



Go back to the drawing board

When we say, "go back to the drawing board," it means to start over from the beginning when a plan or project isn't working. It's like giving it another try with a fresh approach.

Examples

1. Imagine you and your friends are planning a surprise party, but the ideas aren't working out. You might say, "Let's go back to the drawing board and come up with a new plan."
2. In a school project, if your group's idea isn't working, you could suggest, "We need to go back to the drawing board and find a better way."
3. If a company's new product isn't selling well, the CEO might say, "We have to go back to the drawing board and make changes."

Where it comes from

This phrase comes from the world of design and engineering. Designers and engineers use a special table called a drawing board to create plans. When things don't work out, they literally go back to this table to start over, rethink and redesign their plans.

Why it's important

"Go back to the drawing board" reminds us that it's okay to try again when things don't succeed the first time. It encourages us to be flexible and find better solutions, which is useful in solving problems and achieving success.