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8 EDUCATION IDIOMS



Increase your fluency today.

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Learn New Idioms to Increase Your Classroom Fluency Today!

Learning some common English idioms related to education can help **increase your fluency in your classroom right now!** The more vocabulary you know, the better able you are to communicate with fellow teachers and paraeducators.

When you learn new vocabulary, your fluency increases. **When your fluency increases, so does your confidence** to speak English in your classroom and in meetings and at events with colleagues and parents.

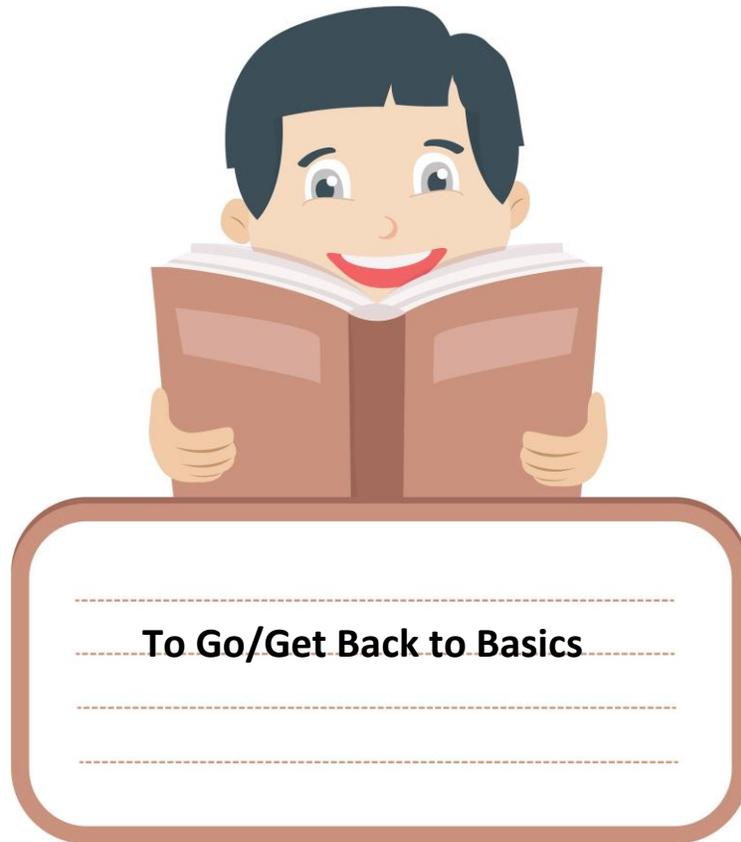


Learning new vocabulary also help you **improve your career options and help you earn more money.** For example, if you're a paraeducator, then you may want to go to earn your teaching license and need to pass the TOEFL and to handle the college-level work in English that requires.

Do more than just read these idioms! Go **USE** them with your students, colleagues, and parents. That is the best way to remember them and to improve your vocabulary!

(Bonus: Some Ways to Practice These Idioms and the English for Educator Program description are at the end of this document!)

1.)



Meaning: To use a way of doing something that is traditional, that focuses on the most basic information.

Example: We have had **to go/get back to basics** in our school because so many students could not pass the state reading test.

2.)



Meaning: To go through a lot of material, especially in a meeting or for a project/lesson.

Examples: We will **cover a lot of ground** at the staff meeting this afternoon, so make sure you're on time.

This lesson will **cover a lot of ground**, so take careful notes.

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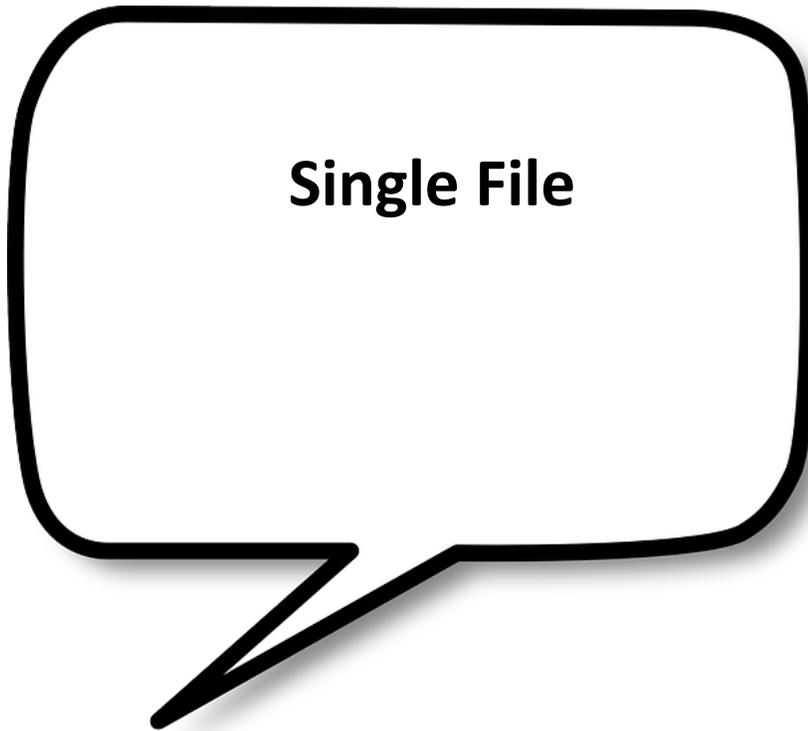


Meaning: To memorize something.

Examples: The school does not make children learn lessons **by rote**. Instead, it focuses on problem-based learning to help them think critically.

Sometimes, you just have to learn how to spell words **by rote**.

4.)



Meaning: To form a line in which one person is behind another person.

Example: I need you guys to make a quiet, **single file** line so that we can go to the cafeteria for lunch.

5.)



Meaning: To study a lot.

Example: They have a test on Friday, so I told them **to hit the books** tonight so that they would be ready.

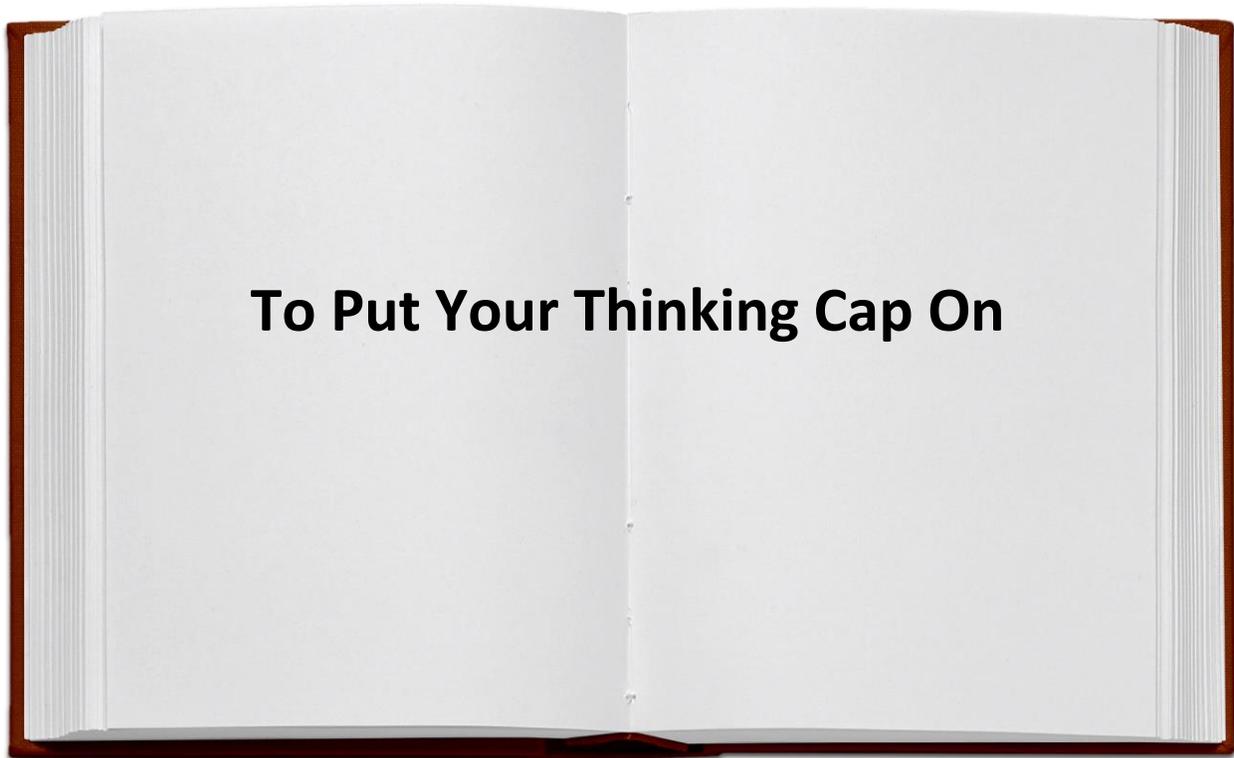
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Meaning: To do work that is satisfactory and that meets minimum requirements.

Example: A few of the students didn't **make the grade**, so I'm going to have them do the project over again.

8.)



Meaning: To concentrate hard, and think of ideas/answers.

Example: All right, teachers. We need **to put our thinking caps on** and make a list of solutions to the problem of our students being late to class.

Some Ways to Practice These Idioms:

- 1.) Use them in an email.
- 2.) Use them in a conversation with a student.
- 3.) Use them in staff or team meetings.
- 4.) Use them in a conversation with another colleague.
- 5.) Write sentences that use them.
- 6.) Record yourself on video using these idioms in sentences, speaking as if you were talking to your students, parents, or colleagues.
- 7.) Make a chart with four squares. Write the idiom in the middle of the page. Write the definition in the top left. Write a synonym in the top right. Write the opposite in the bottom left. Write an example sentence, and draw a picture that helps you remember what it means in the bottom right.

<p>Definition (part of speech)</p> <p>To give permission</p>	<p>Synonym</p> <p>to permit, to allow</p>
<p>APPROVE</p> <p>Vocabulary Word</p>	
<p>Antonym</p> <p>to deny, to disallow</p>	<p>Picture and Example Sentence</p>  <p>By Virginia State Parks staff - Dip netting Uploaded by AlbertHerring, CC BY 2.0, https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=29210230</p> <p>Do you think their parents approve of them being so close to that deep water?</p>

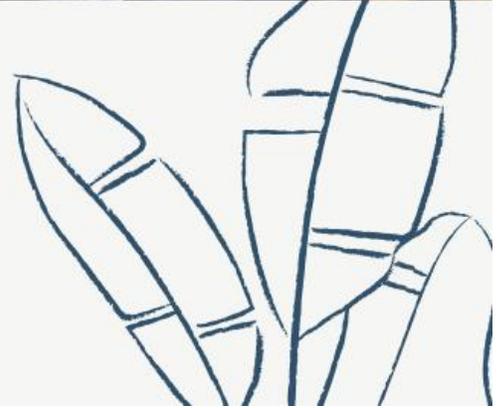
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The ultimate goal of this program is to **help you improve your ability to speak clearly and confidently in an educational setting**. At the end of the program, you will have everything you need to advance in your career and will have attained more confidence and fluency in English.

This program has three pillars and lasts 14 weeks, with the last week reserved for wrap-up, review, and reflection.

In pillar 1, **Language for the Classroom and Presentation**, we will use six weeks to improve your ability to give a presentation to your colleagues, students, and parents, learn and confidently use language for the classroom, and clearly leave voicemails to parents and colleagues. At the end of this pillar, you will not only be able to give much clearer presentations in a variety of educational contexts, but you will also know how to give information to parents in a conference, understand parents' cultural expectations from teachers to inform your communication with them, and leave a voicemail to arrange a meeting.

In pillar two, **Language for the Professional Educator**, we will use five weeks to build your vocabulary on a variety of educational topics. At the end of this pillar, you will be able to use vocabulary related to learning and teaching styles, technology in the classroom, discipline and classroom management, standardized testing, maker learning, flipped classrooms, student mental health, and poverty.

In pillar 3, **Language for Teacher-Learner Interaction**, we will use two weeks to improve your ability to communicate orally with your students. At the end of this pillar, you will more confidently respond to student requests, provide explanations one-on-one, and correct learners. Additionally, you will be able to discuss students' learning with them and be able to clear up misunderstandings when they occur between you and a student.

This program empowers you, after 14 weeks, to much more confidently and effectively communicate with your colleagues, parents, and students in a variety of educational contexts.

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