

Unit 9 – Shoes Match Your Shirt

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9A Introduction

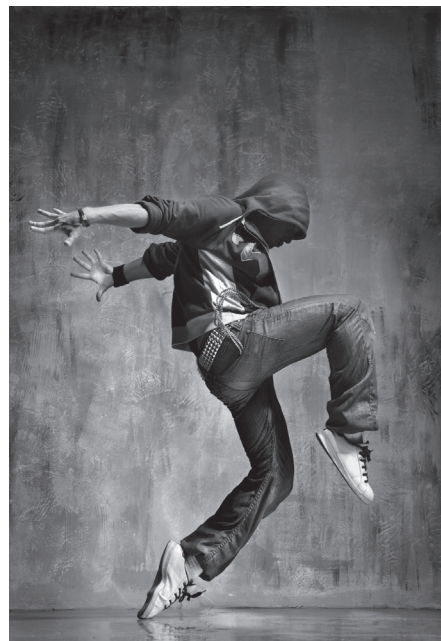
Ever try designing your own pair of shoes? Ever try drawing a brand new kind of shoe from different angles? The narrator of this song is so into fashion that he doesn't only draw shoes; he actually makes most of his clothes himself. And he always makes sure that his shoes match his shirt.

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!

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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.


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9C Words Defined

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absurd

 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

 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

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


hearty

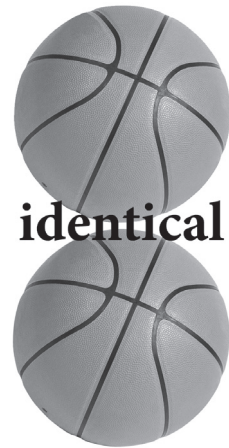
 1. Warm and friendly. *Claire gave her friend a **hearty** greeting when they met at the bowling alley.* 2. Large and satisfying to the appetite. *After a long day of sledding in the park, we came home and cooked a **hearty** meal.*

identical

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

myth

 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.*





identical

purchase

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

solo

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

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

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thrifty

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

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.*



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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

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9E Fill in the Blank

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

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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**

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9F Connections

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

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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.

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9G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

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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!"
4. Which of the following is **identical** to the word "accept"?
(A) except
(B) take
(C) refuse
(D) accept
5. A **thrifty** person would understand
(A) money
(B) sports
(C) romance
(D) gardening

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9H Reading

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

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Urban Legends

Have you ever heard the term “urban legend”? An urban legend is a type of **myth**. It’s a modern story that is passed along from person to person. People think urban legends are true stories, but they are not. Sometimes, urban legends start out based in truth, but then change as more people tell them. Other times, these stories are completely made up.

You may have heard one famous urban legend about a stray dog. As the story goes, a woman is visiting a foreign country when she finds a stray dog. She decides to take the dog home as a pet. When she gets home, the dog becomes sick, so the woman takes the dog to the veterinarian. The vet tells her that the animal she thought was a tiny dog is actually a large rat!

This story is a good example of an urban legend. Urban legends are often interesting stories with **vivid** details. They usually have a “twist” ending, and are often about things that might make

people feel **anxious**. The rat story, for example, is meant to make people feel anxious about traveling to foreign countries. Of course, the rat story did not really happen. But it is the kind of story that you can’t help but repeat!

How do you know if a story is an urban legend?

For starters, try to figure out where the story came from. People who tell urban legends usually do not know the person who actually experienced the story. They might say it was a friend of a friend, or a relative of someone they know. Or they may say it is something they read about.



Sometimes urban legends are just too **absurd** to be real. It is doubtful that a rat from any country would look **identical** to a dog!

There is usually nothing harmful about urban legends. They are mostly just scary stories people tell for fun. Just remember: When you hear a story that’s too good to be true, it probably is!

1. Why did the woman in the urban legend take a rat home?

2. According to the passage, why is the rat story told?

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3. Why does the author think the rat story is absurd?

4. What is the author's opinion of urban legends?

5. What is something you can do to try to figure out if a story is an urban legend?

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9I Thinking Creatively

Answer each question below. Don't be afraid to think creatively.

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1. What would you **purchase** first if you were a millionaire?

2. Describe your bedroom with a few **vivid** details.

3. Write the most **absurd** thing you can think of.

4. What's your favorite thing to do **solo**?

5. What advice would you give to a friend who said he or she was feeling **anxious**?

Word Breakdown

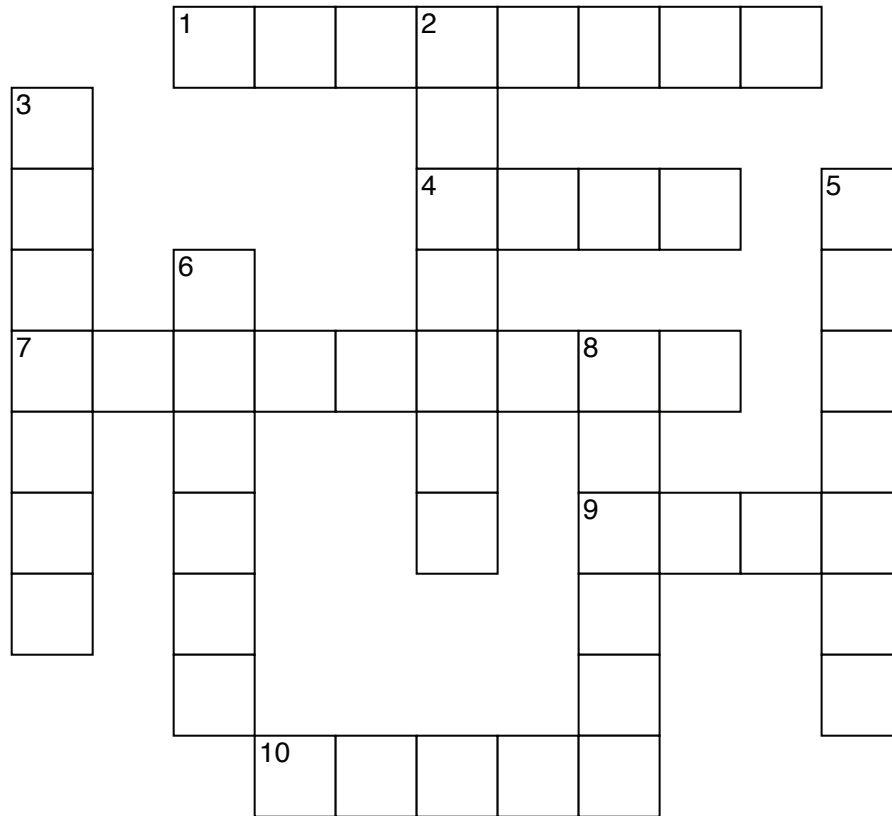
The word *solo* is a musical term meaning "to play an instrument or sing alone." Like many musical terms, the word originally comes from Italian. This is because many early composers of classical music were Italian. Other musical terms that come from Italian include *piano*, *opera* and *tempo*.

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Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

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

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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?