You've gone all quiet – you've usually got something to say. Feifei?

**Feifei**

[sneezes]

**Rob**

Can you speak? Cat got your tongue?

**Feifei**

No! Your cat has not got my tongue – or anything else。我对猫过敏。

**Rob**

Oh dear Feifei - but saying 'cat got your tongue?' means 'you're very quiet' or 'you seem to have nothing to say'.

**Feifei**

Really! 原来在英语里，我们可以用“cat got your tongue?”或者“has the cat got your tongue?” 舌头让帽叼走了吗？”来质问某人为什么不吭声。咱们先来听几个例句。

**Examples**

What's the matter? Cat got your tongue? I did say we'd use up all our money on the car!

A: Has the cat got your tongue? You usually go on about how amazing your boyfriend is.

B: We split up.

**Feifei**

当某人无缘无故不说话时，我们就可以用 **cat got your tongue** 这个表达来询问原因。注意，这是一个非正式表达，请大家务必选择恰当的语境来使用它。

**Rob**

Oh I get it now. You weren't saying much because you were too busy sneezing!

**Feifei**

No Rob. I was angry because you know I am allergic to cats – don't you remember me saying that I can't be in the same room as one? Rob? Rob!

**Feifei**

What's wrong? Cat got your tongue now?

**Rob**

No. It appears Tiddles needed the toilet... but it's too late now. I'm all wet!

**Feifei**

Oh Rob. You stink! I'm off. Bye.

**Rob**

Bye.