

SCHOOL IDIOMS

1. Read the definitions and write an example with each idiom. Then discuss with your partner if there is any equivalent idiom in your own language.

Hit the books :To study

Burn the midnight oil:To work late into the night

Pass with flying colours:Pass an exam successfully

The school of hard knocks:Learn something as a result of difficult and unpleasant experiences

Teach someone a lesson:A person or experience that teaches you a lesson improves your future behaviour by making you experience the bad effects of your actions

Give an A for an effort:recognizing that someone tried hard to accomplish something although they might not have been successful.

2. Match the pictures with the right idiom.

Book Smart- Brain drain - Class clown - Copycat- Learn the ropes

Make the grade- Old school - Play hooky - Read between the lines

School's out -Teacher's pet -Think outside the box -Top of the class





3. Read the examples and imply what are the meanings of the following phrasal verbs.

If there is to be consensus, we must go **back to the drawing board**.

Meaning:

*He was clever, but he often **cut classes**.*

Meaning:

He thought he was the best chess player in the club, but he **got schooled** by a newcomer.

Meaning:

When she said the project failed because of poor planning, she **hit the nail on the head**.

Meaning:

*As a long-distance runner, she's in a **class of her own**.*

Meaning:

When I was a child I **learned my times-tables by heart**.

Meaning:

Despite her efforts, she did not **make the cut** at the varsity soccer team.

Meaning:

He worked hard all semester and was thrilled to find his name **on the honor roll**.

Meaning:

She had to **pull an all-nighter** to finish her thesis chapter on time.

Meaning:

My daughter is an **eager beaver** with her chores when I promise her ice cream.

Meaning:

