

FAILURE IDIOMS

Task One. Match the idioms with the definitions. Write the letter.

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| 1. a lost cause ____ | a. make a mistake or fail to do something |
| 2. miss the boat ____ | b. lose an opportunity |
| 3. throw in the towel ____ | c. something that has no chance of succeeding |
| 4. drop the ball ____ | d. fail, be defeated, or stop existing |
| 5. bite the dust ____ | e. give up or admit defeat |

Task Two. Read the sentences and choose the correct idiom from Task One.

1. That poorly-planned tech startup is going to _____ soon enough.
2. After trying and failing several times, they had to _____.
3. The team will _____ if they don't prepare for the meeting.
4. Let's invest now! We don't want to _____.
5. Trying to convince him to change his mind is _____. Forget it!

Task Three. Read the sentences and choose the missing words to form the phrase.

1. All their hard work came _____ nothing in the end.
2. The plan is dead _____ the water without investor support.
3. The company went belly _____ after just six months.
4. The project went _____ the rails after the manager quit.
5. He had egg _____ his after predicting profits that never came.

Task Four. Look at the picture and choose the correct phrase.



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