

Reference Matchup

Choose the source that fits each question.

8L4.c “Consult general and specialized 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 _____

GENERAL DICTIONARY

Use a general dictionary to find pronunciation, part of speech, or the right everyday meaning of a word in a sentence.

To learn how to pronounce *reluctant*, use a general dictionary.

SUBJECT GLOSSARY

Use a subject glossary to find the precise meaning of a technical word used in a particular field.

To learn the Earth science meaning of *magma chamber*, use a geology glossary.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle the best source for each question, then for Part 2, choose two items and explain which clue helped you choose that source.

1. How is *candid* pronounced?

DICTIONARY

GLOSSARY

2. In “We *banked* the fire,” is *banked* a verb?

DICTIONARY

GLOSSARY

3. In biology, what does *homeostasis* mean?

DICTIONARY

GLOSSARY

4. In “The team will *draft* a plan,” which meaning of *draft* fits?

DICTIONARY

GLOSSARY

5. In chemistry, what is an *exothermic* reaction?

DICTIONARY

GLOSSARY

6. In algebra, what does *coefficient* mean?

DICTIONARY

GLOSSARY

7. What part of speech is *scarce* in “Water was scarce”?

DICTIONARY

GLOSSARY

8. In civics, what is *federalism*?

DICTIONARY

GLOSSARY

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

Part 3: Write one new question that needs a general dictionary and one new question that needs a subject glossary.

DICTIONARY _____

GLOSSARY _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence using a multiple-meaning word. Name the reference you would use, and state the exact meaning of the word in your sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	How is <i>candid</i> pronounced?	DICTIONARY	A general dictionary gives pronunciations.
2	In “We <i>banked</i> the fire,” is <i>banked</i> a verb?	DICTIONARY	A general dictionary lists parts of speech.
3	In biology, what does <i>homeostasis</i> mean?	GLOSSARY	Homeostasis is a technical biology term.
4	In “The team will <i>draft</i> a plan,” which meaning of <i>draft</i> fits?	DICTIONARY	A general dictionary helps select the correct meaning of a multiple-meaning word.
5	In chemistry, what is an <i>exothermic</i> reaction?	GLOSSARY	Exothermic is a technical chemistry term.
6	In algebra, what does <i>coefficient</i> mean?	GLOSSARY	Coefficient has a precise mathematical meaning.
7	What part of speech is <i>scarce</i> in “Water was <i>scarce</i> ”?	DICTIONARY	A general dictionary identifies parts of speech.
8	In civics, what is <i>federalism</i> ?	GLOSSARY	Federalism has a precise civics 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:** How is *fragile* pronounced?
- **GLOSSARY:** In physics, what does *refraction* mean?

Challenge: The scientist will *conduct* an experiment. Use a dictionary. Here, *conduct* means “to carry out.”

Answers, in order: DICTIONARY, DICTIONARY, GLOSSARY, DICTIONARY, GLOSSARY, GLOSSARY, DICTIONARY, GLOSSARY. In Part 2, students should identify whether the question asks for pronunciation, part of speech, a context-specific common meaning, or a technical subject meaning.