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."

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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** _____

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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.

Mini dictionary (written for this worksheet): **conduct**, noun: a person's behavior; verb: carry out or organize an activity. Consult the entry for "The students will conduct a survey." Record the fitting part of speech and meaning, explain a context clue, and name this source.

ANSWER KEY # Reference Matchup

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PART 1 · SORT

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

Reference consultation: Conduct is a verb meaning carry out or organize. Will conduct describes the action the students will perform with the survey. Source: the worksheet's mini dictionary.

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. 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.