



## Learn English idioms for work - answers

What do the following English business idioms mean? Match the idiom to the correct meaning.

1. A ballpark figure

- a. a large number
- b. a small quantity
- c. an estimate**

2. An own goal

- a. a stupid mistake**
- b. a great success
- c. a failed project

3. A game plan

- a. a vacation
- b. a plan or strategy**
- c. a new project

4. To throw in the towel

a. to clean the office

b. to try again

**c. to give up**

5. To play ball

a. to start a new project

**b. to cooperate**

c. to work hard

6. To throw in the towel

a. to clean the office

b. to try again

**c. to give up**

7. A rookie

**a. a new employee**

b. a skillful employee

c. a bad employee

8. To call the shots

- a. to fire someone
- b. to make the final decision**
- c. to ask for advice

9. To be ahead of the game

- a. to be successful
- b. to be constantly punctual
- c. to be more prepared than the competition**

10. To learn the ropes

- a. to learn about your new job's responsibilities**
- b. to meet your boss and coworkers
- c. to meet a new client

## Learn English idioms for work - Test 2: Weather idioms

What do the following English business idioms mean? Match the idiom to the correct meaning.

1. A business with a gloomy outlook

a. **A business whose future has little hope of success**

b. A business with a bad reputation

c. A business with a large number of staff

2. To get wind of a new business deal.

a. To fail to make a new business deal

b. To make a new business deal

c. **To hear a rumour about a new business deal**

3. A stormy meeting.

a. **A meeting where people got angry and fought**

b. A meeting where lots of decisions were made

c. An online meeting

4. A problem with a silver lining.

a. A problem with an easy solution

b. A problem that can not be solved

**c. A problem that also has a positive side**

5. To take a rain check on a meeting.

a. To cancel a meeting

b. To change the location of a meeting

**c. To postpone a meeting**

6. To make a deadline come rain or shine.

**a. To finish a project on time regardless of any problems**

b. To complete a project late

c. To finish a project efficiently

7. To be snowed under with work.

a. To be extremely tired

**b. To be extremely busy**

c. To be extremely cold

8. For a business to have a bright future.

- a. **For a business to have excellent prospects**
- b. For a business to use a lot of electricity
- c. For a business to invest in power generation

9. For pressure to cloud your judgement.

- a. For pressure to cause you to quit your job
- b. **For pressure to cause you to make errors in judgement**
- c. For pressure to cause you to work harder

10. For a business to weather the storm.

- a. **For a business to survive a difficult situation**
- b. For a business to cause problems for others
- c. For a business to fail

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