



THE ROLE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Annotation

This article investigates the role and the importance of using idiomatic expressions in English language. Idiomatic expressions are group of words with concrete meaning which can be unrelated to the meaning of individual words. They make our speech more sensitive and colourful. In fact, the structure of idioms can be wrong grammatically, but the precise meaning can be seen in this way. Moreover, it can be seen that learners compare the English idiomatic expression in equivalence Russian one(in mother tongue).

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An idiom is a phrase or saying that is commonly used in everyday English to express certain ideas or opinions. Understanding English idioms is important because they require a deeper familiarity of the English language to comprehend what someone means when they use them in conversation. Without doubt, idioms play a great role in the enrichment of the English language. Idioms represent unique cultural and historical information as well as broaden people's understanding and manipulation of English. Native speakers use idioms to make their speech more colorful and understandable. Idioms are expressions that help us describe an exact situation in a different, more creative way. They share cultural and historical information and broaden people's understanding of a language. Idioms build up some distinctive features which can differ from one language to another. And what's



more interesting, idioms can sometimes reflect certain cultural traditions and personalities. It means that some idiomatic expressions can be understood in a common way but some of them can show traditions of exact culture. For instance, if British people say that “it is raining cats and dogs” it means it is raining unbelievably hard.

It is seen that, using common idiomatic expressions make our English sound more native and being master to use them is useful while learning English language.

There are some idiomatic expressions below:

Spoil someone’s plan means to ruin someone’s plans.

Up and arms means angry about something.

Make no bones about something means to say clearly what think or feel.

Burn the midnight oil means to work late in the night.

Chicken and egg situation means it is impossible to decide which of the two came first and caused the other one.

On cloud nine means very happy.

Moreover, if the meaning of idioms are unfamiliar, one comes across misunderstandings of authentic meaning.

To know idiomatic expressions is useful for both students and teachers. In my point of view, students should have previous knowledge about idioms, they have to improve communicative skills through idioms and know how to use in speech. Then, if teachers use more idiomatic expressions during lesson, students may have experience of using them. In my opinion, interactive games and activities through using idioms may enrich usage of idioms. For instance, the task can be like “ Find some idiomatic expressions and find equivalent of them in your own mother tongue. Then compare them”. For example: “On cloud nine” is equal in Russian “на седьмом небе”

It is raining cats and dogs- льет как из ведра.

It means too much heavy rain.

A drop in the bucket- капля в море.

A very small quantity, especially one that is too small. For example, these tasks are just a drop in the bucket, others are difficult thousand more.

Very big-конца краю нет.

Something that no end.

A bag of bones-кожа да кости.

A very thin person or animal.



Some idioms is closely connected with the names of literal works. The song *Night Owl* was originally written by James Taylor. Of course, “night owl” is an idiom for someone who likes to stay out late (it’s not a literal owl). However, most people don’t realize that the idiom “night owl” actually originated with Shakespeare – it’s a line from his *Richard II*.

Majority of idioms are unique in their grammatical structure. Some of their structures are wrong. For instance, to be broke is grammatically incorrect but it has the idiomatic meaning of to have no money. He is broke and can not go to the theatre.

To conclude, Idioms, proverbs and expressions in English are an important part of everyday English. They always appear in written and spoken English. Since idioms are not always literal, you need to be familiar with the meaning and usage of each language. This may seem like a lot of work, but learning idioms is fun, especially when you compare English idioms with idioms in your own language. Idioms o should not be ignored and cannot be regarded. Idiomatic expressions are repeatedly used by native English speakers every day. Idioms are part of the vocabulary of each language and are based on the history, tradition and culture of that language. Learning idioms can help non-native speakers and native speakers to be more fluent and sound more unique. The learning of idiom expressions increases the vocabulary of English learners and dictionaries. In addition, the knowledge of languages can better understand the culture and customs of the specific languages. English teachers must teach and use idioms through games and activities.

The usage of idiomatic expressions can be seen in literature widely. Because they make the work more literal and easier to understand. But if the reader does not know precise meaning of idiom, he or she may loose the exact meaning what the writer wants to say.

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