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(Sounds of a crowded bar)

- Yang Li:** Hi, and welcome to Authentic Real English, with me Yang Li. 我现在在一家非常拥挤的酒吧里，排着队等着点酒。
- Barman:** (*Shouting*) Who's next please?
- Drinkers:** Me, me, me...
- Barman:** OK you...
- Drinker:** Could I have a gin and tonic please...
- Barman:** That'll be £3.60. OK...
- Yang Li:** Oh, I think I'm next...
- Barman:** Hi, are you next?
- Yang Li:** Yes, yes, it's me now...
- Barman:** What are you after?
- Yang Li:** What am I *after*? No, it's my turn now, thank you...
- Barman:** OK, I know that. What are you after?
- Yang Li:** I'm after... eh? I'm *after*... the person before me?
- Barman:** Don't try to be funny. What are you after?
- Yang Li:** Sorry barman, I'm really confused – 嘿，等一下，等一下... 我认识你! 你可不是酒吧服务员啊。Aren't you our presenter, Finn?
- Barman:** Yes, 就是我。Just earning a little extra money!
- Yang Li:** I thought so! Very nice bar you have here. 好了，我们的《地道英语》节目一般都是针对一个俚语说讲解析。So, why do you keep asking me what I'm *after*?

Barman: OK, I'll be quick – there are customers waiting! Today's expression is indeed 'after'. When you say you're 'after something', it means you want it, especially in situations like shopping, or when buying things. Like this:

Examples

A: I'm after a pair of formal leather shoes.

B: Come this way sir. We have a great selection.

A: Hello, what are you after?

B: I'd like a glass of white wine please.

Yang Li: OK, I get it now! I'm after a pint of ale, please.

Barman: Of course, Li. This one's on the house! Shh... just don't tell the boss.

Yang Li: Cheers Finn (*drinks*).

Barman: While Li is drinking, let me tell you – if you're *after* more English slang expressions – keep listening to Authentic Real English 地道英语 and check out our website www.bbclearningenglish.com.

Right, who's next?