

Source Sleuth

Choose the reference tool that matches the word task.

6L4.c "Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses) to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech."

NAME _____

DATE _____

DICTIONARY

Use a dictionary to check a word's meaning, pronunciation, or part of speech. A dictionary can list more than one meaning.

Check how to say *architect*.

THESAURUS

Use a thesaurus to find synonyms and antonyms. Read the choices carefully so the replacement fits your sentence.

Find a synonym for *silent*.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each item, circle the reference tool that would help most, then for Part 2 choose two item numbers and explain what information that tool would give you.

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| 1. Hear how to pronounce <i>subtle</i> . | ☐ DICTIONARY | ☐ THESAURUS |
| 2. Check whether <i>object</i> is a noun or a verb. | ☐ DICTIONARY | ☐ THESAURUS |
| 3. Find several synonyms for <i>large</i> . | ☐ DICTIONARY | ☐ THESAURUS |
| 4. Learn the meaning of <i>reluctant</i> . | ☐ DICTIONARY | ☐ THESAURUS |
| 5. Find an antonym for <i>noisy</i> . | ☐ DICTIONARY | ☐ THESAURUS |
| 6. Replace <i>walked</i> with a synonym that means moved slowly. | ☐ DICTIONARY | ☐ THESAURUS |
| 7. Check the pronunciation of <i>vehicle</i> . | ☐ DICTIONARY | ☐ THESAURUS |
| 8. Check the meanings of <i>draft</i> before choosing one for your sentence. | ☐ DICTIONARY | ☐ THESAURUS |

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 word task for a DICTIONARY and one new word task for a THESAURUS.

DICTIONARY _____

THESAURUS _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word with more than one meaning. Write one dictionary question about its meaning or part of speech and one thesaurus question that asks for a synonym of the meaning you chose.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Hear how to pronounce <i>subtle</i> .	DICTIONARY	A dictionary gives pronunciation information.
2	Check whether <i>object</i> is a noun or a verb.	DICTIONARY	A dictionary lists parts of speech.
3	Find several synonyms for <i>large</i> .	THESAURUS	A thesaurus provides synonyms.
4	Learn the meaning of <i>reluctant</i> .	DICTIONARY	A dictionary defines words.
5	Find an antonym for <i>noisy</i> .	THESAURUS	A thesaurus provides antonyms.
6	Replace <i>walked</i> with a synonym that means moved slowly.	THESAURUS	A thesaurus helps find a word with a similar meaning.
7	Check the pronunciation of <i>vehicle</i> .	DICTIONARY	A dictionary gives pronunciation information.
8	Check the meanings of <i>draft</i> before choosing one for your sentence.	DICTIONARY	A dictionary lists the different meanings of a word.

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:** Check the part of speech of *harvest*.
- **THESAURUS:** Find a synonym for *brave*.

Challenge: Word: *light*. Dictionary question: In "Please light the candle," what part of speech is *light*?

Thesaurus question: What is a synonym for *light* meaning "to ignite"?

Part 2 explanations should identify the needed information, such as pronunciation, part of speech, definition, synonym, or antonym. For the challenge, check that the thesaurus question clearly matches the meaning established by the dictionary question.