

Two Sports Idioms

Many of my students don't like to discuss sports. . . because they don't play sports. They don't have the time, and don't see a need to learn any 'sports' vocabulary.

I also don't play many sports, but I insist on my students learning some of the vocabulary.

The reason is that, in their native languages, they need sports vocabulary, but for more than just describing sports! A lot of our 'figurative' English comes from sports and—because people see both sports and business as win-or-lose ventures—a lot of business idioms are grounded in sports.

Today, I'll talk to you about two sports phrases, what they mean in the sports they're associated with, and how we use them as idioms.

Here are our two idioms for today:

- Strike Out
- Fumble