

Some new idiomatic expressions?

Put the expressions with the correct definition. The first one is done for you.

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| 1 Miss the boat | c) | a) Difficulty choosing between two alternatives |
| 2 Kill two birds with one stone | | b) Alert and efficient or effective |
| 3 Get the ball rolling | | c) Not take an opportunity |
| 4 Be on the ball | | d) Cause an activity to start happening |
| 5 Be caught between two stools | | e) Avoid talking about something difficult or unpleasant |
| 6 Beat around the bush | | f) Achieve two objectives with a single effort |

Now check your understanding by completing the sentences below with an expression from above. Again, the first one is done for you.

- 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 _____ and online.
- 3 I am not sure whether to help with your birthday party or attend this urgent business meeting. I feel like I _____.
- 4 Pete! Can you do the first presentation to _____?
- 5 I am not going to _____. Your attitude at work is terrible!
- 6 Sandra _____ by both visiting her favourite city, New York, and meeting her brother there.

