

# ELTE Sports Idioms quiz 11 + Revision

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- ☐ (A) An unfair or cruel remark
- ☐ (B) A safe strategy
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**16.** Write the binomial which means '**completely different from each other**' (answer is only three words)

17. What is the food idiom which means '**very easy**'? (write 3 words)
18. Which phrasal verb (ELTE quiz 4) means **to reject an offer**? (write two words: verb+preposition)
19. Which idiom using a colour means '**excessive bureaucracy**'? (answer has two words: colour+noun)
20. Finish the body idiom which means 'to improvise or decide as you go'? **Play it .....** (answer has two words)

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**i** 'Jump the gun' means to act too soon, like starting a race before the signal. It's used when someone acts prematurely, such as making a decision without all the information.

2. What does the idiom 'hit the ground running' mean?

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**i** 'Hit the ground running' means to start something energetically, like a runner starting a race, to immediately work hard and successfully at a new activity.

3. What does the idiom 'par for the course' mean?

- ☐ A To be unexpected
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**i** 'Par for the course' means normal or expected, like a standard score in golf. It's used when something typical happens, such as delays in a project. For example: The school budget is going to be cut again this year, but then that's **par for the course**.

**4.** What does the idiom 'in the ballpark' mean?

- ☐ A To be irrelevant
- ☒ B To be approximately correct
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**i** 'In the ballpark' means approximately correct, like estimating a score in a game. It's used when someone gives a rough estimate, such as guessing the cost of a project. For example, I don't need the exact amount, just a ballpark figure.

**5.** What does the idiom 'call the shots' mean?

- ☐ A To follow orders
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**i** 'Call the shots' means to be in control or make decisions, like a director in a film. It's used when someone has authority, such as a manager leading a team.

**6.** What does the idiom 'drop the ball' mean?

- ☒ A To make a mistake or fail to act
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**i** 'Drop the ball' means to make a mistake or fail to act, like dropping a ball in a game. It's used when someone fails to complete a responsibility, such as missing a deadline.

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**i** 'Get the ball rolling' means to start an activity, like starting a game by rolling a ball. It's used when initiating a project or meeting, such as beginning a group discussion.

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**i** 'Run out of steam' means losing energy or motivation, like a steam engine running out of steam. It's used when someone becomes tired or loses enthusiasm, such as during a long workday.

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- ☒ B To be alert and efficient
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**i** 'On the ball' means being alert and efficient, like a player ready to catch or hit a ball. It's used to describe someone who is quick to understand and act, such as a student who answers questions promptly.

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- ☐ A To take a break
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**i** 'Throw in the towel' means to give up, originating from boxing where a towel is thrown in to stop the fight. It's used when someone admits defeat, like quitting a difficult task.

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**i** 'Kick off' means to start something, similar to the beginning of a football game. For example, a meeting can 'kick off' at 9 AM.

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**i** 'Dive in headfirst' means to start something eagerly and without hesitation, similar to diving into water headfirst.

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**i** 'Saved by the bell' is a boxing term for being saved from defeat by the round-ending bell, meaning a last-minute reprieve.

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**i** 'Below the belt' comes from boxing, where hitting below the belt is illegal, meaning an unfair or unethical action.

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**i** 'Swim against the tide' means to oppose the prevailing opinion or tendency, similar to swimming against a current.

16. Write the binomial which means '**completely different from each other**' (answer is only three words)

chalk and cheese



- i **'Chalk and cheese'** means things are completely different. For example: They couldn't be more different, they are like chalk and cheese.

**17.** What is the food idiom which means **'very easy'**? (write 3 words)

piece of cake

- i Piece of cake means something is very easy. For example: Don't worry about the exam, it will be a piece of cake.

**18.** Which phrasal verb (ELTE quiz 4) means **to reject an offer**? (write two words: verb+preposition)

turn down

- i **'Turn down'** means to reject an offer. For example: Although it seemed to be a good offer, I just turned it down. It included travelling very much and I don't feel like it now.

**19.** Which idiom using a colour means **'excessive bureaucracy'**? (answer has two words: colour+noun)

red tape

- i **'Red tape'** means official rules and processes that seem unnecessary and delay results. For example: We must cut through the red tape to get it done.

**20.** Finish the body idiom which means 'to improvise or decide as you go'? **Play it .....** (answer has two words)

by ear

- i **'Play it by ear'** means to decide how to deal with a situation as it develops, rather than acting according to plans made earlier. For example: We don't know what the decision will be, so let's play it by ear.