



## Business Idioms Exercise

A Match the idioms with the meanings and then translate the idioms.

| Idiom                          | Meaning                       | Translation |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1- To be given the green light | .... a – increase a lot ⇨     | .....       |
| 2- To flog a dead horse        | .... b – stay well-informed ⇨ | .....       |
| 3- To get hold of              | .... c – receive approval ⇨   | .....       |
| 4- To go through the roof      | .... d – waste effort ⇨       | .....       |
| 5- To keep up to date          | .... e – contact ⇨            | .....       |

B Circle the correct answer.

1 A: How's the new project going?  
 B: Great. ....  
 A I couldn't get hold of anybody  
 B It's gone through the roof  
 C It's been given the green light

2 A: How's the new project going?  
 B: Bad. ....  
 A We're flogging a dead horse  
 B I couldn't get through to anyone  
 C It's up to date

3 A: Why do you read so many business magazines?  
 B: .....  
 A To get hold of him  
 B To go through the roof  
 C To keep up to date

4 Keep on trying. It's imperative ..... today.  
 A to get hold of him  
 B to go through the roof  
 C to flog a dead horse

5 Everyone's worried about the price of petrol. They think .....  
 A it's going to be flogging a dead horse  
 B it's going to be given the green light  
 C it's going to go through the roof

6 We can't start work on the new project until .....  
 A the horse has been flogged  
 B it's been given the green light  
 C it's gone through the roof

7 I attend a lot of conferences in order .....  
 A to flog a dead horse  
 B to go through the roof  
 C to keep up to date

8 I need to talk to Nigel. I've been trying ..... all day.  
 A to get hold of him  
 B to flog a dead horse  
 C to keep up to date





## Drill

Ask a student...

how they keep up to date in their work.

how easy it is to get hold of their boss.

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### Answers

**A**

1C 2D 3E 4A 5B

**B**

1C 2A 3C 4A 5C 6B 7C 8A

