

Common Business Idioms - 9

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. run/go around in circles	a) Doing something so well that it appears that the person was born knowing how to do it.
2. safe bet	b) Conversation about unimportant topics that do not offend.
3. same boat	c) Doing the same thing over and over again without getting any results.
4. second nature	d) To do something until it is finished.
5. see eye to eye	e) To end a relationship.
6. see something through	f) Something that will probably happen.
7. sky's the limit	g) No limit to the possibilities of something.
8. shoot something down	h) To reject a proposal or idea.
9. sever ties	i) To agree with that person.
10. small talk	j) To be in the same difficult situation.

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

1. I've made phone calls all day, but with not a single sale. I feel like I've been _____ all day.
2. It's a _____ that smart phones will be much more advanced in 10 years.
3. We're all worried about losing our jobs. We're in the _____.
4. Rosy's been a programmer for years. At this point, programming is _____ her.
5. We don't always see _____, but I respect her opinions.
6. I told my boss that I really wanted to _____ my current project _____ before taking on another project.
7. We had to _____ with several of our suppliers due to late shipments.
8. It's best not to _____ ideas _____ during a brainstorming session.
9. With their commission structure, the _____ on what you can make.

10. We typically spend about 15 minutes making _____ before we start our meetings.