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."

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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

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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

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

DICTIONARY _____

THESAURUS _____

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.

Mini dictionary (written for this worksheet): **steady** (STED-ee; first syllable stressed), adjective: 1. firm and not shaking; 2. continuing at a regular rate. **Mini thesaurus:** steady, meaning 1: stable; meaning 2: constant. Consult these entries for "She held the camera steady." Record the matching meaning number and a synonym that fits; say *steady* using its pronunciation clue.

ANSWER KEY # Source Search

PART 1 · SORT

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

Reference consultation: Meaning 1 fits the camera: firm and not shaking. Stable is the matching synonym in the mini thesaurus. Steady is STED-ee with stress on the first syllable; observe the learner using the clue.

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. Check that the learner actually consults the supplied entry and gives the source-supported result, rather than only naming a kind of reference. Allow reading and recording support as needed; keep the meaning choice with the learner.