

**We use the verb FIND, in lots of ways. Read these sentences aloud and tell what they mean.**

1. You can **find** something that is lost.
2. You can **find** a job.
3. You can **find** lots of fiber in cereals.
4. You can **find it hard** to quit smoking.
5. A court can **find** a person guilty or innocent.
6. You can **find** something exciting.
7. A discovery can be the **find of a century**.
8. You can **find your way home** on a dark night.
9. You can **find out** where a business is located.
10. The committee's **findings** is the information they gather.
11. Sometimes we **find out the hard way**.
12. Some of us search a long time to **find ourselves**.
13. Some people **find fault with** others.
14. It's hard to **find a happy medium**.

**Discuss these questions in your group.**

- A. What have you found that was once lost?
- B. Was finding your first job difficult?
- C. Where do you find foods from your country?
- D. What would you find it hard to quit doing?
- E. How do you find the US?
- F. Is it difficult to find your way around Austin?
- G. How do you find out where a place is?
- H. What have you found out the hard way?
- I. Have you found yourself? Do you know what you want to do with your life? Do young people in your culture have a hard time finding themselves?
- J. Describe someone you know who finds fault with others.
- K. Explain the concept of a happy medium.

**Explain these quotes**

If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.

[Maya Angelou](#)

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

[Mohandas Gandhi](#)

It is necessary to help others, not only in our prayers, but in our daily lives. If we find we cannot help others, the least we can do is to keep from harming them.

[Dalai Lama](#)

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em, 'Certainly I can!' Then get busy and find out how to do it.

[Theodore Roosevelt](#)

Which of the quotes above do you like most? Why?  
Are there any quotes you don't agree with? Why?

### **Similes**

Authors use similes in their descriptions.

SIMILE-A figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared, often in a phrase introduced by like or as.

Examples: hard as nails, as proud as a peacock, love is like a ghost

Here are some commonly used similes. Do you have this same expression in your language?

1. His hand was as hard as a rock.
2. He cursed like a sailor.
3. Her eyes were as blue as the sea.
4. Grandfather had a memory like an elephant.
5. My stomach felt like there were butterflies inside.
6. Her skin was soft as lambskin.
7. Molly swims like a fish.
8. She is as sweet as sugar.
9. He is thin as a rail.
10. She is as busy as a bee.
11. Father is as poor as a church mouse.
12. That man is as bald as an eagle.
13. Kathy is neat as a pin.
14. She's cute as a button.
15. Dad is fit as a fiddle.