

Lesson 9

bilingual *by•LING•gwul* ADJECTIVE

having or using two languages [Luca, who spends every summer in Italy with his grandparents, has grown up *bilingual*.]

dreary *DREER•ee* ADJECTIVE

gloomy, sad, or dull [My aunt's stories about her difficult childhood are always long and *dreary*.]

glint *GLINT*

NOUN a beam, glow, or flash [I saw a *glint* of light in the distance.]

VERB to beam, glow, or flash [Look at the sunlight *glint* through the trees.]

glutton *GLUT•un* NOUN

a person who overeats; a greedy eater [Don't be such a *glutton*; leave some for us!]

incomprehensible *in•kom•prih•HEN•suh•bul*

ADJECTIVE not understandable [How anyone can be cruel to a child is *incomprehensible*.]

infancy *IN•fun•see* NOUN

1. babyhood [*Infancy* is a time of great growth.]
2. early period of existence or development [In the 1780s, America was in its *infancy*.]

instinct *IN•stinkt* NOUN

1. a natural knowledge, feeling, or way of acting that is not learned but, instead, is present from birth; a natural, inner force [Most dogs have an *instinct* to defend their homes.]
2. a natural ability, talent, or tendency [Mara has an *instinct* for knowing what colors will look good together.]

knowledgeable *NOL•ij•uh•bul* ADJECTIVE

having knowledge; intelligent [My dad has traveled a great deal and is *knowledgeable* about other countries.]

manipulate *muh•NIP•yoo•late* VERB

1. to work with the hands or with a machine, especially with skill [Potters *manipulate* clay.]
2. to manage or control cleverly, often by cheating or being tricky [He used lies to *manipulate* us into doing what he wanted.]

mimic *MIM•uk*

VERB 1. to copy or imitate very closely [The dancers *mimic* the instructor's steps.]

VERB 2. to make fun of by imitating [It always upset me when other children would *mimic* the odd way I walked.]

NOUN one who mimics [A monkey is a good *mimic*, which is why people say, "Monkey see, monkey do."]

mystify *MIS•tuh•fy* VERB

to bewilder or puzzle [This story will *mystify* you until the end.]

quake *KWAKE*

VERB to shake or tremble [The odd noises in the dark house made me *quake*.]

NOUN a short form of earthquake [The *quake* damaged many buildings.]

shun *SHUN* VERB

to avoid completely; to keep away from [I would advise you to *shun* anyone who behaves like a bully.]

summon *SUM•un* VERB

1. to call or send for; to call together [*Summon* everyone for a meeting.]
2. to gather; to stir to activity [You need to *summon* your courage.]

zeal *ZEEL* NOUN

a strong, eager desire or effort; great enthusiasm [My partner and I began our project with *zeal*.]

3 Smelly Questions

1. How are a skunk and a bad mimic alike?

2. What is a skunk when it's in its infancy?

3. How does a lost skunk find its way home?

Exercise A: Questions

Write the **Word** that best answers the question.

1. What do you see when sunlight reflects off of a piece of metal?
2. What word describes a rainy afternoon when there's nothing interesting to do?
3. What stage of life are people in when they use a playpen and a high chair?
4. What is a treehouse likely to do during a really violent thunderstorm?
5. What word describes a class in which instructions are given in both Spanish and English?
6. What do people tend to do to those of whom they strongly disapprove?
7. What quality is found in those who truly love what they are doing?
8. What does a spoiled child try to do to his parents to get his or her own way?
9. What do teachers, tutors, and instructors hope their students can become?
10. What does the children's game "Follow the Leader" require players to do?
11. What makes a bird build a nest or a cat chase mice?

Exercise B: Synonyms

Write the **Word** that is a synonym for each set of words.

12. shiver; wobble

13. baffle; confuse

14. ignore; reject

15. big eater; hog

16. sparkle; twinkle

17. depressing; unhappy

18. copycat; echo; parrot



3 Stinky Answers
1. They both stink. 2. A little stinker.
3. By instink

both

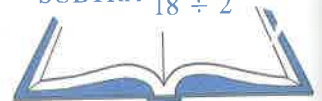
Exercise C: Yes or No

Circle YES or NO for each question.

19. Are you likely to enjoy reading a book that is **incomprehensible** to you? YES NO
20. Does a child who is playing house **mimic** the behavior of grown-ups? YES NO
21. If someone has an **instinct** for drawing, is the person good at it? YES NO
22. Is a **bilingual** person someone who can both read and write? YES NO
23. Would you do well in school subjects that **mystify** you? YES NO
24. Would you **manipulate** clay to make a figure from it? YES NO
25. Do you **summon** someone you want to avoid? YES NO
26. Do you **quake** when you feel confident? YES NO
27. Can a **glint** cut you? YES NO

Question:
Why did the math textbook feel so dreary?

DIVIDE
 $16 + 13$
 $27 + 2$ ADD
 $144 - 26$
 $18 \div 2$ SUBTRACT
 15×4



Answer: Because it had so many problems.

Exercise D: Antonyms

Write the **Word** that is an antonym for each set of words.

28. adulthood; maturity _____
29. clear; obvious; reasonable _____
30. dismiss; send away _____
31. ignorant; inexperienced _____
32. reluctance; boredom; unconcern _____
33. explain; make clear _____
34. bright; cheerful; exciting _____
35. picky eater; dieter _____

Exercise E: Writing

Most of us know a lot about *something*. What are you **knowledgeable** about? Computers? State capitals? Skunks? Making pickles? How did you learn what you know? What do you do, or plan to do, with your knowledge? On your own paper, use **THREE** or more **Words** to describe something that you are knowledgeable about.

Quick LIST

- bilingual** ADJ.
dreary ADJ.
glint N., V.
glutton N.
incomprehensible ADJ.
infancy N.
instinct N.
knowledgeable ADJ.
manipulate V.
mimic V., N.
mystify V.
quake V., N.
shun V.
summon V.
zeal N.

both

Exercise F: Fill-in

Write the Word that best completes each sentence.
Use each word only once.

Question:

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and quakes?

36. She spoke so fast that what she said was _____ to me.
37. We formed our club two months ago, so it's still in its _____.
38. I'm _____ because my family speaks German at home, but I speak English in school.
39. When my parents _____ me, I know I'd better go see what they want.
40. It would surely _____ you to find a pony in your bedroom, wouldn't it?
41. All I could do was stand there and _____ with fear when I saw a rattlesnake on a nearby rock.
42. She was in such a _____ mood that even a visit from her best friend didn't cheer her up.
43. Patrick Henry showed his _____ for American independence when he said, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"
44. My brother is such a _____ that we never have to worry about what to do with leftovers.
45. Our neighbor is quite _____ about plants and can give advice about any gardening problem.
46. Some dogs have such a strong _____ for herding that they even try to herd groups of playing children.
47. A _____ from something shiny in the grass caught my eye, and that's how I found my lost bracelet.
48. Geri was able to _____ me into going along with her plans even though I hadn't wanted to.
49. Bill squinted his eyes and put his hands on his hips to _____ how Dad looks when he's angry.
50. My friends began to _____ me when they thought I had gotten them in trouble, and I spent a lonely week before they learned the truth.

Answer:
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nervous
wreck

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