

Task 1**A)**

Ballpark number/figure	Something that is public knowledge and not secret anymore
Get something off the ground	Something that has a very low probability of happening
By the book	To start something (e.g. a project or a business)
Cut-throat	Learn the basics of something (e.g. a job)
Corner the market	To give something one's full attention and to not lose focus
Go the extra mile	Something that is really obvious or easy
Keep one's eye on the ball	To do things exactly according to the rules or the law
Learn the ropes	Very intense, aggressive, and merciless competition
Long shot	To do more than what people expect
No-brainer	A very inexact estimate
Out in the open	To dominate a particular market

B)

go the extra mile/off the ground/a ballpark figure/ cut-throat/ by the book/ keep our eyes on the ball/ out in the open/ a long shot/ no-brainer /learning the ropes/ corners

1. Making money working for an investment bank is a..... (obvious)
2. To give our customers the best shopping experience, we..... (do more)

3. Now that we have finished the planning phase, we're eager to get the project.....
(start)
4. Competition in the food retailing business is..... (aggressive)
5. We told our auditors that we do everything.....(to the rules)
6. We should not diversify our product offering too much, but rather..... (stay
focused)
7. To give you....., how much the border wall to Mexico is going to cost, I'd say
about 30 million dollars. (rough number)
8. Winning the lottery is..... (sth that may never occur)
9. Amazon more or lessthe online retailing **market**. (dominates the market)
10. I'min my new position. (basics)
11. Our finances are..... anyway. (obvious)