

Word Helper Hunt

Choose the best place to look up a word.

2L4.e "Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases."

NAME _____

DATE _____

USE A GLOSSARY

Use a glossary for special words in the book you are reading. A glossary is often at the back of the book.

In a book about rocks, look in the glossary to learn *mineral*.

USE A DICTIONARY

Use a dictionary for a word you want to understand that is not from one special book. A dictionary has many words in alphabetical order.

Use a dictionary to learn what *happy* means.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle GLOSSARY or DICTIONARY for each item, then choose two items and tell how you knew.

1. You are reading a book about weather and need to know what *forecast* means.

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

2. You are reading a book about oceans and need to know what *current* means.

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

3. You want to know what *tiny* means in this sentence: "The kitten was tiny."

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

4. You are reading a book about plants and need to know what *germinate* means.

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

5. You want to check the meaning of *pocket*.

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

6. You hear the word *whisper* and want to know what it means.

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

7. You want to know what *gather* means in this sentence: "We gather leaves."

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

8. You are reading a book about space and need to know what *orbit* means.

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new GLOSSARY example and one new DICTIONARY example.

GLOSSARY

DICTIONARY

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that tells why a glossary is the best choice for a word in a book about volcanoes.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	You are reading a book about weather and need to know what <i>forecast</i> means.	GLOSSARY	Forecast is a special word from the weather book.
2	You are reading a book about oceans and need to know what <i>current</i> means.	GLOSSARY	Current is a special word from the oceans book.
3	You want to know what <i>tiny</i> means in this sentence: "The kitten was tiny."	DICTIONARY	Tiny is a word to look up in a general dictionary.
4	You are reading a book about plants and need to know what <i>germinate</i> means.	GLOSSARY	Germinate is a special word from the plants book.
5	You want to check the meaning of <i>pocket</i> .	DICTIONARY	Pocket is a word to look up in a general dictionary.
6	You hear the word <i>whisper</i> and want to know what it means.	DICTIONARY	Whisper is a word to look up in a general dictionary.
7	You want to know what <i>gather</i> means in this sentence: "We gather leaves."	DICTIONARY	Gather is a word to look up in a general dictionary.
8	You are reading a book about space and need to know what <i>orbit</i> means.	GLOSSARY	Orbit is a special word from the space book.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **GLOSSARY:** In a book about insects, I need to know what *larva* means.
- **DICTIONARY:** I want to know what *jump* means.

Challenge: I would use the glossary to learn *magma* because it lists special words from the volcano book.

Items 1, 2, 4, and 8 are GLOSSARY. Items 3, 5, 6, and 7 are DICTIONARY. For Part 2, students should explain that a glossary is for special words in the book they are reading, while a dictionary is for general word meanings.