

Sports Idioms Worksheet

Instructions: Write the meanings of the idiomatic expressions and create sentences using the expressions.

Idiom / Phrase	Meaning	Example Sentence
ace in the hole		
call the shots		
chip in		
down to the wire		
front runner		
get a head start		
get a second wind		
get into the full swing		
give it your best shot		
give someone a fair shake		
give someone a run for their money		
go to bat for someone		
hat trick		
have the upper hand		
hit a snag		
hit below the belt		
hold all the aces		
hot shot or big shot		
jump the gun		

keep your head above water		
learn the ropes		
level playing field		
long shot		
make the cut		
neck and neck		
no sweat		
not playing with a full deck		
not up to par		
on the ball		
out in left field		
out of my league		
settle a score		
shot in the dark		
skate on thin ice		
start the ball rolling		
step up to the plate		
take the bull by the horns		
take the wind out of my sails		
the ball is in your court		
the home stretch		
throw in the towel		

time out		
to be off base		
under the table		
win hands down		