**Activity 1 - Matching Idioms and Definitions**

1. ***Match the following business idioms with their meanings***

| 1. A chip on your shoulder | a. A difficult situation that requires careful handling |
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| 1. Think outside the box | b. To be angry or resentful about something in the past |
| 1. The bottom line | c. To start something new and different |
| 1. A delicate situation | d. The most important thing or crucial factor |
| 1. A steep learning curve | e. To be very expensive |
| 1. Cut corners | f. To try to achieve something without spending enough money, time or effort |
| 1. Go the extra mile | g. To try harder or make an extra effort to achieve something |
| 1. Break the ice | h. To do something to make people feel more relaxed and friendly |
| 1. Pricey | i. A situation that is difficult to handle or resolve |
| 1. A catch-22 | j. A dilemma or difficult situation where there is no easy solution |

*Answers: b, c, d, i, a, f, g, h, e, j*

***b. Match the idiom with its correct meaning.***

| 1. Cut corners | a. To try to get something for free |
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| 1. Break even | b. To make a difficult decision |
| 1. Ballpark figure | c. To reduce costs by sacrificing quality |
| 1. Hit the ground running | d. To be aware of a situation |
| 1. Pull the plug | e. To start something new quickly and effectively |
| 1. Get the ball rolling | f. To make neither a profit nor a loss |
| 1. Keep an eye on it | g. A rough estimate |

*Answers: c, f, g, e, a, e, d*