IDIOMS & PHRASAL VERBS

Work and Teamwork

B2 | Adults | Idioms + Discussion | 45-60 minutes
Topic: Everyday English | Skills: Vocabulary, Speaking

Study the phrases and examples. Discuss the questions and try to use the new language.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

1. get down to something	start giving serious attention to a task	After a short introduction, we got down to work.
2. pitch in	join others in doing a task	Everyone pitched in, so the room was ready in minutes.
3. pull your weight	do your fair share of shared work	The team became frustrated because one member wasn't pulling his weight.
4. be on the same page	share an understanding of a situation or plan	Let's check that we're on the same page before we begin.
5. take something on	accept a task or responsibility	She took on the training of the new staff.
6. pass the buck	avoid responsibility by blaming or referring a problem to someone else	Each department passed the buck instead of resolving the complaint.
7. hand something over	give control or responsibility for something to another person	He handed the project over before leaving the company.
8. go the extra mile	make more effort than is normally expected	The receptionist went the extra mile to help us find our lost bag.

DISCUSSION

1. What helps a group get down to work without wasting time?
2. What encourages people to pitch in with a task that is not officially theirs?
3. How should a team respond if someone is not pulling their weight?
4. How can a team check that everyone is on the same page?
5. What should you consider before taking on an extra responsibility?
6. Why do people pass the buck, and how could an organisation prevent it?
7. What information is important when handing a project over to someone else?
8. When is it reasonable to expect someone to go the extra mile at work?