Idioms about doing business

1. Join the idioms with their meaning

up in the air	is something with very little chance of success.
cut corners	a practical way of doing or measuring something, usually based on past experience
the red tape	to save time, money, or energy by doing a task to a lower standard
a long shot	to learn the basics or how to do a specific task or an activity
the upper hand	something that is not yet decided or uncertain
learn the ropes	is an overall view or perspective on a situation or issue
the big picture	are official rules and processes that seem unnecessary and prevent things from being done quickly and easily
a rule of thumb	to have more power than anyone else and so have control

2. Write the expressions from the first exercise

1. You should concentrate on _____ and not to be distracted by details.
2. You don't have to _____ on production costs and make the cheaper product.
3. As _____ you should cook a chicken for 20 minutes and then add some spices to it.
4. After hours of this difficult competition out team finally got _____ .
5. We had to prepare lots of documents but eventually we managed to cut through _____ .
6. There is nothing decided yet. Our plans to travel are still _____
7. May be this plan is _____ . But we still have no other choice.
8. If you want to keep this job you have to _____ in jewellery trade.

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