

**Answer key**

1c 2f 3d 4b 5a 6e

1 You **missed the boat**. The sales finished in the shops yesterday and you cannot get anything cheaply anymore.

2 If you want to take your opportunity and get a cheap holiday, you need to **be on the ball** and online.

3 I am not sure whether to help with your birthday party or attend this urgent business meeting. I feel like I **am caught between two stools**.

4 Pete! Can you do the first presentation to **get the ball rolling**?

5 I am not going to **beat about the bush**. Your attitude at work is terrible!

6 Sandra **killed two birds with one stone** by both visiting her favourite city, New York, and meeting her brother there.