

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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We don't have time to do it properly, but please don't corners on safety.

☐ cut ☐ make ☐ take ☐ break

2 El idiom está mal escrito. Escribe la frase bien.

I'm snowed of work this week.

3 El idiom está mal usado. Escribe la frase bien.

He stayed all weekend to help us: he really cut corners.

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4 El idiom está mal escrito. Escribe la frase bien.

She always goes the extra kilometre for the team.

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Which sentence admits a mistake?

- ☐ I dropped the ball on this one, sorry.
☐ I got the ball rolling on this one.
☐ I went the extra mile on this one.
☐ I hit the ground running on this one.

6 El idiom está mal usado. Escribe la frase bien.

Great news: the client accepted the design, so it's back to the drawing board.

7 El idiom está mal escrito. Escribe la frase bien.

On his first day they threw him in the deep end without any training.

8 El idiom está mal escrito. Escribe la frase bien.

I did an all-nighter and now I can't keep my eyes open.

9 El segundo idiom dice lo contrario de lo que cuenta la frase. Escríbela bien.

I took on four projects and now I'm snowed under: I really got the ball rolling.

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Which sentence would you write to a new colleague?

- ☐ It's a steep learning curve, but I'll show you the ropes.
☐ It's a steep learning curve, but you dropped the ball.
☐ It's red tape, but I'll cut corners for you.
☐ You're snowed under, so hit the ground running.

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- 1 We don't have time to do it properly, but please don't cut corners on safety.
- 2 I'm snowed of work this week. → I'm snowed under with work this week.
- 3 He stayed all weekend to help us: he really cut corners. → He stayed all weekend to help us: he really went the extra mile.
- 4 She always goes the extra kilometre for the team. → She always goes the extra mile for the team.
- 5 Which sentence admits a mistake? → I dropped the ball on this one, sorry.
- 6 Great news: the client accepted the design, so it's back to the drawing board. → Great news: the client accepted the design, so we can get the ball rolling.
- 7 On his first day they threw him in the deep end without any training. → On his first day they threw him in at the deep end without any training.
- 8 I did an all-nighter and now I can't keep my eyes open. → I pulled an all-nighter and now I can't keep my eyes open.
- 9 I took on four projects and now I'm snowed under: I really got the ball rolling. → I took on four projects and now I'm snowed under: I really bit off more than I could chew.
- 10 Which sentence would you write to a new colleague? → It's a steep learning curve, but I'll show you the ropes.
- 11 Half the team isn't pulling its weight, and the rest of us are working weekends.