

Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba
CULTURE & CITIZENSHIP: Quotations
Work-out "Quotations" Activity
Advanced Level
40-60 minutes

Facilitator Note: This activity requires the participants to work together to "figure out" the meaning of each quotation or to rephrase them in their "own words". This is a think-pair-share activity for the learners.

Work-Out:

Materials: Participants need: Quotation slips
Optional-pens/pencils
paper
Facilitator needs: Whiteboard and whiteboard markers

10 min.	<p>Procedure: Introduction- <i>Before you begin:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>On the whiteboard: "Quotations". Write "Early to bed and early to rise, Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."</i> 2. Explain the activity. 3. Divide the whole group into pairs: Option #1: Instruct the participants to find a partner. Option #2- Partner the participants by instructing them to get into two's -male and female. Option #3- Give each participant a partner. <p><i>Activity:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Hand-out a quotation slip card to each participant. Give them time to <i>think</i>. 5. Instruct the participants to discuss with one another. 6. Demonstrate. 7. Ex. Go over the quotation-" <i>Early to bed and early to rise, Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.</i>"
20 min.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Ask the participants what they think the quotation means? Discuss together. 9. If you do not hear something close to this explanation, then explain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "It means if you are an early riser then you are more prepared. You feel better; you work more, may be work better, and make more money. The boss sees that you are a "go-getter". You will receive a promotion and get a raise, or perhaps, you have your own business. You work more - you are more productive, and make more money because you are prepared.
10 min.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Explain that each group will receive a quotation slip. Each pair will think up the meaning of the quotation. 2) Discuss quotations that they have heard before.

10. Ask for volunteers and have them *share* their quotations to the rest of the whole class.

To extend the activity, try the following (+ 10 min.):

Extension Activity #1: Have the participants come up with their own quotations or brainstorm ideas on the whiteboard with the whole group. The participants will choose quotations from the whiteboard.

Variation Activity #1: Have one person from each pair go to the next group to share their quotation and, so on.

QUOTATIONS

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<p>1. "One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things." -John Burroughs</p>
<p>2. "Sometimes our fate resembles a fruit tree in winter. Who would think that those branches would turn green again and blossom, but we hope it, we know it." - Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe</p>
<p>3. "People don't just get upset. They contribute to their upsetness." - Albert Ellis</p>
<p>4. "When I hear somebody sigh that life is hard, I am always tempted to ask, 'Compared to what?'" -Sydney J. Harris</p>
<p>5. "Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour others without getting a few drops on yourself." - Ralph Waldo Emerson</p>
<p>6. "Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs." -Henry Ford</p>
<p>7. "You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there." - Yogi Berra</p>
<p>8. "I ask not for a lighter burden but broader shoulders." - Jewish Proverb</p>
<p>9. "Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be source of your joy." -Thich Nhat Hanh</p>

10. "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives."

-Annie Dillard

11. "Opportunities is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

-Thomas Edison

12. "Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly; devils fall because of their gravity."

-G. K. Chesterton

13. "There are as many nights as days, and the one is just as long as the other in the year's course. Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the world happy would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness."

-Carl Gustav Jung

14. "Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

-St. Francis of Assisi

15. "They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself."

-Andy Warhol

16. "The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas."

- Linus Pauling