



Focus

EVERYDAY EVENT:

This week's Exceptional Expression for Everyday Events studies the word *focus*. The word *focus* can be used in the classroom in order for the teacher to direct a student's attention on a particular task at hand, such as a reading assignment. The teacher may

also tell the class that the *focus* of the class during a certain time period is on a vocabulary worksheet.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPRESSION:

The word *focus* can be used as a noun to signify the central importance of a particular object, as in the focal point of today's lesson is vocabulary. In writing, the *focus* of a paper is also the main point or thesis of the paper.

The word *focus* can also be used as a verb to express the act of concentrating on an object. A teacher may ask a particular student to apply their focus on the specific task at hand.

It should be noted that *focus* has a specific definition in certain content areas. For example, in physics, *focus* can be defined as the point at which rays of light or other radiation converge. In math, *focus* can be defined as the point from which a circle, or a curve is generated.

FOLLOW-UPS

- What is the focus of the lesson plan?
- How do teachers get students to focus on the task at hand?

THE SPANISH CONNECTION:

Focus comes from the Latin word *focus*. The definition of the Latin word *focus* is hearth or fireplace. This shows that the meaning of *focus* has changed quite a bit over time. The Spanish word for *focus* is the cognate *foco*.

WORD CHANGES:

1. IDIOMS

- Buckle down

2. COMMON PHRASES

- Maintain focus
- Out of focus
- Bring into focus



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Focus as in to aim attention at:

- * concentrate
- * center
- * centralize
- * direct
- * fix
- * engross
- * cogitate
- * think

Focus as in the central point:

- * attention
- * focal point
- * bulls eye
- * center
- * core
- * locus
- * thesis



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SPANISH CONNECTIONS

- * to concentrate / concentrar
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- * to centralize / centralizar
- * attention / atención

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