

IDIOMS IN THE WORKPLACE

When speaking with someone outside of their native language, idioms can sound like utter nonsense and/or lead to miscommunication without the proper context. We've provided some common American English idioms that may come up in the workplace to help bridge the comprehension gap that may remain even without a language gap.

Needle in a Haystack



Something difficult to find (especially if the area to search is large)

The Ball is in Your Court



When it's someone's turn to take the next action or make the next decision

A Nose for...



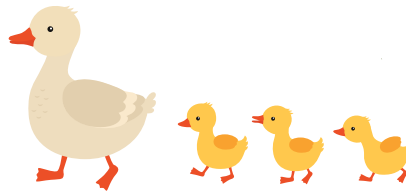
An ability to seek out or find something

Kick In



- 1) To start to operate or become effective
- 2) To contribute something

Ducks in a Row



To be well prepared for, organized, or orderly

11th Hour



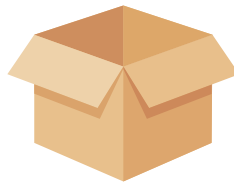
Just in time or at the latest possible moment before it's too late

Play it by Ear



To improvise or to decide in the moment and not prepare in advance

Think Outside the Box



To think in a creative or unusual manner or not restrained by convention

On the Ball



To be alert, quick to understand, aware, and/or knowledgeable