

## Learning

### **A lifelong process**

Learning is a continuous process .It goes on and on, till the fag end of your life. We are mistaken, if we feel that learning stops when we are out of school or college. Learning in school or college is more of like acquiring knowledge from books. It is only a part of learning.

Learning is a much wider term. In fact, learning is simply a necessary part of everyday life .Every moment, every experience and every relationship provides us an opportunity to learn something or the other. What is needed is to keep our minds wide open and have a willingness to 'LEARN' whatever comes our way.

We learn from the saying of great people like Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa. Their thoughts become deeply embedded in our minds and help us to overcome obstacles in our life and find solutions. We learn from the books we read. Whatever we read becomes a lifelong learning and helps us to handel different situations of life. We learn from nature to give and share, whatever we have, with others. As nature shares its beauty with others, we also should share the beauty of our life with others and spread happiness around.

Inspiration is the first step to learning. We should be inspired by whatever is around us and be ready to learn from it. But we need to keep this in our mind that learning should not reach our head and make us arrogant. We must remember to be approachable as we grow in stature.

Learning makes a person generous & soft, ready to impart. A tree full of fruits always lowers it down.

A tree which is fruitless is always straight and arrogant.

Slow learners: Handle with care

Who is a small learner?

A child whose learning skills are not as fast as his/her peer, maybe known as slow learner.

A slow learner needs more time, more reiteration and more assets from teachers to be successful. These students do not have special needs, but it takes them longer to understand and grab concepts

Parents often complain that their child started well at school but soon somewhere, something went wrong and his level of attainment began registering a steady decline. From being a topper in school, he/she has become just an average student. It is hard to understand how within four to

five years of schooling, instead of gaining, the performance of a student goes down. The child is expected to learn. But as students go to the higher classes, the gap in their performance starts widening.

The tragedy is that every parent wants his/ her child not only to be the best at school but also a topper in every class. Often parents overestimate their child's capabilities. Very few parents know, understand and try to appreciate the real position of the child. While there is nothing wrong about expecting good performance from a child, parents must not blame their child for their unrealized and unfulfilled dreams.

Negative attitude of the parents, teachers and persistent criticism can create psychological blocks in the child's mind and he can suffer from an inferiority complex. Sensitive children might take things to heart and become mentally or emotionally disturbed. This might result in sleepless nights spent by a child. Parents should love their child and support him / her. Parents and teachers should criticise the child rarely and express understanding, love and appreciation.

There are few tips that can help a slow learner

1. Applaud and reward: inspiration works wonders for slow learners. To help them learn it is important to acknowledge their smallest of the efforts and praise them so that they boost up and always wish to learn as per their learning skills.
2. Be supportive: Slow learners shall be taught from their mistakes rather than shouting over they should be explained politely and lovingly they should be encouraged to explore until they reach their Milestone.

Parents & teachers should give them support & Motivate them to learn by giving them assignment tuned with them.

There should be cheer ups for them with positive attitude and approach.

3. Encourage interaction and oral communication: Slow learners should be encouraged to voice their thoughts. Focus should be given to comprehend child's ability by according directions which should be implemented time to time.