



# Learn common idioms connected with knowledge

Read the idioms and find their meaning. Which of these idioms is connected with sailors?

1. get your head around something

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2. can't make heads or tails of

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3. take something on board

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4. up to speed

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5. know the ropes/ learn the ropes

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6. great minds think alike

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7. pick someone's brain

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## Meaning:

a) to be confused about something

b) to ask someone's advice about a subject the person knows a lot about

c) to be fully informed

d) two people have the same views and ideas

e) to accept or deal with an idea or suggestion

f) to understand and accept something that seems strange

g) to learn/know how to do a job or activity

# Answers

1.f)

2.a)

3.e)

4.c)

5.g)

6.d)

7.b)

The expression **know/learn the ropes** goes back to the days of sailing ships, when skill in handling ropes was essential for any sailor.