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do research, attend a lecture, first draft  
target audience, prepare handouts, public speaking  
high-powered job, hand in your notice  
set up a business, launch a product, rival company  
key factor, challenge a theory, carry out research  
make reference to, argue convincingly, research suggests*

*break the law, bend the rules, fair trial  
hardened criminal, juvenile crime, tackle crime  
hit the headlines, hold talks, take hostage  
squander money, price soars, go cheap  
war breaks out, restore order, call a truce  
eradicate poverty, forced and voluntary migration*

*save time, ungodly hours, from dawn till dusk  
break the silence, excessive noise, almighty bang  
within commuting distance, painfully thin  
bright colour, beam of light, shed some light on  
choppy sea, soft pillow, ice melts  
fragrant perfume, have a taste, smell danger  
significant number, come to a total of, rare species  
prompt payment, painfully slow, lose your balance  
make an adjustment, break a habit, change the subject  
brief chat, raise a subject, drop a hint  
pace up and down, wander aimlessly, faltering steps*

*promising start, bring something to an end  
make a breakthrough, fail miserably  
cause alarm, adverse effects, have a major impact  
vaguely remember, blot out a memory, have a feeling  
settle a dispute, agree to differ, heated argument  
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