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Examples from last week:

- **The gloves are off**

Andrew Neil warned UK political cooperation may be coming to an end despite the country still dealing with the **coronavirus** crisis. Mr Neil told the BBC that the "*gloves are now off*" regarding cross party cooperation, according to Labour Leader **Keir Starmer**.

- **Knock the spots off**

Silversea and Seabourn, both key players in the luxury market, are launching ships this year. The most high-profile is likely to be the Regent Seven Seas Explorer, with extraordinary suites that will *knock the spots off* even the most sumptuous luxury cruise vessels (at 3,875 sq ft, the ship's Regent Suite will be almost four times the size of an average family home).

- **To play a straight bat**

US officials have previously claimed that Andrew has refused to co-operate with their requests to be questioned over Epstein and their investigation into his sex trafficking network.

Last night, the Mail was told that the duke's legal team was 'at the end of its tether' and had 'tried *to play a straight bat*' with US officials, only to be greeted by leaks and innuendo.

And now something for this week:

- Bring up to speed
- Play cards close to the chest
- To sing from the same hymn sheet