

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT**
**Grade – V to X**

Sl.	Idioms	Meaning	Usage with Examples
1	As keen as mustard.	Very excited and enthusiastic.	Kids are always as keen as mustard to learn new things around them.
2	Through thick and thin.	Under all circumstances, no matter how difficult.	Peter & Sam decided to work together <u>through thick and thin</u> to complete the project.
3	A storm in a tea cup.	Unnecessary anger/worry about a trivial matter.	If you ask me, these silly arguments are nothing but a storm in a tea cup.
4	Beat a dead horse.	To waste effort on something when there is no chance of succeeding.	He keeps trying to get his story published but I think he's beating a dead horse.
5	Sit on the fence.	To delay making a decision when you have to choose between two sides.	You can't sit on the fence any longer – you have to decide which career you want to take up when you grow up.
6	Cream of the crop.	The best of all.	Reema is a very bright student. She is the cream of the crop in her class.
7	A dime a dozen.	Anything that is common, inexpensive, and easy to get or available anywhere.	1) People with your skills are a dime a dozen these days. 2) Math & Science graduates are a dime a dozen everywhere in Hyderabad. 3) Websites on health and fitness are a dime a dozen nowadays. But not all the information they provide, is accurate.
8	Throw cold water.	To be negative about someone's ideas or plans.	You're always throwing cold water on my suggestions.
9	To move Heaven & Earth	To make all possible efforts.	The Indian cricket moved heaven and earth to win the ICC World Cup.
10	Latin and Greek	Unable to understand	The speeches of the literary thinkers are mostly Latin and Greek.
11	Fair & Square	Honest	Our school won fair & square in the Inter School Basketball Championship.
12	Like two peas in a pod	They're always together.	Ram and Raghu are best friends. They are like two peas in a pod.
13	Through Fire & Water	In all sort of difficulties.	Parents go through fire and water to protect their children.

# **COMPULSORY-DEAR TIME**

**(Drop Everything And Read)**

## **Books are windows to the world.**

- ❖ Reading is a habit that is considered the best of all habits by eminent personalities like Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, etc.
- ❖ Reading every day, gives you time with yourself and opens a window to the world within your mind that increases your imagination and makes you a knowledgeable individual.
- ❖ You can choose to read any book of your choice, but reading **you must**. You can read science books, story books, comic books, Newspaper history, biographies, auto-biographies, etc.
- ❖ **Note to Parent:** Reading is one of the best habits that an individual could develop and earlier it is done the better. To develop this habit in children, it is imperative that we, as parents and school take an active role.
- ❖ Please mention in the diary what **DEAR** time slot you have allocated for your child, e.g. **DEAR Time slot is 6.30 am to 7.00 am OR 8.00 pm to 8.30 pm**. Send a book with your ward to school. This book will be exchanged with another student to develop sharing and reading. Mark a star in the diary if your child is following **DEAR** time. In case of star's absence, child will be talked to.

## **Given below are some tips to ensure that your child develops the habit of reading.**

- 1) Allocate a **DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)** time 15mins to begin with and increase the time as you go.
- 2) **DEAR** time should be followed by everybody in the household, this will encourage the child to follow suit.
- 3) Discuss what your child read and let the child tell you in his/her own language what he/she understood from the book.
- 4) Take your child while buying books, this will tell you what your ward's interests are. Parents of Primary school children are permitted to borrow books for their kids from the school library and return a week later in the same condition. The librarians will lend books to the parents directly on their names on any school working day and working Saturdays (Time 3:15pm to 4:15pm).

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Principal