

I. Write the plurals of these nouns:

baby _____ man _____ woman _____ beach _____
 wish _____ family _____ child _____ match _____
 knife _____ box _____ thief _____ tooth _____
 fish _____ foot _____ child _____ mouse _____

II. Partner Talk: Introduce yourself to your partner and discuss these questions. Then introduce your partner to the whole group and together tell the answers to the questions. (Teachers- this will probably take quite a while to work through all these questions. If you prefer, you can do it as a whole group exercise, but make sure each student is getting a chance to talk.)

Which of you:

has the most siblings is the youngest child in the family has the most children loves
 traveling owns a car knows how to swim has been married the longest owns the most
 kitchen appliances loves to sing wishes they had more free time likes to watch TV
 has the newest cell phone has lived in the U.S. the longest likes to wear bright colors
 frequently wears scarves loves sports cars is more accident prone

III. Unusual Verbs: Read the sentences and discuss the meaning, then use in a sentence.

- 1.creep: We crept along the side of the house in the dark, hoping they wouldn't see us.
- 2.sneak: We snuck a cookie from the plate and Mother didn't even notice.
- 3.pussyfoot: Don't pussyfoot around. Tell me how you really feel about it.
- 4.bind: Use the glue that came with the kit to bind the tail to the body of the plane.
- 5.adhere: If the two parts won't adhere, add more glue and clip together with a paper clip until the glue dries.
- 6.cling: When we take the clothes from the dryer, static electricity causes the clothes to cling together. The children cling to their mothers when they drop them off at daycare.
- 7.astonish: The children astonished the audience with their acrobatic stunts.
- 8.backpedal: The politician promised his constituents he would vote to lower taxes, but now he is backpedaling because of the huge deficit. The soccer player backpedaled as the ball sailed over his head.
- 9.deny: We turned in our loan application, but it was denied. Apparently we don't have a good credit history. I can't deny that we spend more money than we should.
- 10.capsize: All of the smaller sailboats capsized during the hurricane.
- 11.berate: The citizens berated the mayor for failing to control inner city crime.
- 12.fathom: I couldn't fathom the reason for her denial. She knew we had seen her do it.

IV. Finish these sentences:

- 1.I have a hard time fathoming why anyone would...
- 2.One thing I agreed to, but now am backpedaling on is...
- 3.When I was young, sometimes my mother berated me for ...
- 4.I can't deny that I...
- 5.I'm astonished at how Americans...
- 6.As a child, I loved to sneak...
7. My child clings to me when...

Proverbs and Sayings: Read them, discuss their meaning. Decide whether you believe they are true or not. Give an example of a time when this saying would apply. (Teachers: try to leave most of this discussion to the students. Don't be too quick to tell them the meaning.)

- 1.Old dogs can't learn new tricks.

2. You never know what you can do until you try.
3. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.
4. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.
5. A house divided against itself cannot stand.
6. A fool and his money are soon parted.
7. A good man is hard to find.
8. A leopard cannot change its spots.
9. A person is known by the company he keeps.
10. A poor workman always blames his tools.