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IDIOMS AND  
PHRASAL VERBS

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# SCHOOL & EDUCATION

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# EDUCATION IDIOMS ABOUT PEOPLE

- A TEACHER'S PET** a student who is clearly the favourite of the teacher and often receives special treatment.
- A BOOKWORM** a person who loves to read
- A CLASS CLOWN** is a disruptive student who often makes jokes instead of paying attention and doing their work
- A KISS UP / A SUCK UP (VULGAR!)** a person who flatters someone often in an attempt to obtain special favors or treatment
- A CRAMMER / A SWOT** a student who studies a lot, usually by memorising facts and rules
- A DROPOUT** a student who left the college before graduation / gave up studying

# IDIOMS ABOUT TESTS GRADES AND EVALUATION

**TO PASS WITH FLYING COLORS** to easily accomplish something we often use this expression to talk about tests or exams

**TO SAIL THROUGH** to easily succeed

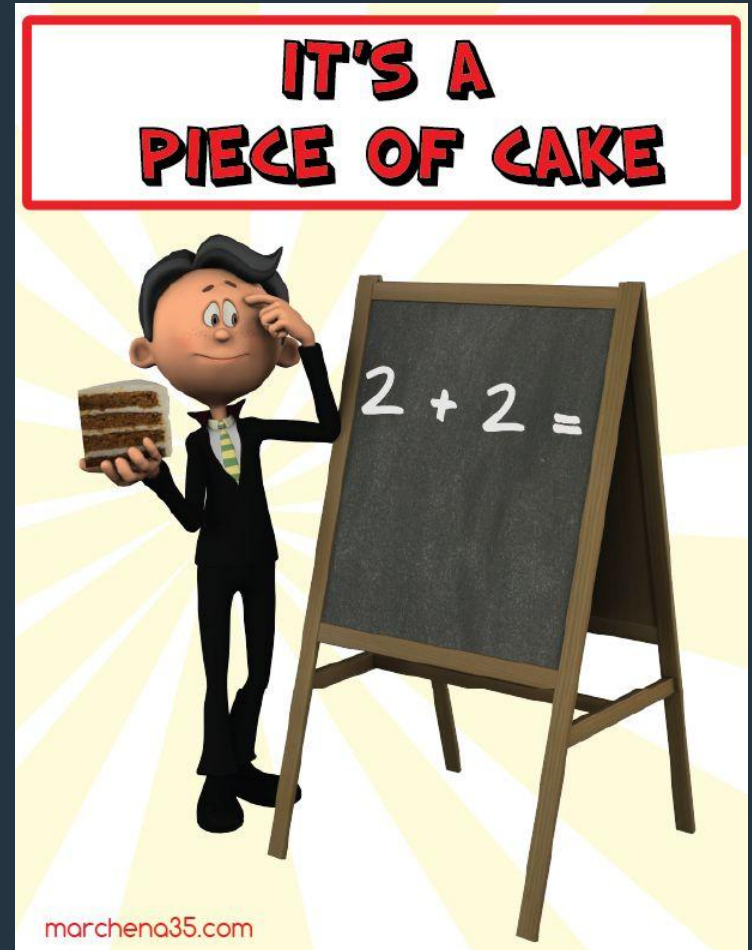
**TO ACE** (to ace a test) to get an A or a very high grade

**A CHEAT SHEET** a piece of paper with answers written on it

**TO BOMB** (to bomb a test ) to get a terrible grade on a test

# IDIOMS ABOUT TESTS GRADES AND EVALUATION

- **A PIECE OF CAKE**
- **A CINCH**
- **A WALK IN THE PARK**
- **BREEZE**
- we use all these idioms to communicate
- that something is very easy



# IDIOMS ABOUT CLASS

- **TO PLAY HOOKY**
- is an informal expression which means to miss school or work without having a good reason (to play truant)
- **THE CUT / SKIP / DITCH CLASS**
- to intentionally miss class usually in favor of doing something else

# IDIOMS ABOUT STUDYING AND LEARNING

## TO HIT THE BOOKS

to study

## TO PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER

to stay up all night studying or working

## TO CATCH ON

to understand something after initially not being able to comprehend it



# IDIOMS OUT STARTING AND LEARNING

## LEARN BY HEART

to learn by heart means to completely memorize something

## TO CRAM

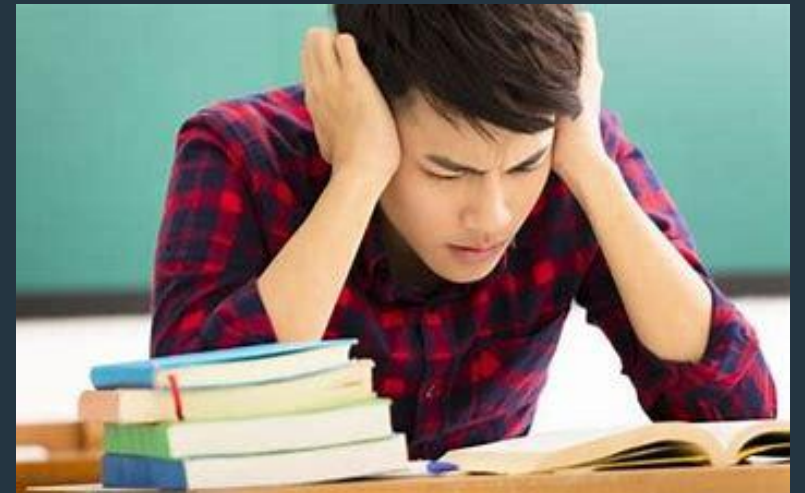
to study a lot right before a test also we have a person crammer

## TO BURN THE MIDNIGHT OIL

to study or work late at night

## TO BURN THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS

to go to bed late and wake up early





# OTHER EDUCATION IDIOMS

## TO DROP OUT

to leave school and no longer pursue a degree or diploma

## TO FLUNK / FAIL OUT

to be expelled from school because of low grades or poor performance

## TO PUT ONESELF THROUGH SCHOOL

to pay one's own tuition

## TO CALL ON / TO GO ON SOMEONE

to ask a student to answer a question

## TO KISS UP TO SOMEONE

to flatter someone often in an attempt to obtain special favors or treatment



## OTHER EDUCATION IDIOMS

### TO PUT ONE'S NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE

to work hard and diligently (on something); to put in a lot of time and effort (doing something)

### STH RINGS A BELL

it is slightly familiar to you and you know you have heard it before, but you do not remember it fully



# TRANSLATIONS

1. I have no idea why she was so nervous before the test. Frankly speaking – present tenses test sounds like a ..... (betka).
2. A: (Mówi się o Marku, że jest kujonem) ..... in his class.  
B: Yeah, but at least he is not such a ..... (wazeliniarz) like Zdzisław.
3. Unless you ..... (nie przysiądziesz ostro), you can forget about ..... (zdaniu tego egzaminu śpiewająco).
4. A: (Kucie całą noc) ..... paid off! ..... (zaliczyłem na szóstke) last Friday biology test!  
B: I wish I could say the same. Actually, I ..... (położyłam) it completely :-(
5. Last Thursday I spent with my classmate Chris trying to explain to him how mixed conditionals work. After two hours, he finally ..... (zakumał).

## TRANSLATIONS

6. (Żałuje, że poszłam na węgry) ..... last Thursday. Now I have to take five tests within 4 four days!
7. Not only is she ..... (dobra z nauk ścisłych) but also she is known to be a ..... (molem książkowym), which impresses her literature teacher.
8. Last week a few my classmates ..... (uciekło z lekcji polskiego), which made a substitute teacher mad and now my ..... (wychowawca) does accept no excuses for their absence.
9. You look dreadful this morning. What's happened?  
Nothing in particular. In a nutshell ,..... (po prostu siedziałem nad książkami do późnej nocy i wczesnie rano wstałem).
10. One more action like that and ..... (wywalamy cie ze szkoły).

# REWARDING CHILDREN – WORD FORMATION

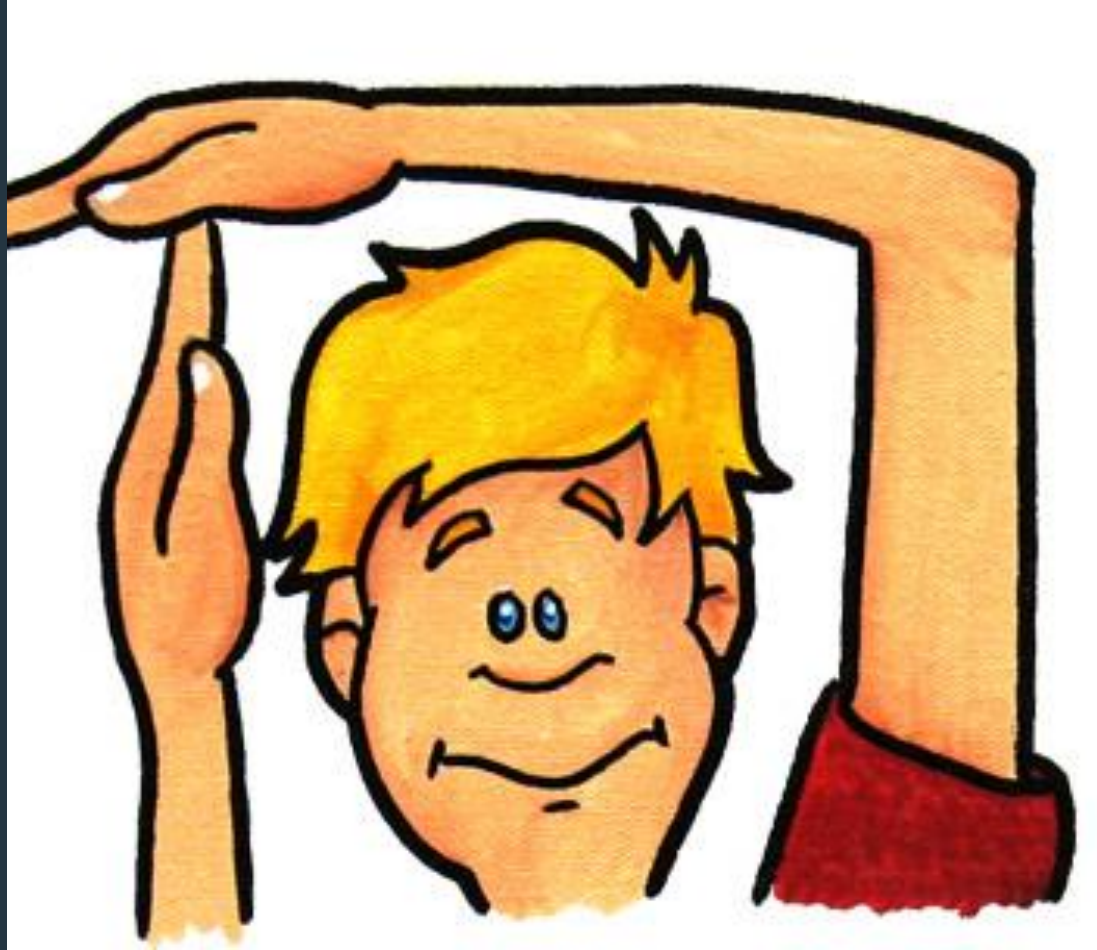
## Rewarding children

Giving children money is a common form of \_\_\_\_\_ (**MOTIVATE**) used by parents with high \_\_\_\_\_ (**EXPECT**) to make their children work harder for exams. Some youngsters receive \_\_\_\_\_ (**PAY**) as high as €100 for each A grade they get at their final exams. But should such rewards be based on exam \_\_\_\_\_ (**PERFORM**), or should they, as many parents and teachers feel, be offered in \_\_\_\_\_ (**RECOGNIZE**) of a child's efforts , \_\_\_\_\_ (**REGARD**) of the results?

## REWARDING CHILDREN – WORD FORMATION

The latter approach would solve the problem of how parents reward their children with different levels of \_\_\_\_\_ (**ABLE**). Imagine , for example , a family with one child who is \_\_\_\_\_ (**ACADEMIC**) gifted and another who has learning \_\_\_\_\_ (**DIFFICULT**). The dangers of result-related rewards for the second child are clear; with little chance of obtaining higher grades, the withholding of promised \_\_\_\_\_ (**FINANCE**) rewards would only \_\_\_\_\_ (**STRONG**) the child's feeling of \_\_\_\_\_ (**FAIL**).

However, some leading educational \_\_\_\_\_ (**PSYCHOLOGY**) believe that parents should rely on their own \_\_\_\_\_ (**JUDGE**) in such matters. They say that if parents feel that money will motivate their child, then they should not be condemned for operating a system of cash payouts.



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**IT'S HIGH TIME  
WE TOOK A BREAK  
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