

## Common Business Idioms - 12

**A. Look at the following idioms and decide if you know what they mean. Try and connect the meaning with the explanation given:**

<i>Idiom:</i>	<i>Meaning:</i>
1. up in the air	a) To have an advantage over someone else.
2. upper hand	b) When something is undecided.
3. white collar	c) Someone who works in an office.
4. win-win situation	d) When you hear about something through informal conversation.
5. word of mouth	e) Evidence and clues that something (usually negative) is going to happen.
6. writing on the wall	f) Someone who always agrees with their superiors.
7. uphill battle	g) A situation where everyone involved gains something.
8. yes man	h) Difficult to achieve a goal because of obstacles and difficulties.

**B. Now look at the following sentences and use the correct idiom in the right place:**

1. A lot of restaurants rely on \_\_\_\_\_ to get new customers.
2. We were happy to get the contract, and they were happy to get such a good price. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ situation.
3. Winning the contract is going to be an \_\_\_\_\_ in this market.
4. There are mostly manufacturing positions here. There aren't a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ jobs.
5. I'm going to get my CV ready. I can see the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Rosy was more experienced and well respected, so she had the \_\_\_\_\_ at the negotiation.
7. They aren't looking to hire someone creative. They're basically just looking for a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. We're looking for a test market right now, but nothing has been decided yet. Everything's still up in the air.