

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.

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She had no training: they threw her in at the deep

☐ end ☐ water ☐ side ☐ pool

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The prototype failed, so it's back to the drawing

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The new manager the ground running: she closed two deals in her first week.

☐ hit ☐ hitted ☐ took ☐ ran

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I took on three projects at once and now I've bitten off more than I can

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It's a steep learning, but you'll know the system in a month.

☐ curve ☐ line ☐ slope ☐ curved

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I an all-nighter to finish the presentation.

☐ pulled ☐ made ☐ did ☐ passed

7 Une cada situación con el idiom que le pega.

back to the drawing board · dropped the ball · thrown in at the deep end · went the extra mile

It was her first day and nobody explained anything	
He stayed until midnight to help a colleague finish	
The design failed completely and we started again	
He forgot to book the venue, and it was his job	

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Give him a few weeks to learn the before you judge his work.

9 ¿De dónde sale la imagen de cada idiom? Reparte.

back to the drawing board · be snowed under · drop the ball · get the ball rolling · go the extra mile · hit the ground running · learn the ropes · red tape

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- 9 sport: get the ball rolling, drop the ball, go the extra mile, hit the ground running · not sport: learn the ropes, red tape, back to the drawing board, be snowed under