

step up to the plate carry the ball touch base a head start across the board calls the shots in full swing
 throw in the towel drop the ball a heads up second wind home stretch knew the ropes long shot
 make the cut full deck up to par par for the course off base the ball rolling

1. This proposal will reduce funding _____ for community development grants, student loans and summer schools.
2. Britain is no longer run from Downing Street. It's Brussels that _____.
3. Being able to speak French gave her _____ over the other candidates.
4. After the strike it would be some time before production was _____.
5. Mary is a better worker after she has her _____.
6. We've been on this project for three months, but we're in the _____ now.
7. He'd been in the business for over ten years so he _____.
8. He may be a good programmer, but he's a _____ for that job.
9. You know, actually none of you could even really _____ for this project.
10. Pretend you are playing with a _____.
11. Joe pointed out that while the graphics are not _____ with those of the Xbox 360 or PlayStation 3, "the clever art style makes up for that".
12. Some argue that a certain sluggishness is _____ in multinational companies.
13. I think you can see how even though I was somewhat _____, you were a little wrong, right?
14. Why are you starting _____ without us?
15. You could just save yourself the trouble and _____.
16. We need a couple of Senators who will _____ for us in Congress.
17. I hope I can count on you not to laugh when I _____.
18. Each one of us must _____.
19. Well, maybe we can use this opportunity to _____ about our feedback tool.
20. I just wanted to give you _____: I am going on a vacation.