

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!

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- 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