

THE TWO HORSES

Paul: I just don't know what to give Joe for his wedding. I'd like to give him something out of the ordinary, unique... When I tried to (1. start talking about the topic) _____ with him so as to get an idea of what he might like he (2. said no outright, bluntly) _____ to listen to me.

Silvia: Mine is only (3. a shy proposal) _____ but what if you made something for him yourself? You know how much he loves horses so... a painting, maybe? It would certainly be (4. hard to do but not a waste of time) _____.

Paul: Do you really think so? What if the result were (5. a complete failure) _____?

... but of course it wasn't and the picture had (6. the result wished for) _____.



Solutions:

1. broach the subject
2. refused point blank
3. tentative suggestion
4. worth the effort
5. an unmitigated disaster
6. the desired effect