

# 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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