

**B is for Bear**  
**Assignment 13**

- On the right of this assignment page are a canary and a wasp. Notice that both animals have a bright yellow color on their bodies. You will be reading about a canary in your lesson this week.
- Complete Lesson 13 in your *B is for Bear* textbook, volume 1. I hope that you enjoy the riddles. Be sure to bring your answers to class, as those who can get all five riddles will get a knowledge point!



Parents: to prepare for this week's lesson you may write out any number of the following words for your child on a piece of paper (for one-on-one lessons). Circle the *wh* letter combination to reinforce the spelling.

*why, who, what, when, whip, wheel, whirl, whine, whole, wheat, white, whale, where, while, wharf, which, whisker, whisper, whistle, whoop*

Students may try to guess the meaning of the words *whip, whirl, whine, wharf, and whoop* in context. Read the following sentences and have the student choose the correct word from the multiple choice. Where possible, gestures may help make the meaning clear.

1. Did the cruel men *whip* the prisoners?
  - a) hit with a strap
  - b) lock up
2. I saw the animal *whirl* on the ground.
  - a) go around
  - b) run
3. The poor puppy began to *whine* for its mother.
  - a) bark loudly
  - b) make sad noises
4. Our family went down to the *wharf* to watch the ships come in.
  - a) a river
  - b) a place for ships to load and unload



5. The boys and girls *whooped* with excitement.
  - a) made loud noises
  - b) sang
- Complete Lesson 13 of your handwriting book.
- Memorize Robert Frost’s “Gathering Leaves,” stanzas 1–3. We went over the following in class:
  - \* *elude* (escape).
  - \* Again, the humor of the poem is derived from overstatement, or *hyperbole*. The piles of leaves are called *mountains*.
  - \* There is ridiculous visual humor, or *slapstick*, in this poem as well. Most readers will chuckle at the image of leaves flowing over into a person’s face.
- Students should write out Dictation 13, found online. Parents should be writing misspelled words down on the dictation page and going over it.
- Here is a book recommendation: Gennady Spirin. *Martha*. Philomel, 2005. A child has compassion on a stray bird.