

# Dictionary Detectives

Use dictionaries to find a word's meaning and sounds.

**2.3.A** "use print or digital resources to determine meaning and pronunciation of unknown words;"

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## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline the two words Nia looked up. Circle the resource she used for each word, then write 1 and 2 by the two word-resource pairs.

### Nia's Turtle Words

- ① At the pond, Nia read a sign about turtles. She did not know the word protect. Her teacher showed her a print dictionary. Nia found protect, read "keep safe," and said its sounds: pro-TECT.
- ② Next, Nia saw habitat in the turtle book. On a class tablet, she opened a child-friendly dictionary. It said habitat means an animal's home. A speaker button let Nia hear, then repeat, HAB-i-tat.
- ③ Nia wrote two new sentences in her nature notebook. "We protect turtle eggs," she wrote. Then she added, "A pond is a turtle's habitat." Using the dictionary helped Nia understand the words and say them clearly.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which resource did Nia use to find the meaning of protect? What meaning did she find?

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2 What pronunciation did Nia say for protect after using the print dictionary?

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3 How did Nia learn how to say habitat? Name the resource and the tool she used.

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## 3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one word you do not know from a book or class text. Use a print or digital dictionary to find its meaning and pronunciation, then write the word, the resource, its meaning, and how to say it.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline the two words Nia looked up. Circle the resource she used for each word, then write 1 and 2 by the two word-resource pairs. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                              | ANSWER                                                                                             |
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| 1 | Which resource did Nia use to find the meaning of protect? What meaning did she find? | <b>She used a print dictionary. Protect means keep safe.</b>                                       |
| 2 | What pronunciation did Nia say for protect after using the print dictionary?          | <b>pro-TECT</b>                                                                                    |
| 3 | How did Nia learn how to say habitat? Name the resource and the tool she used.        | <b>She used a child-friendly digital dictionary on a class tablet and used the speaker button.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

Word: enormous. Resource: a print dictionary. Meaning: very large. Pronunciation: ih-NOR-mus.

Accept correctly marked word-resource pairs: protect with the print dictionary and habitat with the digital dictionary on the tablet. For Part 3, accept a reasonable dictionary meaning and a pronunciation that matches the resource.