

1. Pulling strings
2. Cut no ice
3. Bitten off more than he could
4. Biding his time
5. Currying favor
6. Burned their fingers
7. Keep up with the times
8. Put on hold
9. Putting on airs
10. Upset the apple cart
11. Take at face value
12. Take the rap
13. Skating on thin ice
14. Took issue with
15. Keep up appearances