

Common Business Idioms - 7

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. no brainer	a) When a solution isn't effective.
2. no time to lose	b) When a person gives a response without thinking about it for a long time or doing any research on the subject.
3. off the top of one's head	c) To be alert and aware of things.
4. on the ball	d) A lot of pressure to complete something quickly.
5. (not) going to fly	e) To be in control of a situation and aware of changes.
6. on the same page	f) To be alert.
7. on top of something.	g) When people are in agreement about something.
8. on your toes	h) When a person has had several successes in a row.
9. on a roll	i) When something is given without expecting anything in return.
10. no strings attached	j) When a decision is really obvious or really easy to make.

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

1. They will let you try the product for free with _____. If you don't like it, there is no pressure to buy it or give them anything in return.
2. I don't think that idea's _____. Let's keep generating ideas.
3. Our profits have been above our projected numbers for five months in a row. We're really _____.
4. My new personal assistant is working out well. He's really _____.
5. I read a lot to stay _____ the latest changes in my industry.
6. _____. Anything can happen.
7. Let's go over the details of what we agreed on just to make sure that we're _____.

8. I have no idea how many branches they have. _____, I'd say about 20.
9. Taking the new job was a _____. They offered me more money, a better schedule, and more vacation days.
10. I told them I'd send the email by the end of the day and it's already 4:45. I need to get to work. There's _____; I need to hurry.