International Conversation Cafe

Lifestyle Topic: Sports Idioms and Discussion

Sport is an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment.

Below are some common idioms taken from the world of sports. See it you can figure out what sport is represented by each idiom. Feel free to "google" the answers.

I think you're barking up the wrong tree by blaming Matt for the missing money. *Sport?*

The situation at work became a sticky wicket. *Sport?*

George was blind-sided by his getting fired at work. *Sport?*

Jane's friends reminded her that there are many other fish in the sea. *Sport?*

All of the students laughed when Joe gave an answer that was out in left field. *Sport?*

After a while it became clear this plan was a slam dunk. *Sport?*

George and Stan are neck and neck for the promotion. *Sport?*

I was called in to pinch hit for Sarah at work. *Sport?*

Even though this new job will mean relocating, I think you should take the bull by the horns for once. *Sport?*

This physics test is a 3rd and long for me to pass. *Sport?*

Sorry, I can't go to the movies today, but I'd love to take a rain check. *Sport?*

If they don't accept our offer this time we are going to throw in the towel and look at houses elsewhere. Sport?

The school's no smoking policy is three strikes and you're out. *Sport?*

Discuss:

1. What is your favorite sport to participate in? Why? Are you skillful at this sport?

2. What sport is most popular in your country? Do you play this sport?

3. Some famous sports people use their fame to promote their faith in God. What is your opinion of this?

4. For international students to answer: What sport is the most popular in the USA? Why are sports so popular in the U.S.?

5. The Olympics are played every 2 years (winter Olympics/summer Olympics). Do the Olympics promote peace in the world? What benefits do the Olympics bring to the world?

6. What famous athlete would you like to meet and talk with? (can be from history) Why?