



Get your ducks in a row

Become organized and ready

Some people are always organized and ready to act. They “have their ducks in a row.” Other people are disorganized. They need to “get their ducks in a row” and become ready for action.

CONVERSATION 1

Bianca: Traveling to the U.S. requires a lot of planning. There are travel visas, tickets, and passports.

Mike: It’s so true. A person really needs to have their ducks in a row before traveling.

Bianca: You’re right. I need to get my ducks in a row soon, or I won’t be able to go.

Mike: It’s a lot of work, but I know you can do it. You’re going to love New York!

Bianca is trying to...

- A. Travel to New York in order to buy a duck.
- B. Organize her pet ducks.
- C. Prepare all of the details for her trip to the U.S

Be careful with this :

There are two verbs that can match the idea of “ducks in a row”: have and get. Be careful, “to get ducks in a row” is different than “to have ducks in a row.”

Someone who “has” something doesn’t need to “get” that thing, but someone who needs to “get” something doesn’t “have” it yet.

Someone who “has their ducks in row” is...

- A. Already very organized.
- B. Disorganized and needs to prepare more.
- C. Organizing ducks neatly behind their mother

Conversation 2

Mike: Wow! I feel really disorganized today. I don’t know what to do first.

Bianca: Don’t worry. I can _____.

How does Bianca finish her sentence?

- A. Help you get your ducks in a row.
- B. Have your ducks in a row.
- C. Get some ducks to put in your row

