Common Business Idioms A-B

1) 24/7
2) a tough break
3) ahead of the curve
4) ahead of the pack
5) at stake
6) back to/at square one
7) back to the drawing board
8) backroom deal
9) ballpark figure / number
10) behind someone's back

a) I'm a little nervous about giving this presentation. There's a lot _____.

b) It was _____ for us when Caroline quit. She was one of our top performers.

c) I'm not sure what a Super Bowl commercial costs, A _____ might be three million dollars.

d) The prototype wasn't successful. We have to go _____.

e) I think they got the government contract because of a _____.

f) The convenience store on the corner is open _____.

g) If we want to stay _____, we're going to have to work hard and continue to build on our successes.

h) She didn't think it would be fair to go _____ and talk to management, so she confronted him directly.

i) We're investing a lot of money in research and development so we can stay _____.

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.

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