

Task B P 84

B. Look at the idioms in bold in the sentences below and match them with their meanings. Then try to guess which sports they come from.

1. **A:** I don't have time to pick up Omar from gymnastics this afternoon. Can you do it?

B: No sweat. I'll go.

2. Saeed is **skating on thin ice** by asking his boss for more time off.

3. I decided to **get the ball rolling**, so I got up and went to serve myself at the buffet. After a few minutes everyone else got up, too.

4. With all the unexpected expenses Sally has had the past year, she constantly feels like she is barely **keeping her head above water**.

5. This is a difficult project. I just hope I will be able to **go the full distance**.

6. Layla didn't know how to use the till, but the shop manager **showed her the ropes**.

7. Mr Abdelaziz has offered me the job, so **the ball is in my court** now.

8. Diana got in trouble because she **jumped the gun** and started the test before the teacher told the students to do so.

9. I was trying to come up with a good excuse for not attending the online meeting when my boss's internet connection stopped working.

Saved by the bell!



a. to teach sb how sth should be done

b. to be one's turn to act

c. to do sth too soon

d. to finish sth

e. to just be able to manage, especially when you have financial problems

f. used to say that you can do sth easily

g. rescued from a tricky situation just in time

h. to make sth start happening

i. to be in a risky situation