

# Management speak – game 1

## RULES:

Your goal is to get as many of the phrases below into the conversation without the Chair of the meeting noticing that there is anything odd going on. Some phrases are worth more points than others, depending on how obvious we think they are as examples of management speak. The person with the highest score at the end of the meeting wins. No cheating please.

	Phrase	Value	Score
1	Reach out	1	
2	Low hanging fruit	2	
3	On my radar	1	
4	No-brainer	1	
5	Singing from the same hymn sheet	1	
6	Right in my wheelhouse	5	
7	Longest pole in the tent	5	
8	Boil the ocean	5	
9	Let's 'ideate'	5	
10	One Team one Dream	3	
11	Let's take this offline	1	
12	Let me make my thinking visible	2	
13	Take it to the next level	2	
14	Moving forward	1	
15	Value add	1	
16	Paradigm shift	3	
17	Hit the ground running	1	
18	Thought shower ( <i>replacement for brainstorm</i> )	3	
19	Solutioning	5	
20	That is not my MO	3	
21	Thinking outside of the box	1	
22	Gain traction	2	
23	On the same page	1	
24	Thin edge of the wedge	2	
25	End of play	1	

	Phrase	Value	Score
26	Can we [you] socialise this?	3	
27	We need to square this circle	4	
28	Push the envelope	2	
29	When the rubber hits the road	4	
30	Touch base	1	
31	Blue sky thinking	2	
32	Straw man	2	
33	Granular detail	2	
34	On point	4	
35	Getting our ducks in a row	2	
36	Ping me an email	1	
37	Put it on the back burner	1	
38	My bad	4	
39	Deep dive	5	
40	Skin in the game	3	
41	Let's unpack this	1	
42	Surface the issues	2	
43	Kick it into the long grass	2	
44	Game-changing	1	
45	Take that on board	1	
46	Thought leader	2	
47	Open the Kimono	5	
48	Press the flesh	2	
49	Has that been four eyed?	5	
50	Helicopter view	1	

# Management speak – game 2

## RULES:

Lose 2 points each time you get caught using any of the management speak phrases below. Person with the highest score at the end of the meeting is the winner. Or, if you're really bad it's the last person to get to zero points.

Starting points: **20**

Current points:

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# Management speak – game 3

## RULES:

Randomly select 16 phrases from the list overleaf and write them in the grid below. Each person should have a different selection. As the meeting progresses, put a cross in the box of each phrase you hear. The first person to get four crosses in a row (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) has to get the phrase “Let’s put that in the ideas fridge and snack on it later” into the meeting conversation to win.


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