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1. Use the context to develop a definition for **garrulous**.

Old Simon Wheeler was a **garrulous** storyteller whose stories went on and on spinning tales first in one direction and then reversing to continue in another.
—Mark Twain

2. Edit the sentence.

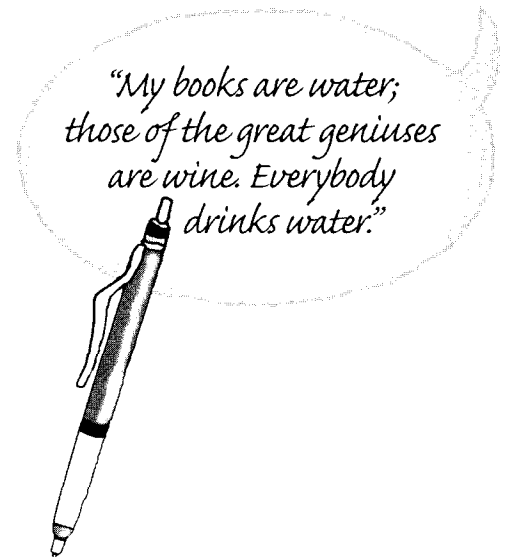
born samuel langhorne clemens mark twain grew up in hannibal missouri on the west bank of the mississippi river

3. Choose the complex-compound sentence.

- When he was 21, Mark Twain fulfilled his dream and became a Mississippi riverboat pilot.
- Twain's pen name is a riverboat pilot's term for water that is just barely deep enough for safe passage: mark twain.

4. What is **colloquial language**?

5. Explain what you think Mark Twain meant when he wrote:



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1. Divide the word into prefix, root, and suffix.

Explain the meaning of each part: **conjecture**

2. Think of two explicit verbs that could replace **told** in this sentence.

Mark Twain **told** humorous stories.

3. Identify the errors and correct them.

- The characters, a runaway slave and a white youth, personifies the injustices of a slaveholding society.
- Each of the characters bring a unique perspective.

4. Use the context to determine the meaning of the underlined word.

Mark Twain's stories are set in a mélange of locations: the small mining town of Angel's Camp, the capitals of Europe, and a cave beside the muddy Mississippi.

5. Combine the short sentences into longer, more complex sentences. Keep the meaning clear and add transitional words as needed.

- The Civil War broke out.
- The Mississippi River was closed to commercial traffic.
- Riverboat pilots were no longer needed.
- Mark Twain ventured west to seek his fortune.

