



## 1) Boxing idioms

In the video we heard about Mongolian boxer, Bader Uugan.

**Below are some idioms to do with boxing.**

take it on the chin:	to accept an unpleasant situation or remark without complaining
below the belt:	usually used to refer to a remark that is unfair and hurtful
roll with the punches:	to deal with a series of difficult events
throw in the towel:	to stop doing something because you don't believe you can achieve your goal

**Now complete the sentences with the correct phrase from above. The form of the phrase may need to be changed.**

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2. In life things don't always go the way you want them to go, you have to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My training wasn't going very well and I thought about \_\_\_\_\_ but my coach motivated me to keep going.
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## 2) Boxing vocabulary

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**Below is some boxing vocabulary:**

a boxing ring:	an area where a boxing match takes place
rounds:	periods of time in a boxing match
a weigh-in:	a meeting before the boxing match, when boxers are weighed

**Now complete the sentences with the correct word/phrase from above.**

1. The two boxers met for the first time at the \_\_\_\_\_ before the fight.
2. Usually in men's boxing, \_\_\_\_\_ last three minutes each.
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## Answers

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## Script

### Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we're hearing about a boxer from Mongolia and learning the words 'popular' and 'feat'.

Bader Uugan is a boxer from Mongolia.

Since he won a gold medal in the last Olympic games in Beijing, more and more people in Mongolia have started boxing.

BBC reporter Chris Hogg has been to meet Bader Uugan.

Listen for the words 'popular' and 'feat'.

### Clip

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Did you hear the word 'popular'?

Popular describes something that a lot of people like

... boxing is becoming more and more **popular** here

Chris said the word 'feat'.

A feat is an achievement that needs a lot of effort and skill.

**a feat** he plans to repeat in London

Well we have heard that boxing is becoming very popular in Mongolia since Bader Uugan's success.

Now, let's hear from some people in London. What do they think is popular in London?

Vox pops

Shopping is very popular in London as there are a lot of shops!

I think that museums are very popular in London because a lot of them are free to enter.

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On screen

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I'm Natalie and that's all from Talking Sport.

See you next time.