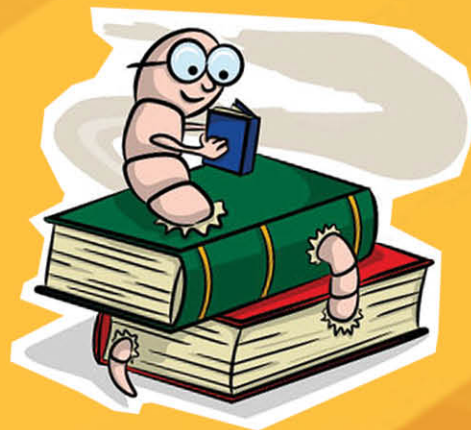




Idioms about School



Bookworm

Meaning: Someone who reads a lot.

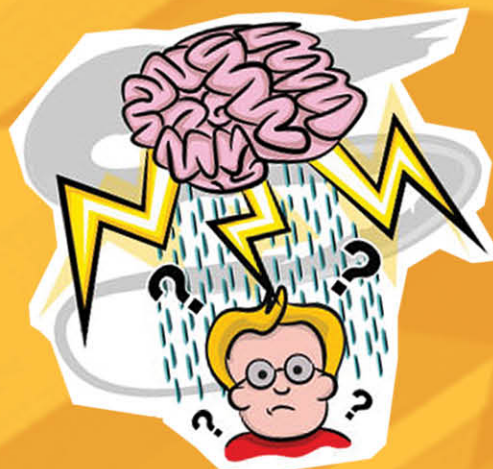
Example: "You won't be able to convince her to come out with us. She's a real **bookworm** and will probably stay in to read!"



Copycat

Meaning: Someone who copies the work of another.

Example: I don't like talking to her about my school project because she's such a **copycat**! I know she'll steal my ideas and use them for her own project."



Brainstorm

Meaning: To try to develop an idea or think of new ideas.

Example: "Let's all separate into groups and try to **brainstorm** as many suggestions as possible for the next school play."



Pass with flying colours

Meaning: To pass (a test or an examination) easily with a high score.

Example: "I have some exciting news: I **passed** my driving test **with flying colours**!"

Mr. Mark Bates

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新外籍老師

Hi! My name is Mr. Bates.

I am the new Native English Teacher at YCHLPYSS.

I want to introduce myself, and tell you some things about me.

- I was born in California (the home of Disneyland!).
- I have two brothers, and two sisters.
- I can speak English, a little Spanish, and a little Korean.
- I don't have a pet, but I really like dogs and cats.
- I don't play any sports, but I love to watch ice hockey.
- My favorite kind of food is Indian food.
- My favorite music is Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.
- My favorite ice cream flavor is mint chocolate chip.
- I really like Hong Kong!

I hope you liked reading about me. I like to meet new people and have interesting conversations. Please stop by any time, and say "Hello!"



A Letter from Our NET – Ms. Hollie Ivany

來自外籍老師 Ms Hollie 的信

Dear Principal, teachers and LPY students,
For the past four years, it has been my pleasure to serve as LPY's Native English Teacher. The end of this school term also marks the end of my journey with our school community, and I must say goodbye. I have decided to move on in order to gain further educational experience, but I feel much gratitude for all I've gained and the special relationships I've forged with my students and fellow colleagues at YCHLPYSS.

Fulfilling the NET post at LPY was my very first experience as an ESL teacher, and it allowed me to embark on my first journey overseas to live and travel throughout Asia. Hailing from Canada's East Coast, I was reluctant and even a bit frightened to leave my North American home, but this has been the opportunity of a lifetime, and I can't thank my coworkers and students enough for being a very important part of it.

I've learned a lot about being an English teacher in Hong Kong, and I've enjoyed growing and evolving with all of you. Through the challenges and triumphs, I've most valued everyone's energetic attitude, team spirit and hard work ethic, which I will take with me when I leave (along with fond memories!).

I wish all of you the very best. LPY will always have a piece of my heart. Keep smiling, work hard and take care of each other.

Love,

Ms. Hollie

PS: I must congratulate Mr. Mark Bates on taking up the NET post! I know he will be a very kind, hard-working and dedicated teacher and I wish him all the best!



Pre-S1 Elite Oral Course

中一暑期英語會話課程

LPY offered a summer oral course to S1 students, free of charge from July 15th to 21st (during our official holiday time). A total of 15 candidates joined.

The cohort was taught by a hired Native English Teacher who focused on oral speaking skills, as well as other related literacy skills (reading and listening). The focus was on preparing students for making presentations and conducting discussions.

The course was student-centered and occurred in an authentic English environment. Teachers spoke English to students, and students had many opportunities to build their English oral skills, related literacy skills and overall confidence.

They had so much fun there.



S4 Drama Course

中四話劇班

In June, LPY offered a special Drama Course exclusively for S4 students! At the core of the programme was a concentration on the basic elements of drama. As students' knowledge and skill evolved, they had the opportunity to practice mapping out 'scenes', and later, to concentrate on how to effectively use English dialogue and other elements of dramatic language.

For the first time, students embarked on a script-writing process as well as prepared for a performance that will take place next year. Student actors have gained practical and 'hands-on' acting experience as they rehearsed for the play production and took part in selective 'behind the scenes' preparation and planning. We look forward to the coming play.



S4 Fun Day: Workplace Communication

中四英語遊戲日

Form 4 students took advantage of a Workplace Communication Fun Day that was held in our school hall on May 22nd, 2015. All S4 classes had fun checking out 10 different game stalls that focused on a workplace theme and included interactive features. Students learned about the Hong Kong workplace, training, and skills while testing their own abilities and exploring their own interests.

Outside Native English Teachers were hired for this special occasion, as well as tutors in order to lend a helping hand, and of course to make sure everything went smoothly. They were a great help and addition to the fun and exciting atmosphere. Thank you to all teachers for your energy and input!

Throughout the afternoon, student participation and success were rewarded with small gift prizes. Everyone had a great time, learned something about "what it takes" to prepare for and succeed in the workplace, and were encouraged to begin the process of deciding what it is they want to pursue in post-secondary life. It's always important to explore our interests and talents while considering the opportunities and challenges that soon await us in the big wide world!

