

Task One. Match the idioms with the definitions. Write the letter.

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| 1. hit below the belt | a. start something - a process or activity |
| 2. get the ball rolling | b. To be the most successful |
| 3. take the lead | c. to act unfairly or say something hurtful |
| 4. neck and neck | d. to act too early without thinking |
| 5. jump the gun | e. very close in a competition |

Task Two. Read the sentences and choose the correct idiom from Task One.

1. That comment about her weight was really _____.
2. Let's _____ by doing some brainstorming.
3. The two runners were _____ until the finish line.
4. If we buy now, we'll be _____ before the bank even approves the loan.
5. Our company has _____ in online sales.

Task Three. Read the sentences and choose the missing words to form the phrase.

1. We're almost done – we're _____ the home stretch.
2. She's really _____ the ball when it comes to solving problems.
3. He thinks she's _____ of his league.
4. She beat me _____ the punch and hand in her proposal first.
5. I'm hoping to stay ahead _____ the game this time.

Task Four. Look at the picture and choose the correct phrase.

