

## USING PHRASES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

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*Abstract* – This article demonstrates information about the importance of English phrases and how to learn and teach them. Also there are given examples with meaning of phrases in this article.

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### **Introduction**

What is a phrase in English language?

Many English language users are fond of the usage of phrases in their sentences. A phrase is a group of words that kinds a grammatical component. It can be used to talk something. It is a part of sentences and can not stand on its own. Phrases provide more information about something. There are different types of phrases including noun phrases, verb phrases, prepositional phrases, adverbial phrases, and adjectival phrases.

**Noun phrases:** These phrases consist of a noun and other words that describe or modify the noun. For example, "the big red apple," where "the big red" describes the noun "apple."

**Verb phrases:** Verb phrases consist of a main verb along with its auxiliary (helping) verbs. For example, "is cooking," where "is" is the auxiliary verb and "cooking" is the main verb.

**Prepositional phrases:** Prepositional phrases begin with a preposition and

usually describe the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in the sentence. For example, "on the table," where "on" is the preposition.

**Adverbial phrases:** These phrases function as adverbs and modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs in the sentence. For example, "very quickly," where "very" modifies "quickly."

**Adjectival phrases:** Adjectival phrases function as adjectives in a sentence, describing a noun or pronoun. For example, "full of energy," where "full of" describes the noun phrase "energy."

Understanding different types of phrases and how they function in a sentence is crucial for constructing grammatically correct and coherent sentences in the English language.

Learning English phrases can be a practical way to improve your language skills efficiently. Here are some tips on how to learn English phrases easily:

1. **Contextual Learning:** Learn phrases in context by reading books, watching movies, listening to songs, and engaging with native English speakers.

2. **Flashcards:** Create flashcards with phrases on one side and their meanings on the other.

3. **Use Language Learning Apps:** Utilize language learning apps that focus on teaching English phrases.

4. **Practice Speaking:** Practice speaking the phrases out loud to improve your pronunciation and fluency.

5. **Writing Exercises:** Write sentences or short paragraphs using the phrases you've learned.

6. **Language Exchange:** Engage in language exchange with native English speakers or other learners.

7. **Set Goals:** Define specific goals for learning phrases, such as mastering a set number of phrases per week.

8. **Regular Practice:** Consistency is key to learning phrases effectively. Spend a few minutes each day reviewing and practicing phrase

9. **Use Mnemonics:** Create mnemonic devices or associations to help you

remember phrases more easily.

10. Seek Feedback: Ask for feedback from teachers, language partners, or online communities to ensure you're using phrases correctly.

By incorporating these strategies into your language learning routine, you can enhance your understanding and fluency in English phrases effectively and efficiently.

“Speak of the devil” – this means that the person you’re just talking about actually turns up at that moment.

‘See eye to eye’ – this means agreeing with someone.

‘Once in a blue moon’ – an event that happens infrequently.

‘To cost an arm and a leg’ – something is very expensive.

‘A piece of cake’ – something is very easy”.<sup>1</sup>

These given examples are very interesting and useful phrases for teachers and also learners.

“Keep in mind, not all phrases are good phrases. Sometimes, common phrases actually undermine your writing by making you look less confident or making your point less clear. Know which phrases to avoid so you don’t inadvertently weaken your writing by using them”.<sup>2</sup>

According to this opinion we can know that not all commonly used phrases are beneficial. Be aware of which phrases to steer clear of to ensure your writing remains strong and clear.

In language teaching, using English phrases can be a powerful tool to enhance students' language skills. Here are some key points about incorporating English phrases in teaching:

1. Contextual Learning: Phrases help students understand how words are used together in real-life situations, improving their grasp of English language usage.

2. Fluency Development: By learning common phrases, students can become

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more fluent in English as they practice using ready-made language chunks in various contexts.

3. **Idiomatic Expressions:** Phrases often contain idiomatic expressions that reflect the culture and nuances of the language, providing students with deeper insights into English language and culture.

4. **Vocabulary Expansion:** Studying phrases is an effective way for students to expand their vocabulary, as they learn groups of words that are commonly used together.

5. **Communicative Competence:** Integrating phrases in teaching helps students develop communicative competence, enabling them to interact more naturally and confidently in English.

6. **Practical Application:** Engaging students in activities that require the use of phrases in speaking, listening, reading, and writing tasks can enhance their practical language skills.

### **Conclusion**

Using phrases in English language teaching has many benefits like better understanding, fluency, more words, and cultural knowledge. Teachers can make teaching more effective by using phrases well. By learning and practicing phrases, students can become really good at English and speak it like native speakers do.

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