

14 idioms de trabajo y esfuerzo que se oyen en una oficina

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LA REGLA

El inglés de oficina funciona a base de imágenes: la pelota que rueda, la nieve que te tapa, el tablero al que se vuelve. Traducir la imagen no sirve; hay que aprender la expresión entera con su situación.

¡Ojo! — el fallo típico. Confundir los dos idioms de pelota. Get the ball rolling es empezar algo; drop the ball es fallar en algo que era responsabilidad tuya. Se parecen y significan casi lo contrario.

1 Une cada idiom con lo que significa.

do your fair share of the work · have far too much work to do
· learn how things are done in a new job · official rules and paperwork that slow things down

pull your weight	
be snowed under	
red tape	
learn the ropes	

2

I can't take on anything else this week — I'm under.

☐ snowed ☐ snowing ☐ snow ☐ snowed up

3

Everyone has to their weight in a small team.

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It took six months of tape to get the licence.

☐ red ☐ green ☐ blue ☐ grey

5 Une cada idiom con lo que significa.

do it faster and worse to save time or money · do more than what is expected of you · fail to do something you were responsible for · start a process so it can move forward

get the ball rolling	
drop the ball	
go the extra mile	
cut corners	

7

I forgot to send the invoice: I completely the ball on that one.

8

She always goes the extra for her students.

☐ mile ☐ kilometre ☐ miles ☐ way

9

The building collapsed because the company corners on materials.

10 ¿Este idiom habla bien o mal de quien lo hace? Reparte.

bite off more than you can chew · cut corners · drop the ball · go the extra mile · hit the ground running · learn the ropes · not pull your weight · pull your weight

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Recorta o dobla esta página antes de dar la ficha.

- 1 pull your weight → do your fair share of the work · be snowed under → have far too much work to do · red tape → official rules and paperwork that slow things down · learn the ropes → learn how things are done in a new job
- 2 I can't take on anything else this week — I'm snowed under.
- 3 Everyone has to pull their weight in a small team.
- 4 It took six months of red tape to get the licence.
- 5 get the ball rolling → start a process so it can move forward · drop the ball → fail to do something you were responsible for · go the extra mile → do more than what is expected of you · cut corners → do it faster and worse to save time or money
- 6 Let's book the room now, just to get the ball rolling.
- 7 I forgot to send the invoice: I completely dropped the ball on that one.
- 8 She always goes the extra mile for her students.
- 9 The building collapsed because the company cut corners on materials.
- 10 says something good: go the extra mile, pull your weight, hit the ground running, learn the ropes · says something bad: cut corners, drop the ball, bite off more than you can chew, not pull your weight