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- A. To continue talking about something that has already been discussed
- B. To start a new topic of conversation
- C. To move on from a topic that has already been discussed
- D. To argue a point that has already been proven wrong

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**Correct Answer: To continue talking about something that has already been discussed**

## To beat a dead horse idiom meaning

The phrase “to beat a dead horse” is an idiom that means to continue doing something that is no longer useful or effective. It is often used to describe a situation in which someone is persistently and unnecessarily trying to do or achieve something that has already been proven to be futile or unsuccessful.

### Examples of beat a dead horse idiom meaning

If someone continues to try to persuade someone else to do something even though it is clear that they are not interested or willing, they might be accused of “beating a dead horse.” Similarly, if someone continues to pursue a goal or strategy that has already been proven to be ineffective or unproductive, they might also be accused of “beating a dead horse.”

The phrase “to beat a dead horse” is often used to criticize or ridicule someone for their stubbornness or lack of common sense in continuing to pursue something that is clearly not going to work. It is also used more generally to describe any situation in which someone continues to do something that is no longer useful or productive.



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