



Learn English idioms for work - Test 1: Sports idioms

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 the 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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