



Right

EVERYDAY EVENT:

This week's Exceptional Expression for Everyday Events (E4) explores the word *right*. Teachers may ask students which answer on the multiple choice question is the correct answer. Students may ask their friends if the weather is right for a soccer game.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPRESSION:

The word *right* has a number of uses and meanings. However, it is mostly used as an adjective and as an adverb. To have the *right* (adj) answer is to have the correct answer. To have the *right* (adv) change is to have exactly the amount of money.

Sometimes *right* is used to confirm plans, or location. Students may ask, "We're playing kickball today, right?" It is an informal way to ask a question.

It should be noted that some of the synonyms for right have distinct definitions in certain content areas. For example, if a person counts the beans in a cup and gets precisely 35 beans in the cup, this means that there are exactly 35 beans. An accurate result from a science experiment means that the experiment has been tested many times and the result has always been the same.

FOLLOW-UPS

- Is a baseball bat the perfect or satisfactory equipment to use in a baseball game?
- What is the difference between "I'll be right back" and "I will return later"?
- What is the difference between doing the right thing and doing what works best for you?

THE SPANISH CONNECTION:

The word *right* comes from the Old English word *riht*, meaning "*just, good, fair, proper, fitting.*" This shows that the most common meaning for the word *right* has not changed much from the original meaning. The Spanish word for *right* is *correcto(a)*. *Correcto(a)* is not a cognate for the word *right*, but instead it is the cognate for *correct*.

WORD CHANGES:

1) IDIOMS

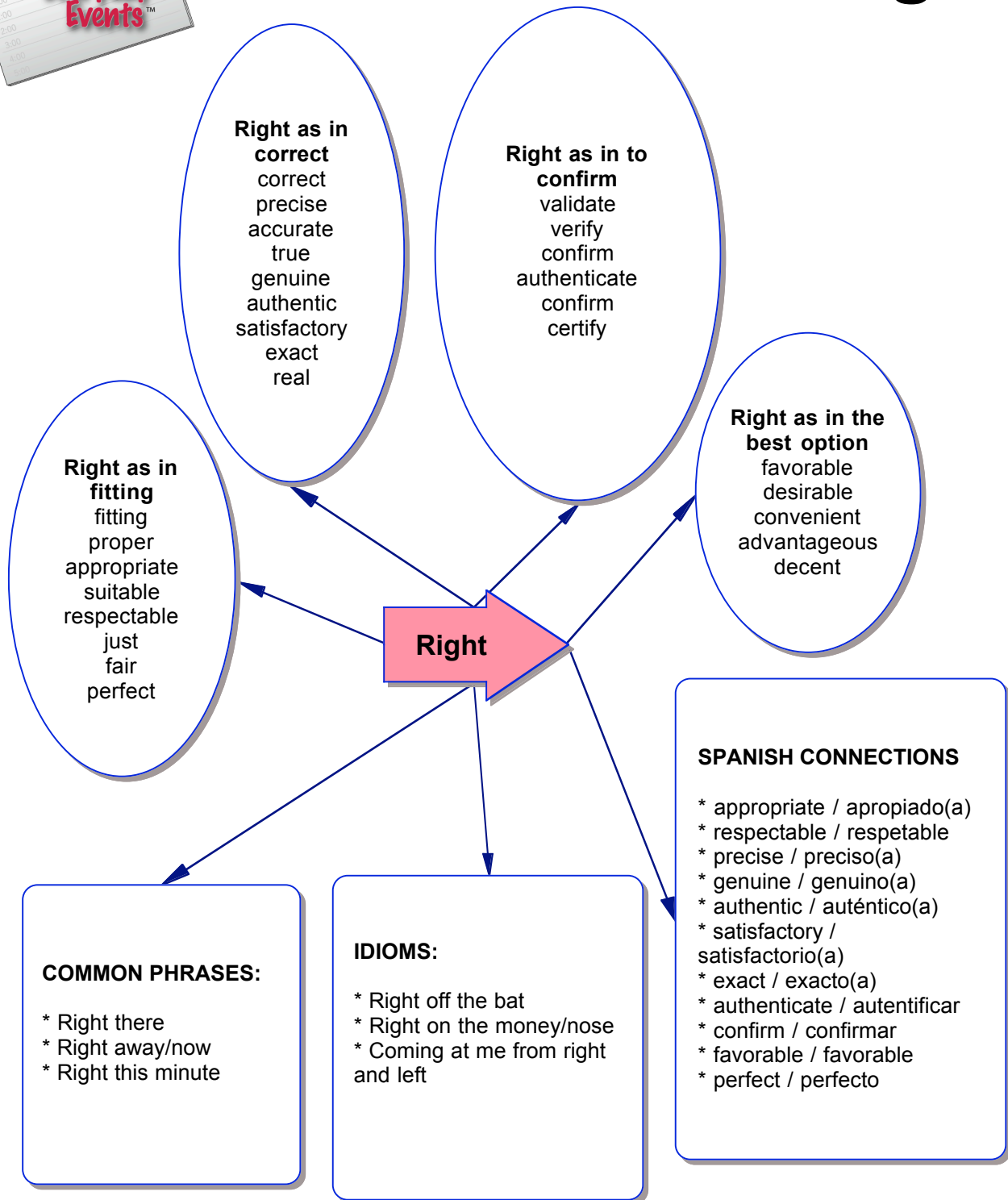
- Right off the bat
- Right on the money/nose
- Coming at me from right and left

2) COMMON PHRASES

- Right there
- Right away/now
- Right this minute



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