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

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 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.

Mini dictionary (written for this worksheet): **draft**, noun: 1. a current of air; 2. an early version of a piece of writing; verb: 3. prepare an early version of a document. Consult this entry for "They will draft a proposal." Record the fitting meaning number and part of speech, explain the context clue, and identify this source.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Find the pronunciation of *epitome*.	**DICTIONARY**	Pronunciation is current dictionary information.
2	Identify the part of speech of *conduct* in this sentence: "They conduct the survey."	**DICTIONARY**	Part of speech is dictionary information.
3	Trace the language history of *algebra*.	**ETYMOLOGY**	Language history concerns a word's origin.
4	Clarify the current meaning of *ambivalent*.	**DICTIONARY**	A precise current meaning belongs in a dictionary.
5	Learn how *sandwich* got its name.	**ETYMOLOGY**	How a word got its name is etymology.
6	Trace the origin of *kimono*.	**ETYMOLOGY**	Origin is etymological information.
7	Decide which meaning of *draft* 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 *breakfast*.	**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?

Reference consultation: Meaning 3 fits; draft is a verb meaning prepare an early version of a document. Will draft describes the action done to the proposal. Source: the worksheet's mini dictionary.

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. 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.