

# IDIOMS ABOUT DOING BUSINESS

1. Join the idioms with their meaning

**Cut to the chase**

Right, let's cut to the chase. How much is it going to cost?

**Word of mouth**

The news spread by word of mouth.

**The ball in somebody's court**

I've emailed him – now the ball's in his court.

**Talk someone out of something**

Talk someone out of something (They talked him out of his plan)

**Jump the gun**

Don't jump the gun. We need a further discussion.

**Stand one's ground**

Everybody tried to persuade her but she stood her ground.

when people hear about something from their friends, family, etc

to persuade someone not to do something

it is somebody's responsibility to take action next

to do something too soon, before the right time

to stop wasting time and start talking about the most important thing

to continue with your opinions or to refuse to be pushed backwards

2. Write the idioms from the first exercises using the correct form

- 1 Learn to say no, and \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2 Don't \_\_\_\_\_ before you know what's going on here.
- 3 I didn't want to wait so I \_\_\_\_\_ and directly asked him.
- 4 It's up to you to decide – \_\_\_\_\_ now.
- 5 He received the news by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6 They \_\_\_\_\_ of his plan.
- 7 You can just \_\_\_\_\_ and say the real price of the deal.
- 8 His parents \_\_\_\_\_ of leaving the college.
- 9 They \_\_\_\_\_ by building this before getting the permission.
- 10 Katy learned about the job by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 11 She wasn't persuaded and \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 12 I have already called him three times, now \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 13 I'm not going to talk a lot about this, let's \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 14 Much of this information is picked up by \_\_\_\_\_ .