

## 15 USEFUL IDIOMS USED IN BUSINESS CONTEXTS

1. **To take a rain check (on something)** = *Used to tell someone that you can't accept an invitation now, but would like to do so at a later time*
2. **To play it by ear** = *To decide how to deal with a situation as it develops, rather than according to a plan*
3. **To call the shots** = *To be in the position of being able to make the decisions which will influence a situation*
4. **To draw a blank** = *To fail to get an answer or a result*
5. **To keep your head down** = *To avoid trouble*
6. **To get straight to the point** = *To talk about the most important topic and avoid chitchat*
7. **To be on the same page** = *To have the same understanding or amount of knowledge*
8. **To call someone's bluff** = *To make someone prove that what they are saying is true, or to make someone prove that they will really do what they say they will do, because you do not believe them*
9. **To cut one's losses** = *To avoid losing any more money/prestige than you have already lost*
10. **To read between the lines** = *To try to understand someone's real feelings or intentions from what they say or write*
11. **To keep someone in the loop** = *To provide someone with sufficient information and include them in the decision-making process*
12. **To clear the air** = *To remove the bad feelings between people*
13. **To jump on the bandwagon** = *To become involved in an activity which is successful so that you can get the advantages of it yourself*
14. **To call it a day** = *To stop the work/what you are doing*
15. **To give someone a heads-up** = *To give someone a warning that something is going to happen, usually so that they can prepare for it*