



# Imagine

## EVERYDAY EVENT:

This week's Exceptional Expression for Everyday Events hones in on the word *imagine*. In the classroom students may be asked to use their imagination for a variety of learning exercises, such as a creative writing assignment or to study a certain time period.

Students may be asked by the teacher to use their imaginations to write a fictional story about a fantasy land of their own creation. A teacher may also ask a student to *imagine* what it would be like to be one of the very first settlers in a new world.

## EXCEPTIONAL EXPRESSION:

The word *imagine* can be used to mean to conceive or to dream up an idea of a fictitious nature. In this case imagine is used as a verb to describe the act of visualizing a concept that has yet to become a reality. An example of this idea would be Martin Luther King Jr.'s, "I Have a Dream Speech" where he challenges us to conceive of a society where racial boundaries have ceased to exist.

## FOLLOW-UPS

- How does visualizing a plan before acting on it help a person to avoid problems that may arise?
- When might it be helpful to imagine things that aren't really there? When might it not be helpful?

## THE SPANISH CONNECTION:

The word *imagine* comes from the late 12<sup>th</sup> century Anglo-Norman word, *imagener*, that meant to assume, suppose. From the definition of the Anglo-Norman cognate, we see that the original meaning for *imagine* has remained, although it is not the more commonly used definition today. The Spanish word for *imagine* is the cognate *imaginar*. *Imaginar* came from the classical Latin word *imaginare*, which in turn came from a 12<sup>th</sup> century British word. *Imagine* is an example of a word that does not share a common root with its cognates, but instead one word is derived from the root of the other word.

## WORD CHANGES:

### 1) IDIOMS

- Can you imagine?
- Fancy/imagine that!

### 2) COMMON PHRASES

- Just imagine



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## Imagine as in to deduce

- \* guess
- \* surmise
- \* conjecture
- \* suspect
- \* suppose
- \* hypothesize
- \* postulate
- \* infer
- \* deem
- \* reckon
- \* deduce

## Imagine as in to dream up

- \* visualize
- \* picture
- \* conceive
- \* fantasize
- \* daydream
- \* brainstorm
- \* create
- \* think



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- \* to postulate / postular
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- \* to deduce / deducir





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