

Lookup Detectives

Match each word question to the reference that can answer it.

9-10L4c “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, its part of speech, or its etymology.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

DICTIONARY LOOKUP

Use a dictionary for a word's pronunciation, current meaning, part of speech, or possible meanings.

Need the pronunciation of *candid*? Consult a dictionary.

ETYMOLOGY LOOKUP

Use an etymology reference to trace where a word came from, how it changed, or how it was formed.

Want to trace where *tsunami* came from? Consult an etymology reference.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each item, circle DICTIONARY or ETYMOLOGY, then choose two items and explain which clue in each task led you to that reference.

1. Find the pronunciation of *epitome*.

DICTIONARY

ETYMOLOGY

2. Identify the part of speech of *conduct* in this sentence: “They conduct the survey.”

DICTIONARY

ETYMOLOGY

3. Trace the language history of *algebra*.

DICTIONARY

ETYMOLOGY

4. Clarify the current meaning of *ambivalent*.

DICTIONARY

ETYMOLOGY

5. Learn how *sandwich* got its name.

DICTIONARY

ETYMOLOGY

6. Trace the origin of *kimono*.

DICTIONARY

ETYMOLOGY

7. Decide which meaning of *draft* fits this sentence: “A cold draft entered the room.”

DICTIONARY

ETYMOLOGY

8. Find which older words were combined to form *breakfast*.

DICTIONARY

ETYMOLOGY

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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 _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new lookup task for DICTIONARY and one new lookup task for ETYMOLOGY.

DICTIONARY _____

ETYMOLOGY _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word and write two different questions about it, one that requires a dictionary and one that requires an etymology reference.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Find the pronunciation of <i>epitome</i> .	DICTIONARY	Pronunciation is current dictionary information.
2	Identify the part of speech of <i>conduct</i> in this sentence: "They conduct the survey."	DICTIONARY	Part of speech is dictionary information.
3	Trace the language history of <i>algebra</i> .	ETYMOLOGY	Language history concerns a word's origin.
4	Clarify the current meaning of <i>ambivalent</i> .	DICTIONARY	A precise current meaning belongs in a dictionary.
5	Learn how <i>sandwich</i> got its name.	ETYMOLOGY	How a word got its name is etymology.
6	Trace the origin of <i>kimono</i> .	ETYMOLOGY	Origin is etymological information.
7	Decide which meaning of <i>draft</i> fits this sentence: "A cold draft entered the room."	DICTIONARY	Choosing among current meanings requires a dictionary.
8	Find which older words were combined to form <i>breakfast</i> .	ETYMOLOGY	Word formation is etymological information.

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 pronunciation of *bourgeois*.
- **ETYMOLOGY:** Trace the origin of *pajamas*.

Challenge: Word: *camera*. Dictionary question: What is its current noun meaning? Etymology question: From which language did English borrow this word?

Answers: 1 DICTIONARY, 2 DICTIONARY, 3 ETYMOLOGY, 4 DICTIONARY, 5 ETYMOLOGY, 6 ETYMOLOGY, 7 DICTIONARY, 8 ETYMOLOGY. For Part 2, accept explanations that connect pronunciation, meaning, part of speech, or multiple meanings to a dictionary and origin, history, naming, or word formation to etymology.