Business Idioms Exercise

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

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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