

## **An Idiom: You Can't Teach an Old Dog New Tricks**

Do you have a dog? Did you train your dog? Our dog doesn't do any tricks—nothing like getting a ball and bringing it to us, or bringing me my slippers in the morning—but we had to train her when she was a puppy.

In today's recording, we're going to talk about how training a dog and a person can be the same. (No, we're not going to talk about Pavlov.)

Before you listen to the recording, think about a few questions: how old are you? Is it easy for you to learn new things? How old are your parents? Can they learn new things easily? At what age do you think it becomes difficult for a person to learn new things?

### **After You've Listened to the Recording**

Do you agree with this idiom? Will you use this idiom? What's one circumstance when you could use this idiom to describe yourself or another person as 'the old dog?'