

UNIT 12: IT TAKES TWO



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
bi	two	Latin
du	two	Latin
ambi/amphi	both	Greek



- bicycle** (n) - a vehicle with two wheels that a person rides by pushing on foot pedals
Both tires on my bicycle were flat so I needed to inflate them before the ride.
- bilingual** (adj) - able to speak and understand two languages
*Growing up in China, I became **bilingual** by speaking Mandarin at school and English at home.*
- biannual** (adj) - happening twice a year
*The club holds a **biannual** meeting in June and December.*
- duet** (n) - a piece of music that is performed by two singers or musicians.
*The two musicians performed an amazing **duet** at the wedding.*
- duplex** (n) - a building that is divided into two separate homes
*Since our home is a **duplex** we can hear our neighbors through the wall we share.*
- dual** (adj) - having two different parts, uses, etc.; having two of something
*I have **dual** citizenship in the United States and in the United Kingdom.*
- ambidextrous** (adj) - able to use both hands equally well
*Since my brother is **ambidextrous** he has perfect penmanship when writing with either hand.*
- ambivalent** (adj) - having or showing very different feelings (such as love and hate) about someone or something at the same time
*I am **ambivalent** about the end of summer; I am excited to start school but I will miss sleeping in.*
- ambiguous** (adj) - able to be understood in more than one way; having more than one possible meaning
*We chuckled at the **ambiguous** title of a magazine article which read "Kids Make Delicious Snacks."*
- amphibious** (adj) - able to function or live both on land and in water
*Frogs are **amphibious** animals that have adapted to live in water and on land.*

12A: SENTENCE COMPLETION

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following sentences with the correct word from your list. Each word will be used only once.



bicycle
bilingual
biannual
duet
duplex
dual
ambidextrous
ambivalent
ambiguous
amphibious

1. My family lives in one half of a _____ and my grandmother lives on the other side.
2. He had _____ careers in writing and teaching.
3. The _____ car could drive on land and water.
4. The _____ sale at the department store only takes place every six months.
5. The more meanings a word has the more _____ it is.
6. It's much easier to balance on a three wheeler than it is to ride a _____.
7. Fran is _____ since she speaks French and English.
8. I couldn't perform my _____ because my partner was sick.
9. Rose was very _____ about moving; she was excited to start a new school but she was very sad to leave her friends.
10. Luckily I am _____ so I was able to write with my left hand after I broke my right arm.

12B: YES OR NO?

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the following statements by circling "Yes" or "No."

1. **Yes No** Something that is **ambiguous** has one very clear meaning.
2. **Yes No** Something that has **dual** purposes has two uses.
3. **Yes No** You can't perform a **duet** all by yourself.
4. **Yes No** A **bicycle** has two or more wheels.
5. **Yes No** Most people are **ambidextrous**.
6. **Yes No** A **biannual** event takes place twice a month.
7. **Yes No** Cats are not **amphibious** animals.
8. **Yes No** If you are **ambivalent** you have one strong feeling about something.
9. **Yes No** You must speak two languages to be **bilingual**.
10. **Yes No** A **duplex** is a skateboard with two wheels.