

# Source Search

Sort word questions, then pick two and explain your source choice.

**5L4.c** "Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases."

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DICTIONARY

Use a dictionary to find how to say a word or what a word means. A dictionary can show several meanings for one word.

To learn how to pronounce *echo*, use a dictionary.

## THESAURUS

Use a thesaurus to find synonyms, words with nearly the same meaning, or antonyms, words with opposite meanings. Choose a word that fits your sentence.

To find another word for *happy*, use a thesaurus.

## 1 SORT \_\_\_\_\_ 8 items

For each question, circle DICTIONARY or THESAURUS to show the best source to use.

1. Find the pronunciation of *cautious*.

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

2. Find the exact definition of *swift*.

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

3. Find a synonym for *brave*.

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

4. Find the meaning of *ancient*.

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

5. Find an antonym for *noisy*.

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

6. Find a word that means nearly the same as *repair*.

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

7. Find the pronunciation of *vehicle*.

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

8. Find which definition of *current* fits a sentence about a river.

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ HOW I KNEW \_\_\_\_\_

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new question that needs a dictionary and one new question that needs a thesaurus.

DICTIONARY \_\_\_\_\_

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THESAURUS \_\_\_\_\_

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### CHALLENGE

Write one question about the word *steady* that needs both a dictionary and a thesaurus, then tell what you would find in each source.

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## PART 1 • SORT

| # | ITEM                                                                   | CATEGORY          | WHY                                                                           |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Find the pronunciation of <i>cautious</i> .                            | <b>DICTIONARY</b> | A dictionary gives pronunciation.                                             |
| 2 | Find the exact definition of <i>swift</i> .                            | <b>DICTIONARY</b> | A dictionary gives definitions.                                               |
| 3 | Find a synonym for <i>brave</i> .                                      | <b>THESAURUS</b>  | A thesaurus lists synonyms.                                                   |
| 4 | Find the meaning of <i>ancient</i> .                                   | <b>DICTIONARY</b> | A dictionary explains word meanings.                                          |
| 5 | Find an antonym for <i>noisy</i> .                                     | <b>THESAURUS</b>  | A thesaurus lists antonyms.                                                   |
| 6 | Find a word that means nearly the same as <i>repair</i> .              | <b>THESAURUS</b>  | A thesaurus helps find words with similar meanings.                           |
| 7 | Find the pronunciation of <i>vehicle</i> .                             | <b>DICTIONARY</b> | A dictionary gives pronunciation.                                             |
| 8 | Find which definition of <i>current</i> fits a sentence about a river. | <b>DICTIONARY</b> | A dictionary gives multiple definitions for words with more than one meaning. |

## 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)

- **DICTIONARY:** Find the meaning of *harvest*.
- **THESAURUS:** Find another word for *tiny*.

**Challenge:** How is *steady* pronounced, and what word means nearly the same? A dictionary gives the pronunciation. A thesaurus gives a synonym, such as *constant*.

Accept equivalent student-created questions when the needed source matches the category. For Part 2, students should name the needed information, such as pronunciation, definition, synonym, or antonym.