

# Drop the ball

Idiom of the month

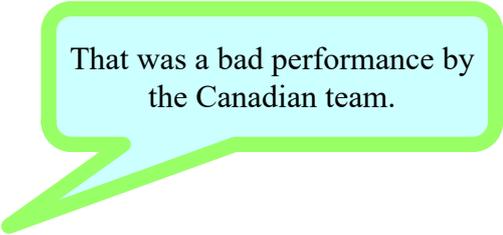
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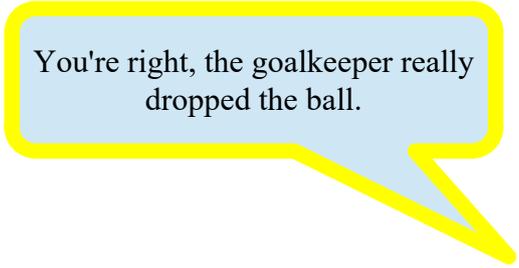
## 1. What do you need to be a professional athlete? Tick.

1. arrogance
2. dedication
3. discipline
4. passion
5. respect
6. talent

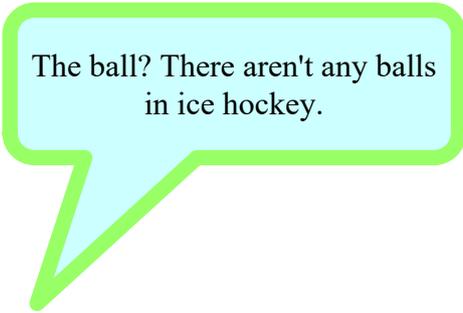
## 2a. Read



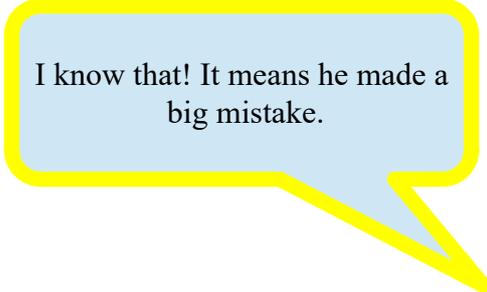
That was a bad performance by the Canadian team.



You're right, the goalkeeper really dropped the ball.



The ball? There aren't any balls in ice hockey.



I know that! It means he made a big mistake.

**2b. Complete with the idiom of the month.**

It is very disappointing for athletes when, after years of training, they \_\_\_\_\_ at the Olympics.

*If you drop the ball, it means that you make a mistake and as a result of that mistake, you do not achieve your objective.*

**3. What are your goals for this year? Make a list of five personal, sports or academic goals.**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What can you do to make sure you don't drop the ball, and achieve your goals?  
Talk to a partner.**

## Teacher's Notes

**1.** Tick 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

**2.b** It is very disappointing for athletes when, after years of training, they drop the ball at the Olympics.

**3 & 4** Answers may vary.