

IDIOMS WILL HELP IMPROVE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Abstract: Today, language learning not only serves for a number of opportunities, but deep mastery of foreign languages can also serve to open the whole world. This article describes in detail the importance of IDIOMS to improve understanding of the English language.

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This article has as main purpose to share the results of a small scale project based on guiding students in the use of idioms through dialogues and readings, in order to improve students' communicative skill. Idioms in and outside the classroom are widely believed to help teachers and students promote an innovative environment of communication. However, the integration of idioms in the teaching and learning process may be difficult or ineffective for some learners or teachers because it is not relevant or necessary for carrying out educational goals.

Furthermore, from teachers' perspectives, with a variety of activities based on idioms can help to facilitate needs and challenge students' learning process. The type of activities and how they are constructed in the classroom is found as one of the most important aspects that help to the success of using idioms in and outside the classroom and the appropriate teachers' role. The use of idioms has a great influence in the teaching and learning process of a foreign language, because it could be one of the ways to give students better conditions to improve communicative skill in the daily context.

English is a language particularly rich in idioms – those modes of expression peculiar to a language (or dialect) which frequently defy logical and grammatical rules. Without idioms English would lose much of its variety and humor both in speech and writing. The background and etymological origins of most idioms is at best obscure. This is the reason why a study of differences between the idioms of American and British English is somewhat difficult. But it also makes the cases, where background, etymology and history are known, even more interesting.

Some idioms of the "worldwide English" have first been seen in the works of writers like Shakespeare, Sir Walter Scott, Lewis Carroll or even in the paperbacks of contemporary novelists. Based on the above statements, it is very important to know that native speakers of a language use idioms all the time. Students are often embarrassed and frustrated if they cannot understand the idioms a person is using. A strong knowledge of idioms will help students be better speakers. The high number of idioms and their high frequency in discourse make them an important aspect of vocabulary. Finally, since idiomatic expressions are so frequently encountered in both spoken and written discourse, this issue requires special attention in language programs with the purpose of helping students improve their communicative skill.

Other idioms come from ancient phrases which have changed over time. For example "To hold one's horses" means to stop and wait patiently for someone or something. It comes from a time when people rode horses and would have to hold their horses while waiting for someone or something "Hold your horses", I said when my friend started to leave the store (Niergarth, 2007). Other idioms come from such things as sports that are common in the United Kingdom or the United States and may require some special cultural knowledge to easily understand them. "To cover all of one's

bases” means to thoroughly prepare for or deal with a situation. It comes from the American game of baseball where you must cover or protect the bases.

I tried to cover all of my bases when I went to the job interview. Most idioms are unique and fixed in their grammatical structure. The expression to sit on the fence cannot become to sit on a fence or to sit on the fences. However, there are many changes that can be made to an idiom. When you learn English idioms, you take English out of textbook and into the real world. The English language can be considered as being made up of two components: “Textbook English” and “Natural English”. The textbook form of English is composed using proper English vocabulary, while strictly adhering to the rules of English grammar. The sentences in textbook English are necessarily grammatically correct and complete in all respects.

The natural form of English, on the other hand, allows liberal use of slang, jargon, phrases and idioms, lending a colorful hue to the language. Natural English is spoken at an informal level, and it is the idioms in the language that give it a natural, conversational and creative feel. So, if you want to speak English fluently, just like a native speaker, it is important that you learn English idioms. It is necessary to mention that before developing the workshops, just a few students were able to recognize the importance and advantage of using idioms in a foreign language.

Few of them were abroad; the participants were based on their own experiences. The majority of the learners who participated in the project were not ready to use idioms. The learners were motivated in classes, also they felt happy because they were able to make dialogues, make sentences and understand texts with idioms.

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