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Is it important to practice when learning something new?

Of course, as the saying goes practice does make perfect and the more you work on the materials you try to learn, the faster and better you will be **(1) on the uptake**. There might be some individual differences among people **(2) in terms of** their learning habits. I mean someone might be **(3) a quick study** and **(4) get his head around the issue (5) at hand** and he'll learn the whole thing in no time. But here I'm talking about the majority, and this majority has to have constant practice to make the stuff being learned **(6) stick in their mind**. I've always done this and it works 100 percent.

Do you prefer teaching people with images or by telling them?

For my money, visual aids are **(7) indispensable**. You can't just **(8) do away with** them, u know what I mean. By using images, you're not only transferring the info through hearing ability but also drawing on your audience's visual sense. Another plus point of using visuals is that u don't have be cliché chatter box anymore, boring your student to death with unnecessary words, I mean a picture paints a thousand words just **(9) save yourself the trouble** of talking too much.

Do you think that young people can teach old people?

Of course. why not. Teaching is an art and if a teacher **(10) knows his stuff** it would not make that much difference whether the students are older or younger than him. I believe if you've got the **(11) gift of the gab** you'd make everyone **(12) tune in** in a way that the age of the students would **(13) not matter in the slightest**. I'm quite sure that the old **(14) folks** would not mind this issue either. I say this stuff cause I've seen and done it myself and I can **(15) assure you** that the experience for both groups is **(16) legit**.

1. be slow/quick on the uptake (informal)

to be slow or fast at understanding something

2. in terms of something

if you explain or describe something in terms of a particular fact or event, you are explaining or describing it only in relation to that fact or event

describe/measure/evaluate etc something in terms of something

Femininity is still defined in terms of beauty.

3. A quick study

someone who learns things quickly

4. get your head round something

be able to understand something
I just can't get my head round what's been going on here.

5. at hand

a)likely to happen soon:

Recent economic performance suggests that a major crisis is at hand.

b)close to you and available to be used:

Don't worry, help is at hand!

c)needing to be dealt with now:

Peter turned his attention to the task at hand.

6. stick in sb's mind REMEMBER

if something sticks in your mind, you remember it well because it is unusual or interesting:

It's the kind of name that sticks in your mind.

7. Indispensable

someone or something that is indispensable is so important or useful that it is impossible to manage without them **SYN essential**

8. Do away with something

to get rid of something or stop using it:

People thought that the use of robots would do away with boring low-paid factory jobs.

9. Trouble

an amount of effort and time that is needed to do something

save somebody the trouble (of doing something)

If you'd asked me first, I could have saved you the trouble.

10. know your job/subject/stuff

(=be good at and know all you should about a job or subject)

11. the gift of the gab

an ability to speak confidently and to persuade people to do what you want:

Jo has always had the gift of the gab.

12. Tune in

to realize or understand what is happening or what other people are thinking.

13. not in the slightest

not at all:

'Did he mind lending you the car?' 'Not in the slightest.'

14. Folks (especially American English)

People

15. Assure somebody

to tell someone that something will definitely happen or is definitely true so that they are less worried **SYN reassure**

16. Legit

1. legal or allowed by official rules:

Don't worry, the deal's strictly legit.

2. honest and not trying to deceive people:

Are you sure he's legit?