

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.*