

Sport and Games Idioms

- Complete the sentences below by using one of the sporting idioms provided. You may need to choose the correct tense and select the appropriate pronoun.

**head start
on the ball**

**give it (your) best shot
throw in the towel**

(have/has) the upper hand

Q1. 1. Don't be disappointed about not getting the job. At least you

Q2. If you want a, you need to prepare thoroughly.

Q3. Some people have no self-confidence. When I was younger, I often
..... quickly when a situation got too difficult.

Q4. News presenters should be regarding current affairs.

Q5. Now that your enemy knows your secret, he certainly

ANSWERS

- A1.** 1. Don't be disappointed about not getting the job. At least you **gave it your best shot**.
- A2.** If you want a **head start**, you need to prepare thoroughly.
- A3.** Some people have no self-confidence. When I was younger, I often **threw in the towel** quickly when a situation got too difficult.
- A4.** News presenters should be **on the ball** regarding current affairs.
- A5.** Now that your enemy knows your secret, he certainly **has the upper hand**.