

Common Business Idioms A-B

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| 1) 24/7 | a) I'm a little nervous about giving this presentation. There's a lot _____. |
| 2) a tough break | b) It was _____ for us when Caroline quit. She was one of our top performers. |
| 3) ahead of the curve | c) I'm not sure what a Super Bowl commercial costs, A _____ might be three million dollars. |
| 4) ahead of the pack | d) The prototype wasn't successful. We have to go _____. |
| 5) at stake | e) I think they got the government contract because of a _____. |
| 6) back to/at square one | f) The convenience store on the corner is open _____. |
| 7) back to the drawing board | g) If we want to stay _____, we're going to have to work hard and continue to build on our successes. |
| 8) backroom deal | h) She didn't think it would be fair to go _____ and talk to management, so she confronted him directly. |
| 9) ballpark figure / number | i) We're investing a lot of money in research and development so we can stay _____. |
| 10) behind someone's back | j) Our programmers identified what they thought the problem was with the software. After working for several hours, it turns out that the problem is something different. We're _____, unfortunately. |