

## IDIOMS ABOUT JOBS & SAILING SHIPS

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IDIOM	BASIC MEANING	EXPLANATION
<b>to be at the helm</b>	To be in charge of a project or company	If you are at the helm, you control the direction and speed of the ship / company
<b>to show / learn the ropes</b>	To show the operating procedures of a company	A ship requires many ropes to function properly, just like a company needs many procedures. We show (teach) these to new team members
<b>to pull on the same rope</b>	Working together for the same goal	To be effective and to work together, towards the same goal; the company's success
<b>to walk the plank</b>	Being punished for something (not always your fault)	A favorite method of pirates to execute prisoners. They would have people walk on a plank of wood and make them walk to the edge and fall into the sea
<b>sinking ship</b>	A failing company or project	If a ship is sinking it is going down and it means it is in trouble
<b>to run a tight ship</b>	To keep a project or company very organized	If all the ropes were tight, it meant the ship would sail smoothly and that there were no problems for the ship to sail smoothly
<b>abandon ship</b>	To leave a project or company when it is in trouble	If a ship was on fire or sinking, the captain would scream <del>abandon ship!</del> to the crew, because it wasn't safe to stay onboard, the crew would then get off

### VOCABULARY BUILDING

**helm** . kormidlo

**to sink** . potopit

**rope** . provaz

**to run** . vést

**plank** . prkno

**abandon** . opustit



### QUIZ: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Use the correct idiom for the situation, you can use more than one in some sentences:



1. *Jakub* \_\_\_\_\_ when his boss Martina found out he was coming late every day.
2. Anna works for HR and is the one who \_\_\_\_\_ to the new team members.
3. Tom didn't \_\_\_\_\_, so the company went bankrupt.
4. Laura \_\_\_\_\_ of the project.
5. The company was a \_\_\_\_\_, so many of the employees decided to \_\_\_\_\_.

KEY: 1. walked the plank 2. shows the ropes 3. run a tight ship 4. is at the helm 5. sinking ship, abandon ship