

18. Plans and decisions

1 . To make plans

We make , create , develop plans

- The head of the company is announcing to his senior staff plans he's making for the business to be exclusively online
- This obviously doesn't work so we have to develop another plan .
- A group of dedicated youth created a two year plan for the local schools to attract more talented young teachers .

2 . To toy with an idea / plan

To consider but not in a focused way

- For some time now we've been toying with the idea of transferring our business to online - only sales .

3 . To unveil a plan

To show / make known for the first time

- Rob unveiled the plan to move the business to the web in three phases over five months .

4 . A tentative suggestion

tentative - not fully worked out or developed

- I'd like to make a tentative suggestion .

5 . To drum up support

To increase support for an idea or suggestion

- Rhonda did a great job drumming up support for the move the CEO mentioned

yesterday .

6 . To launch the scheme

To start a program or scheme

- I'd like to know if anybody has any suggestions before we launch the scheme .

7 . Eager anticipation

Feeling very excited about something that is going to happen

- I've been waiting for this day with eager anticipation for a long time .

8 . To be underway

happening

- We came up with the idea five years ago and the preparations have been underway ever since .

9 . Necessary groundwork

Work done in preparation as if to prepare ground for building figuratively speaking

- There is a certain amount of necessary groundwork to do .

10 . To reach a decision

We make a decision or reach one

- We worked really hard before our sponsors were able to reach the decision to support us .

11 . To put into practice

To implement

- We need to turn our attention to how best to put our ideas into practice .

Rejecting plans

1 . To declare outright opposition (to) a plan

2 . To declare outright hostility to a plan

- We have to convince as many congressmen as we can ,before the senators declare outright opposition to the plan .

3 . To reject out of hand

Reject totally

- She rejected my idea out of hand .

4 . Constructive criticism

Critique based on facts rather than personal predisposition or feelings
Constructive criticism is useful for improvement

- Remember , constructive criticism is always welcome .