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.

1.	Hear how to pronounce *subtle*.	DICTIONARY THESAURUS
2.	Check whether *object* is a noun or a verb.	DICTIONARY THESAURUS
3.	Find several synonyms for *large*.	DICTIONARY THESAURUS
4.	Learn the meaning of *reluctant*.	DICTIONARY THESAURUS
5.	Find an antonym for *noisy*.	DICTIONARY THESAURUS
6.	Replace *walked* with a synonym that means moved slowly.	DICTIONARY THESAURUS
7.	Check the pronunciation of *vehicle*.	DICTIONARY THESAURUS
8.	Check the meanings of *draft* 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** _____

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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.

Mini dictionary (written for this worksheet): **light**, noun: what makes things visible; verb: cause something to begin burning. Consult the entry for "Please light the candle." Record the part of speech and meaning that fit, naming the reference you used.

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PART 1 · SORT

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

Reference consultation: Light is a verb here and means to cause something to begin burning. Source: the worksheet's mini dictionary. The noun meaning does not fit the action in this sentence.

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. 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.