

IDIOMS WITH



drop the ball - idiom

to make a mistake, especially by not taking action or dealing with something that should have been planned for:

- For God's sake don't drop the ball on this - we're relying on you.
- I'll freely admit to dropping the ball on this occasion but I'll fix it.

be on the ball - idiom

If you are on the ball, you are be quick to understand and react to things:

- I didn't sleep well last night and I'm not really on the ball today.
- The new publicity manager is really on the ball.

get/set/start the ball rolling - idiom

to make something starts happening

- We have to get the ball rolling on this project soon.

keep the ball rolling : to make sure that something continues to happen

- Let's keep the ball rolling by scheduling the next meeting for next week.

keep your eye on the ball - idiom

to give your attention to what you are doing at the time:

- You have to keep your eye on the ball in business.

the ball is in someone's court- idiom

If the ball is in someone's court, they have to do something before any progress can be made in a situation:

- It's up to you what to do - the ball is in your court now.

play ball - idiom

to agree to work with or help someone in the way they have suggested:

- The family wanted him to be taken care of at home, but the insurance company refused to play ball.

take/pick up the ball and run with it - idiom

to continue an activity or process that someone else has started, often when that person could not finish it or make it work:

- We had a very vague idea of what we wanted, but the marketing team just took the ball and ran with it.

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