



Find

EVERYDAY EVENT: Find is a commonly used word in a classroom. Teachers often ask students to find the solution to a math problem by working out the problem in their head. Students can also do an experiment to find out what happens when plants are not watered.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPRESSION:

The word *find* is commonly used as both a verb and a noun. *To find* something is to look for something that is unknown or lost. It can be a physical object, such as a book, or it can be an idea, such as a solution to why Sarah is unhappy.

A *find* is something that has been found. Again it can also be a physical object that was found, such as a map to an island. Or it can be an idea that was found, such as the cure to cancer. However, when something is referred to as a *find*, the assumption is that the object or idea is in some way exceptional.

FOLLOW-UPS:

- Are there different ways of finding the correct answer to a math problem?
- What part of the book would you use to find the definition of a word?
- How is a map useful to help you find a park in a nearby city?
- What are some interesting things the students have found in the life lab?

THE SPANISH CONNECTION:

Find comes from the Old English word *findan*, which means "come upon, alight on". The Spanish word for *to find* is *encontrar*. Even though *find* and *encontrar* are not cognates, some synonyms for *find* do have Spanish cognates.

WORD CHANGES:

1) IDIOMS:

- find you red handed
- weasel/ferret out
- find yourself
- find your/my way

2) COMMON PHRASES:

- common phrases
- find out
- finders keepers

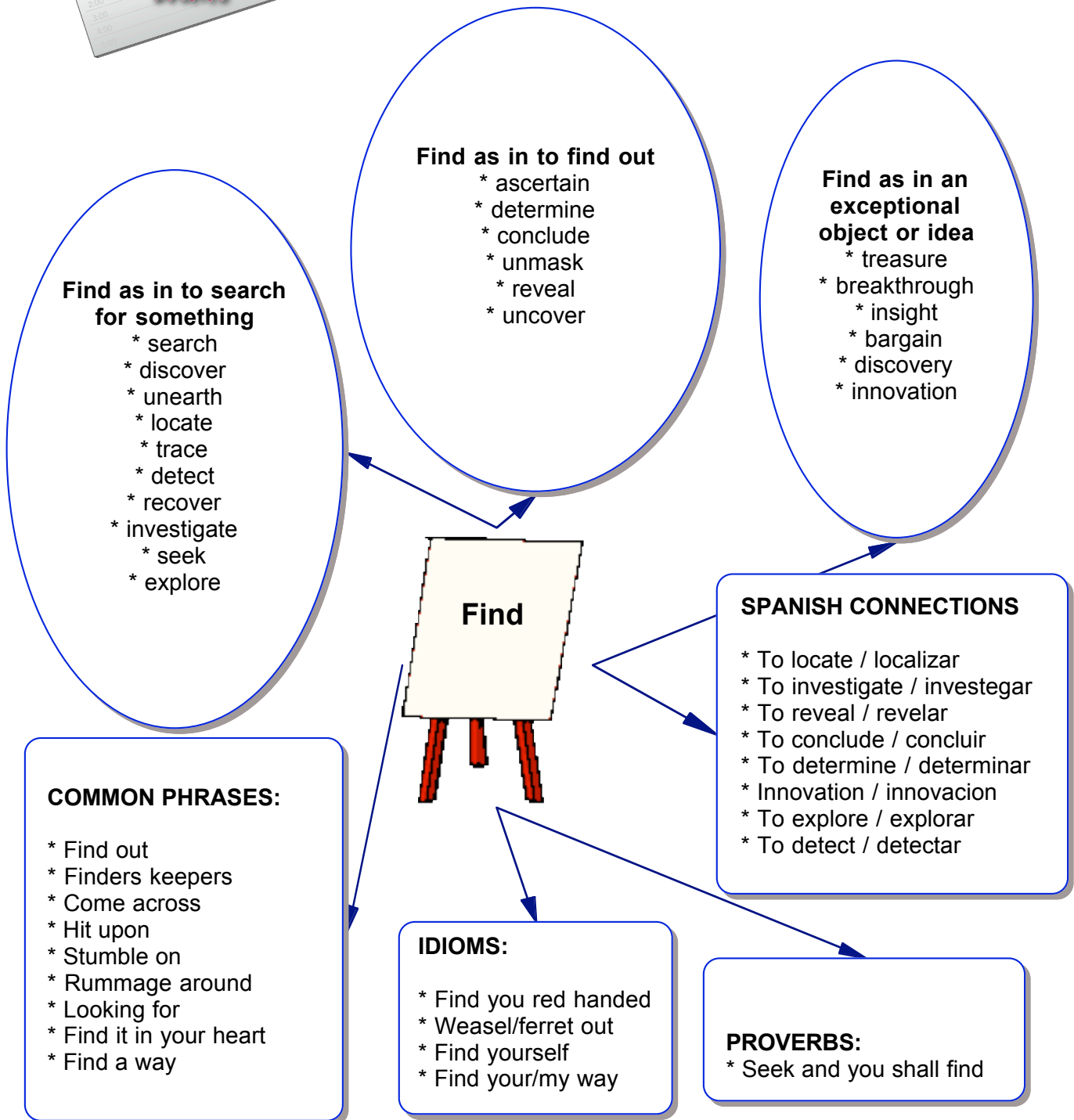
- come across
- hit upon
- stumble on
- rummage around
- looking for
- find it in your heart
- find a way

3) PROVERBS

- seek and you shall find



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