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- Rob:** Hello and welcome to Authentic Real English with me, Rob...
- Feifei:** 还有我冯菲菲。Thanks for offering to drive me to the airport Rob.
- Rob:** No problem. It takes forever on the bus, so I thought I would save you some time.
- Feifei:** Thanks, but do you actually know the way to the airport?
- Rob:** Yes of course, why are you asking?
- Feifei:** It's just that we seem to be going round and round this roundabout. Rob 好像不知道去机场的路怎么走，我们在这个转盘已经转了老半天了。Rob, shouldn't you take that turning there?
- Rob:** No! That's where we just came from. Maybe it's this one... no, that can't be it.
- Feifei:** Rob! 我们这不是在原地兜圈子吗 – we are going round in circles!
- Rob:** Hmmm...
- Feifei:** We aren't getting anywhere! Come on Rob, I'm going to miss my flight.
- Rob:** Well done Feifei, you've just explained today's phrase – 'go round in circles' – although it's nothing to do with driving. If you do something for a long time without achieving any results and you always come back to the same problem, then you can describe the situation as 'going round in circles'.
- Feifei:** OK, 短语 go round in circles 的意思是花了很长时间去做一件事情，但仍是毫无进展，在原地兜圈子。Rob, it means you don't make any progress, right?
- Rob:** Yes that's right. Let's hear some examples while I decide which turning to take:

### Examples

*The politicians talked for hours but they couldn't come to an agreement; they were just going round in circles.*

*I've been going round in circles trying to find the right person to talk to about getting a refund on my ticket but with no success. I give up!*

*Because we didn't have the data from the survey, we went round in circles discussing the same old problems.*

**Feifei:** 那么 going round in circles 的意思也就是 not going anywhere, 没有任何进展 – and Rob, we are not getting anywhere today – and I need to get to the airport.

**Rob:** Ok, don't panic. It's definitely...err... this way.

**Feifei:** Careful!

**Rob:** Now you see, we're not going round in circles. We're going in the right direction... we're on the right road... we're making progress.

**Feifei:** 是的, 我们终于找到了路, 所以没有再继续原地打转了。

**Rob:** Oh no... hold on...

**Feifei:** What is it Rob?

**Rob:** Another roundabout! Which way now?

**Feifei:** 你听我的吧, 要想不 go round in circles, 最好还是坐公车!

**Rob:** Sorry Feifei. There's another flight tomorrow.

**Both:** Bye.