

## Lesson 01 Careers

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**Say It like a Professional****take the bull by the horns**

I'm not waiting any longer for the boss to \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ , march in and tell him I want more money, or I'm leaving for another job.

**Meaning****beat around the bush / beat about the bush**

He wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ yes or no, but \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Meaning**