



Teach

EVERYDAY EVENT:

This week's Exceptional Expression for Everyday Events (or E4) focuses on the word *teach*. It is a frequent occurrence in a classroom that a student asks his or her teacher to *teach* them how to do something. A student may ask his or her teacher for assistance because the student is having a particularly difficult time trying to solve a math problem. Teachers are oftentimes asked by their students to re-teach concepts that they have already covered.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPRESSION:

The definition of the word *teach* is to impart the knowledge of a skill or of a concept or to instruct a person or a group of persons on how to do something. The experience of teaching someone can have varying degrees of duration. A student can be taught to write a letter in a reasonably short amount of time, whereas the concept of gravity may take a student considerably longer to grasp.

FOLLOW-UPS

- How is being a mentor different from being a tutor?
- What can we do to encourage students to teach one another?
- What do we mean when we use the phrase "a teachable moment"?
- How do we check-in to make sure we taught our students?

THE SPANISH CONNECTION:

Teach comes from an Old English word that means *to show*. The meaning of *teach* has not changed very much, nor has it developed a secondary definition. The Spanish word for *to teach* is *enseñar*. Although *teach* and *enseñar* are not cognates, some synonyms for *teach* do have Spanish cognates.

WORD CHANGES:

1) IDIOMS

- Teach someone a lesson
- You can't teach an old dog new tricks
- Teach the tricks of the trade

(2) COMMON PHRASES

- Enlighten me
- Teach me



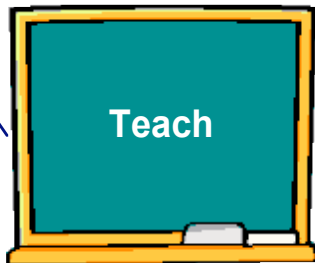
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Teach as in to impart knowledge (more difficult)

- * inform
- * enlighten
- * edify
- * indoctrinate
- * discipline

Teach as in to impart knowledge (easy)

- * coach
- * explain
- * drill
- * school
- * instruct
- * tutor
- * train
- * educate
- * mentor
- * show



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SPANISH CONNECTIONS

- * to inform / informar
- * to edify / edificar
- * to indoctrinate / adoctrinar
- * to discipline / disciplinar
- * to instruct / instruir
- * to educate / educar



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