

THEORY:

IDIOMS ABOUT EDUCATION

1. DEFINITION.

They are phrases or sentences whose meaning is not obvious through knowledge of the individual meanings of the constituent words.

2. EXAMPLE:

- To be a bookworm and its meaning is used to refer to someone who reads a lot.

PRACTICE:

1. What do you know about this expression: “Hit the books!”?

1a. Is it an English expression or an American expression?

1b. What is its literal meaning?

2. Are there any expressions connected to education. Do you agree with them?

2a. What are they ?

2b. What do they mean ?

3. Read the quotes about education. Do you agree with them?

3a. “Education is not a preparation for life; it’s life itself” , John Dewey

3b. “More people than ever before are graduated, but not educated.” , Robert Gunderson

3c. “It is not the IQ but the I WILL that is most important in education.” , Anonymous.

SOLUTIONS:

1) I know the following things

1a. It is an American expression.

1b. Its literal meaning is to smack the books, but literally means to study hard.

2) In Spanish we have the expressions :

2a1. Hincar los dientes

2a2. Ser un empollón

2ac. Cada maestrillo tiene su librillo

2a1 and 2a2 mean to hit the books

2a3 means that everyone does things in his / her particular manner / way.

3) Give your answer and justify it.