Sports Idioms

1. Complete the sentence with the correct word or phrase from the box

KEEPS MOVING THE GOAL POSTS – BACKING THE WRONG HORSE –

ON THE ROPES - BELOW THE BELT – SAVED BY THE BELL - HEAVYWEIGHT



a. A few days after Peter had lost his job, his friend started to brag about having bought a new car. When he realized what he was doing, he claimed that maybe he had lost his job because he wasn't working hard enough. That was _____.

b. Josh lost all his money to gambling and now he can't afford to pay off his debts. He's _____, he doesn't know what to do.



c. The teacher called Kim to make her oral presentation in front of the class. But she hadn't prepared anything! Luckily, the school fire alarm rang at that very moment. She was _____

d. Some people feel like life _____. First, you need to graduate from high school. After that, you need to get a degree. Once that's done, you need to get a job. Then, a partner and start a family. And a house! Is it ever enough?

e. Most Argentinians consider Messi as the _____ of football.

f. Most Sunderland supporters felt they were _____ during the 2017-18 season.

2. Match the sentences with their correct half.

Sally **threw away the towel**

Pandemics changed the way people work and study,

Bob **dropped the ball**

George didn't get the promotion he wanted

Jess is the best fit for the new CEO in the company,

-when he started dating his ex's best friend.

-but he got a raise in his salary, so he's **at a level playing field**

-when she realized there was no point in fixing her old car.

-most people feel it is **a whole new ball game.**

-it's **horses for courses**

