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Unit 9 - Shoes Match Your Shirt

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9A Introduction

Ever try designing your own pair of shoes? Ever try drawing a brand new kind of shoe from different angles? The narrator of this song is so into fashion that he doesn't only draw shoes; he actually makes most of his clothes himself. And he always makes sure that his shoes match his shirt.

9B Song Lyrics

*Can I lay down the "get downs" now?
Can I lay down the "get downs" now?
You can lay down the "get downs" now,
You can lay down the "get downs" now.*

*Shoes match your shirt,
Shoes, shoes match your shirt.
(x8)*

And yeah, it feels so good!
When your shoes match your shirt,
For me, when they don't match, it hurts.
It seems crazy and **absurd**:
It's like pants on a bird.
It's like a snail in a shirt.
It's like a whale speaking words.
When my shoes don't match my shirt,
I get **anxious**, I get nervous,
I get itchy—do I deserve this?
I'm crazy **thrifty**, I'm not rich,
I don't spend a lot of money for the fun of it.
They say the clothes make the man; that's a **myth**,



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A made-up story, and that's it.

'Cause I make my own clothes; I sew 'em,

Like a poet makes a poem.

And I don't buy or **purchase** most of the clothes off the shelf,

In fact, I make most of my clothes myself.

So fresh, so clean, they notice me,

I dress so mean, and you know that, B!

Hook

So now you know I like clothes and fashion,

Let me tell about the other day, what happened.

Ate a big **hearty** breakfast; I'm out the door,

Showed up to school at 8:04.

Saw my friend Pedro and said, "Whoa!"

I saw that we looked **identical**;

We were dressed the same with a vest and chain,

And a shirt that was real bright, **vivid** green.

We were looking at each other like we couldn't believe it;

We looked like twins, like Serena and Venus.

We had **combined** the same pants and top,

Brought them together like, "Yeah, that's hot."

But I don't get dressed with friends; I dress **solo**,

All by myself; if not, it's a no-no.

But Pedro said, "Don't scream and shout,

I'm going to rock my vest straight inside-out!"

Hook

Monday, that's cummerbund day,

Tuesday, I dress in my blue suede.

Wednesday, I wear white like a sensei,

Thursday is rock-my-collared-shirt day.

Friday, rock high-tops and bright socks,

Saturday, wear long shorts and flip-flops.

Sunday, wear my tuxedo T-shirt,

All week long, my shoes match my shirt.

9C Words Defined

absurd

(adj) Making no sense at all; seeming to have no reason. *It's **absurd** to think that one tiny monkey could conquer the world, but he will.*

anxious

(adj) Worried; concerned. *I was **anxious** to know whether I made the volleyball team or not.*

Other forms: *Taking long walks is how my father deals with his **anxiety** (noun) and nervousness.*

combine

(verb) To join or bring together. *To make the perfect dessert, Rajon **combined** cake, pie, and ice cream.*

hearty

(adj) 1. Warm and friendly. *Claire gave her friend a **hearty** greeting when they met at the bowling alley.* 2. Large and satisfying to the appetite. *After a long day of sledding in the park, we came home and cooked a **hearty** meal.*

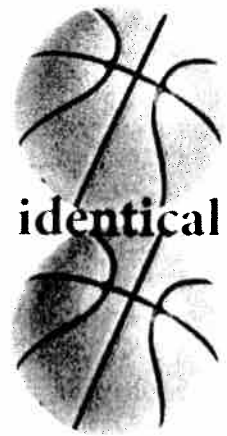
identical

(adj) Exactly the same; alike in every way. *I couldn't tell the difference between the two basketballs; they seemed **identical** to me.*

myth

(noun) 1. An old story that explains why something is or how it came to be. *Bobby loved studying the old Greek **myths** of Zeus and Hercules.* 2. A made-up idea, story, or person. *Some people think that if you cross your eyes they can get stuck that way, but I think that's just a **myth**.*

Other forms: *A unicorn is a **mythical** (adj) creature.*



purchase

(verb) To buy. *With the money she earned for cleaning her neighbor's basement, Latoya **purchased** every single Beyoncé album.*

solo

(adj) Made or done by one person. *Making a movie is not a **solo** effort: It takes a huge crew.*

(noun) A musical piece for one voice or a single instrument. *I'm really nervous for my trumpet **solo** at tonight's jazz concert.*

thrifty

(adj) Careful about spending money; tending to save money or manage money well. *My dad is really **thrifty**; before he buys anything, he looks up other prices online to make sure he finds the cheapest one.*

vivid

(adj) 1. Bright and sharp; giving a clear picture. *That high-definition TV has a really **vivid** picture!* 2. Full of life. *Lester has a **vivid** personality. Once you meet him, you won't forget him.*



9D Synonyms

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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|---------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| 1. warm | hearty | vivid | thrifty |
| 2. a made-up story | solo | anxiety | myth |
| 3. worried | anxious | absurd | vivid |
| 4. to buy | purchase | combine | solo |
| 5. making no sense at all | hearty | identical | absurd |

9E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

1. I was so embarrassed when Bobby and I wore _____ shirts on the first day of school.

- mythical identical hearty**

2. I invented a snack that _____ marshmallows and pickles in the same jar; I call it Marshpamallowickles!

- combines purchases solos**

3. Mr. Mason is very _____; he always saves his takeout food containers and uses them again.

- vivid hearty thrifty**

4. My new camera takes such _____ pictures that they almost look better than real life.

- identical mythical vivid**

5. Margie is excited to see Andre 3000 do a _____ concert; he usually performs with Big Boi.

- thrifty solo hearty**

9F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

1. The tribe elders told the story of how the great god Leello formed the sun.

2. This recipe says to mix the mustard and the mayonnaise together.

3. Erica's memories of camp are so strong she can close her eyes and picture everything.

4. My grandpa is a farmer, so he always eats big meals filled with meat and potatoes.

5. I finally saved up enough money to buy the video game I wanted.

9G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

1. Who would probably be **anxious**?

- (A) a runner who just won a big race
- (B) a young gymnast at the Olympics
- (C) a farmer planting his field
- (D) an animal taking a nap

2. Which is a **solo** sport?

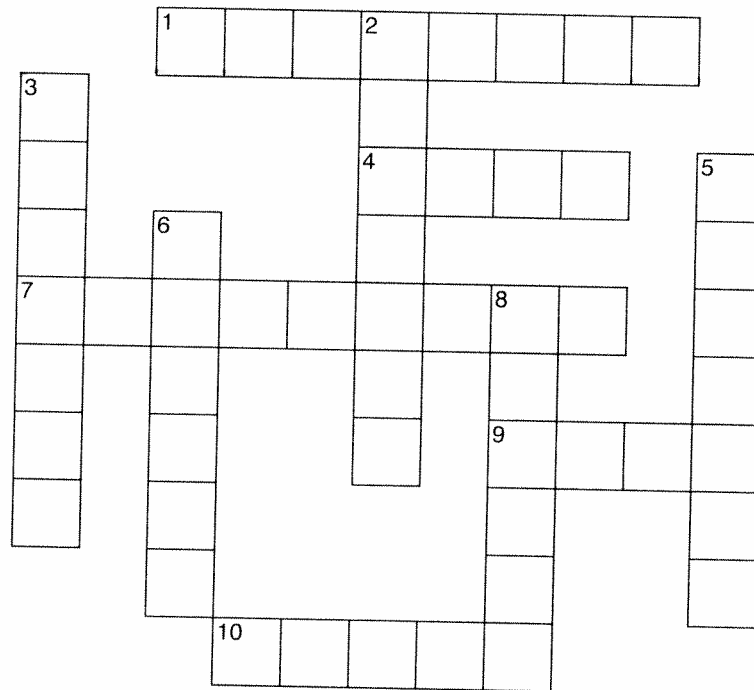
- (A) football
- (B) baseball
- (C) skateboarding
- (D) hockey

3. Which is an **absurd** statement?

- (A) "I'm not feeling very good tonight."
- (B) "I'm nervous about tonight."
- (C) "My eyes randomly turn purple."
- (D) "Thank you for your help!"

Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words from this unit.



ACROSS

- 1 I can't afford to _____ this book, so I'm checking it out from the library.
- 4 Some people believe the old guy who lives down the road is a wizard, but I think that's just a _____.
- 7 Jamie has an _____ twin sister named Amy.
- 9 Done by one person.
- 10 Giving a clear picture.

DOWN

- 2 If you _____ cranberry and apple juice, you get cranapple juice.
- 3 Dylan is a _____ shopper; he always gets free stuff when he goes to the store.
- 5 Worried; concerned.
- 6 My aunt Tildy gave me a _____ hug that made me feel loved.
- 8 Paco is acting _____. Why is he wearing that birdcage on his head?