

Definition of *Learn* from Noah Webster's 1828
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LEARN, *v. t. lern*. [Sax. *ieornian*; G. *lernen*; D. *leeren*; Dan. *laerer*; Sw. *lara*. The latter coincides with the sax. *laeran*, to teach, the same word having both significations, to teach and to learn. In popular use, *learn* still has both senses.]

1. To gain knowledge of; to acquire knowledge or ideas of something before unknown. We *learn* the use of letters, the meaning of words and the principles of science. We *learn* things by instruction, by study, and by experience and observation. It is much easier to *learn* what is right, than to unlearn what is wrong.

Now *learn* a parable of the fig-tree. Matt. xxiv.

2. To acquire skill in any thing; to gain by practice a faculty of performing; as, to *learn* to play on a flute or an organ.

The chief art of *learning* is to attempt but little at a time. *Locke*.

3. To teach; to communicate the knowledge of something before unknown.

Hast thou not *learned* me how to make perfumes? *Shakespeare*.

[This use of *learn* is found in respectable writers, but is now deemed inelegant as well as improper.]

LEARN, *v. i. lern*. To gain or receive knowledge; to receive instruction; to take pattern; with *of*.

Take my yoke upon you, and *learn* of me; for I am meek and lowly—. Matt. xi.

2. To receive information or intelligence.