

IDIOMS: USED IN BUSINESS

1 PICTURE ROUND

Task 1: Match the idioms to any relevant pictures. Explain your reasoning.

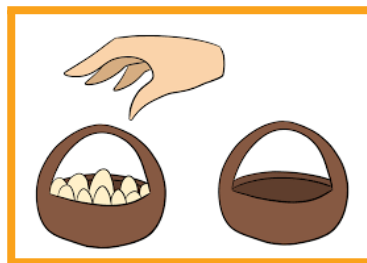
Cut to the chase

Get the ball rolling

Go the extra mile

Put all your eggs in one basket

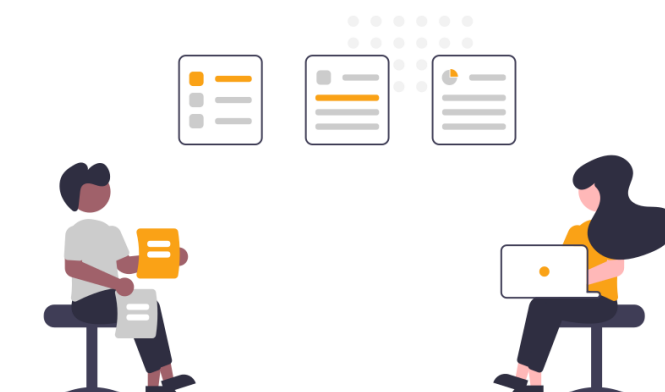
Think outside the box



1. **Go the extra mile.** 2. **Put all your eggs in one basket.** 3. **Think outside the box.**



4. **Get the ball rolling.** 5. **Cut to the chase.**



2 EXAMPLE SENTENCES AND DEFINE

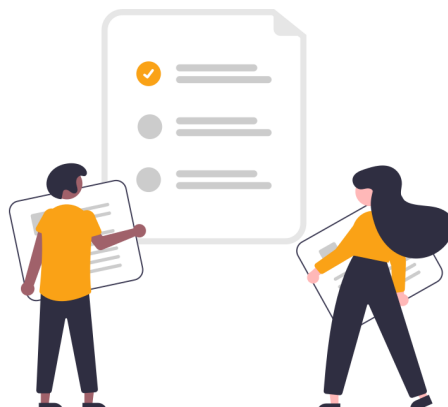
Task 1: Read the sentences below that use the idioms correctly.

Cut to the chase	Get the ball rolling	Go the extra mile
Put all your eggs in one basket	Think outside the box	

- Let's **cut to the chase** and address the main issue right away because we're running out of time.
- We need to **get the ball rolling** on this project because the longer we wait, the more delays we'll encounter.
- He always **goes the extra mile** because he takes pride in his work and wants to exceed expectations.
- I advise against **putting all your eggs in one basket** because if that investment fails, you could lose everything.
- I think that we need to **think outside the box** because traditional methods haven't been effective in solving this problem.

Task 2: Match the idioms in bold from task 1 to their meanings below.

- to start the process or activity. **Get the ball rolling.**
- to get to the main point without unnecessary delay. **Cut to the chase.**
- to invest time, money, resources in a single area. **Put all your eggs in one basket.**
- to consider unconventional or innovative ideas or solutions. **Think outside the box.**
- to put in additional effort or exceed expectations. **Go the extra mile.**



3 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Task: Use the idioms to complete the sentences, you may need to change the verb tense.

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1. We've discussed the plan enough; it's time to **get the ball rolling** and start implementation because our competitors are already ahead.
2. Sarah always **goes the extra mile** by staying late to ensure the project is completed ahead of schedule.
3. The meeting is already behind schedule, so let's **cut to the chase** and discuss the action items.
4. Don't **put all your eggs into one basket** when it comes to job applications; apply to multiple positions to increase your chances of success.
5. To stand out in the crowded market, we need to **think outside the box** and come up with innovative marketing strategies.
6. Let's **get the ball rolling** on this marketing campaign because the holiday season is approaching, and we need to take advantage of it.
7. Instead of wasting time with small talk, I suggest that we **cut to the chase** and focus on the most important details.
8. She regretted **putting all her eggs into basket** by relying solely on one supplier, especially when they experienced production delays.
9. When designing our new product, we need to **think outside the box** and anticipate the needs of our customers before they even realise them.
10. John's willingness to **go the extra mile** by volunteering for additional tasks has earned him recognition from his colleagues.



4 DIALOGUES

Task: Use the idioms to complete the dialogues, you may need to change the verb tense.

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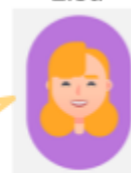
Dialogue 1:

John



Why did you invest all your money in that risky stock?

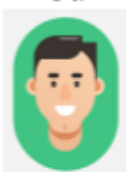
Lisa



I know it's a gamble, but sometimes you have to **put all your eggs into one basket** to see real growth.

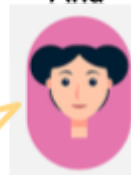
Dialogue 2:

Oli



Hi Ana, would you like to review the data and customer feedback before we make a decision?

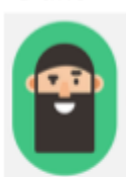
Ana



No, I think we should **cut to the chase** and make a decision now based on our experience.

Dialogue 3:

Duke



We've been discussing this project for a while now. When do you think we should start?

Laura



Let's **get the ball rolling** tomorrow. Can you set up a meeting for 9:00 a.m. and invite the whole team?

Use the idioms to complete the dialogues, you may need to change the verb tense.

Cut to the chase

Get the ball rolling

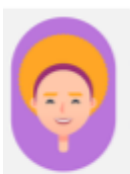
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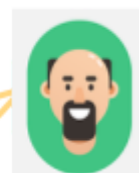
Dialogue 4:

Beth



We've tried all the conventional marketing strategies, but our sales are still declining compared to last year.

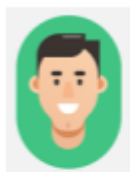
Joe



Maybe it's time to **think outside the box** and explore some unconventional approaches to attract new customers.

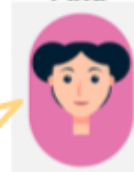
Dialogue 5:

Oli



I'm impressed by how John handled that difficult client.

Ana



Yeah, he always **goes the extra mile** to ensure client satisfaction.



5 QUESTION TIME

Task: Answer the questions below, each of the questions uses an idiom.

1. When discussing a problem, do you prefer to **cut to the chase** or explore different options first?
2. In your opinion, what are the benefits and drawbacks of always **cutting to the chase** when communicating with colleagues?
3. What are the common first steps to **get the ball rolling** on a new project at your company?
4. Do you prefer to **get the ball rolling quickly** when starting something new, or do you prefer to take more time planning?
5. What are some ways employers can encourage their staff to **go the extra mile**?
6. Can you share an example of a time when you **went the extra mile** and it benefited a company or project?
7. Why might it be risky to **put all your eggs in one basket** when it comes to investments or decisions?
8. Can you provide an example of a time when a company or an individual suffered because they **put all their eggs in one basket**?
9. How can workplaces promote and support **thinking outside the box** among employees?
10. Why is it important to **think outside the box** when facing challenges or solving problems? Can you share an example of a time you thought outside the box?



6 CASE STUDIES

Task: Read each study below, then apply an idiom to each case study.

Cut to the chase

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Think outside the box

The team had been talking about the project for a while, so John decided to invite the team to a meeting so that they could brainstorm ideas and plan their next steps. With each member contributing enthusiastically, the project started with energy and creativity.

Get the ball rolling.

The investor disregarded advice about spreading investments and instead put all their savings into one risky stock. When the market took a downturn, they lost everything, showing the dangers of not diversifying.

Put all your eggs in one basket.

Despite tight deadlines, the graphic designer paid close attention to every aspect of the client's logo, adding delicate touches that exceeded expectations. Their dedication to perfection not only impressed the client but also elevated the brand's image.

Go the extra mile.

Facing a lot of competition, the marketing team created a brand new campaign, integrating virtual reality technology to engage customers actively. By using this new approach, they increased brand visibility, traffic to the website, and sales.

Think outside the box.

During the meeting, instead of spending time on small talk or trivial details, the CEO quickly addressed the core issue, encouraging everyone to focus on essential strategies for market expansion, saving valuable time, and creating productive discussions.

Cut to the chase.



HOMework

1 IDIOMS: WRITING TASK

Follow the guidelines to write a story using the idioms presented in the class.

Guidelines

1. Write a short story (500-800 words) that incorporates some or all of the following idioms:
 - a. Cut to the chase.
 - b. Get the ball rolling.
 - c. Go the extra mile.
 - d. Put all your eggs in one basket.
 - e. Think outside the box.
2. The story can be set in any time period and location, but it should have a clear beginning, middle, and end.
3. In your story, be sure to clearly show how each of the idioms is used and what it means. You can do this by including dialogue or descriptive passages that highlight the idioms in action.
4. Make sure that your writing is clear and concise, and that your story flows smoothly from beginning to end.
5. Be creative and have fun with this writing task!
6. Once you have completed your story, read it over and make any necessary revisions to improve it. Then share it with your teacher for feedback.

