

Idioms in Business 1

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2	front runner		make a mistake
3	chalked ___ up to		said ___ was because of
4	jumped the gun		struggling with
5	wrestling with		moved too soon
6	jump ship		quit a team or company

Red lines connect the idioms to their meanings: 1 to 2, 2 to 1, 3 to 4, 4 to 3, 5 to 6, 6 to 5.

Reword

- 1 I **made a big mistake** last week. I forgot an important meeting.
- 2 She's **struggling with** a decision to stay at this company or join a new company.
- 3 Let's hope she doesn't **quit**.
- 4 He **said** his boss' bad mood **was because of** losing a golf game over the weekend.
- 5 Our company is currently a **world leader** in beverage production.
- 6 Maybe asking for a raise in the first month was a bad idea. I might have **moved too soon**.

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General Outline

Warm up

Greeting and *brief* introduction for new students
Focus is on understanding, not using idioms.

5 - 10 min

Warm-up conversation: **success / Uber / mistakes / quitting a job**

Matching - terms

5 min

Rewording - sample sentences

5 min

Listening - challenging article

5 min

Reading - article with idioms

5 min

Rewording - article with standard language

5 min

Closing

Brief review

5 min

Assign homework

Closing

**For private classes, help students build accurate reporting from the listening materials*