

Business English Idioms

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I. Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom from the box. Use the correct form of the verb, when necessary.

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1. If the app can answer simple questions without a human, it's a _____ for our support team.
2. To stay _____, we started training on the new system weeks before the official rollout.
3. The live demo froze, so Sam had to _____ and improvise. He explained the steps using screenshots on his phone.
4. Halfway through the strategy meeting, people started looking bored, so I _____ and turned it into a short Q&A session instead.
5. The new internship program _____—we don't just give students busywork, we put them on real client projects from day one.

II. Rewrite each sentence using one of the idioms from the box in Step I.

1. Plans changed suddenly, so we had to change direction fast.

2. We kept learning new tools before the market asked for them.

3. Our onboarding process is different from the usual approach.

4. This feature could completely change how customers use the product.

5. During Q&A, she responded quickly and naturally.



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1. game changer
2. ahead of the curve
3. think on his feet
4. shifted gears
5. breaks the mold

II.

1. Plans changed, so we had to shift gears and move to Plan B.
2. We stayed ahead of the curve by learning new tools before they became popular.
3. Our onboarding breaks the mold by starting with real tasks, not just paperwork.
4. This feature could be a real game changer for how customers use the product.
5. During Q&A, she thought on her feet and gave clear answers.

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