

Understanding English Grammar
Linguistic Problem of the Month, October, 2010

"Shunk"

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Here is an English sentence with a nonsense verb in it (underlined):

"After the monster had shunk its prey, it dragged it back into the cave."

Fill in the other forms of this verb in the following sentences:

"My girlfriend used to _____ groundhogs."

"Now she _____ possums for a living."

"When she was in Eugene she _____ thirty-three possums in one day."

"Then she took us badger-_____ in the Cascades."