It's time that you cleaned up your act! Huh?! That idiom means to STOP doing naughty things, and to START doing nice things! What am I talking about? Let's see how you do it, first!

1. Click on, drag, and drop these pictures into their right places in a sentence in English.*









*P.S., if the pictures bounce back, try dropping them in the upper left hand corner of the boxes!

2. Now write this out (ungraded): _____

Do these before going ahead!

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Now click on these words, drag them to the spot where you think they should be, & drop them.

3. cats lot Star loves a



4. 

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5. go too I to want



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6. So, what do you think is naughty and what is nice in these sentences? Click on the pull-down menu, and choose the correct answer: _____

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Yes ... I want you, no, I ***NEED*** you to STOP putting stuff* between the verb and the WHO or the WHAT that are the OBJECTS of the verb. ... You ***CAN*** do this! (with a little practice ☺) *except "not" and, for example, prepositions in phrasal verbs!



"What are the RULES?" To explore them more in depth, you can do my other "Word Order" tasks. For right now, make your (and my) life easier, and just put the **OBJECT** (the WHO or the WHAT) **RIGHT AFTER the VERB**! Here are some typical examples! PAY ATTENTION to WHERE the KINDS of words go!

DIRECT OBJECT FIRST (get into the habit of doing it this way with most verbs because it's *necessary* when both the direct and the indirect objects are *pronouns*!)

I like giving flowers to her punctually at her house at noon. (*end position adverbs: manner ⇨ place ⇨ time*)

You can pick hints up for him, easily. / You can pick up hints for him, easily. (*with SOME p-verbs, you decide*)

My assistant gives the report to you punctually in your office every week.

INDIRECT OBJECT FIRST (*confession*: It's true that we often do it this way, too)

I like giving her flowers punctually at her house at noon. (*see other tasks for more practice with adverbs!*)

You can pick him up hints, easily. (NO: "~~You can pick up him hints, easily~~." *Learn this verb by verb.*)

My assistant gives you the report punctually in your office every week.



7. WRITE your own (ungraded): _____ .

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