

Using *teach* and *learn*

Teach means “to give knowledge.”

Learn means “to get knowledge.”

Miss Johnson will *teach* us to divide. (Correct)

Miss Johnson will *learn* us to divide. (Incorrect)

We must study hard to *learn* division well. (Correct)



Think! A. Write *teach* or *learn* in each blank below.

1. The baby will _____ to crawl when he gets older.
2. Miss Smith will _____ us a new game at recess today.
3. We _____ many lessons from our Bible stories.
4. The boy will _____ his dog some new tricks.

Think! B. Underline the correct word in parentheses in each sentence below.

1. Most people (teach, learn) to speak words when they are very young.
2. Helen Keller had to (teach, learn) to control her anger.
3. Helen was not able to (teach, learn) to read the way you read, for she was blind and deaf.
4. Although she could not (teach, learn) as other children, Helen was an intelligent child.
5. Perhaps Dr. Bell could find someone to (teach, learn) her.
6. The Perkins Institute would (teach, learn) Helen to spell with her fingers.
7. Anne Sullivan was sent to (teach, learn) Helen.
8. Folding her napkin was hard for Helen to (teach, learn).
9. With water running over her hand, Helen (taught, learned) to spell W-A-T-E-R.
10. Miss Anne then would (teach, learn) her to spell M-O-T-H-E-R and T-E-A-C-H-E-R.
11. Helen wanted to (teach, learn) to spell her name.
12. Helen could (teach, learn) to count with wooden beads and straws.
13. She touched trees and flowers to (teach, learn) their names.
14. Helen thanked God for sending Miss Anne to (teach, learn) her.