

## A Language Dictionary

Objectives: ...develop vocabulary by listening to selections read aloud  
...draw on experiences to bring meanings to words in context  
...study word meanings systematically across curriculum  
...determine distinctive and shared characteristics of cultures through wide reading

Language is an essential part of culture. It provides communication and understanding between members of every culture. Even animals have languages of their own. This entertaining novel will intertwine two human cultures and the languages of those cultures and will refer often to languages of dogs. Which human languages are most evident in Faith and the Electric Dogs?

Put a check ✓ beside the language or languages you speak. Put a star ★ beside the one you speak at home. In which language does Edison narrate the events of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

The better your vocabulary in your own language and in others, the better you are able to communicate. As you read, create a language journal in two parts, one for each of the main languages you find in the novel. Begin to try to use these new words and phrases more and more in your daily conversations. You may need to use a dictionary or a friend who speaks that language well to help you write the pronunciation so you can say it properly.

**Spanish Vocabulary**

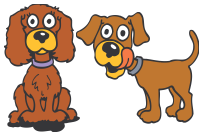
- encantado--pleased to meet you (in can tah' doe)
- tirador--slingshot (tear ah door)
- mira--look (meer ah)

**English Vocabulary**

- amigos--friends (ah me goes)
- calmate perrito--calm down, little dog
- indigenas--native people
- vainly--without hope (vane lee) (p.7)
- captivating aroma--a smell one can't resist (p.8) (cap tuh vay ting uh rome uh)
- glimpsing--seeing (glim sing)

Speak these words in conversations with your friends, parents, and teacher in conversation daily to see if they can understand you.





# Bowwow, Arf, Oof, Yap, and Grr

Objectives: ...determine a text's stated or implied main ideas and how those ideas are supported with details  
...translate geographic data into a variety of formats such as raw data to graphs and maps

Use the information in the Prologue to locate countries which have distinct canine languages. Using an atlas, color each of these countries on the map a different color. Then, complete the key to identify the country's color, the dog language, and the people language of that country. Label and lightly color each ocean.



## Key

### Color

### Canine Language

### People Language

- Mexico (San Cristóbal de las Casas)
- England
- United States
- France
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Japan

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| Language of<br>electric dogs | Language of well-<br>bred house dogs |
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