

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 _____.