



Topic

Conversation
for Idioms

Lesson 44
Sports

Lead-in

Fill in the missing word to complete each idiom.



1

_____ on thin ice



3

give it your best _____



2

get the ball _____



4

the _____ is in one's court

1. He's **skating on thin ice** by cheating on the exam.

Q Which is **true** about the statement?



He wants to pass the exam by cheating.



He puts himself in a dangerous situation by cheating in the exam.



2. Let's **get the ball rolling** by doing some warm-up exercises before we begin dancing.

Q When do we use the idiom?



when ending an activity or process



when beginning or starting an activity or process

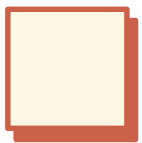


3. I know you're all nervous, but just **give it your best shot** at the game tomorrow.

Q What does the idiom mean?



to do the best or give one's best effort



to have a good shot, particularly in basketball matches



4. What food should we serve at the party? The **ball is in your court**.

- Q In what situations do you usually have the ball in your court?
- Q What do you feel whenever the ball is in your court?

Did you know?

The expression comes from the sport of tennis. When the ball bounces into your court during a tennis match, you must act and hit it in order to keep the game going.

Quick Review

skate on thin ice



to do something that is dangerous or involves risks

to begin an activity or process



get the ball rolling

give it your best shot



to do the best that one can or give one's best effort

being responsible to take the next action or decision in a situation



the ball is in one's court

Idiom

- 1 skate on thin ice
- 2 get the ball rolling
- 3 give it your best shot
- 4 the ball is in one's court

Meaning

- a being accountable for the next action
- b to do the best that one can
- c to begin an activity or process
- d to do something dangerous

Practice

Complete the sentences by filling in the appropriate idioms.
Change their forms if necessary.

get the ball rolling

give it your best shot

skate on thin ice

the ball is in one's court

1. Cheating in exams is like .
2. Let's by organizing the things and cleaning up the area.
3. The final exam must be very difficult. We should .
4. You have the option of studying here or abroad. now.



Talk about a time when you were **skating on thin ice.
How did you handle the situation?**