

Museum Word Trail

Use dictionary details to unpack precise vocabulary.

8.2.A "use print or digital resources to determine the meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech;"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each word explained by a dictionary entry. Number the five kinds of information you find: meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech.

Tracking a Ticket

- ① At the town museum, Lena helps create a catalog for a box of old train tickets. A catalog can be a noun meaning an organized list, or a verb meaning to make that list. Her digital dictionary divides the word cat-a-log and gives its pronunciation as KAT-uh-lawg. It traces catalog to the Greek word katalogos, meaning a list or register. Knowing this, Lena names the file "Railway Tickets, 1912-1920" and sorts each ticket by date.
- ② One ticket has no date, so Lena investigates its provenance, the history of where an object came from and who owned it. A print dictionary syllabicates provenance as prov-e-nance and marks it as a noun. Its pronunciation is PRAHV-uh-nuhns. The entry says the word came through French from a verb meaning "to come forth." Lena compares the ticket's paper, ink, and station stamp with records from the local railway archive. These clues help her track its earlier journey.
- ③ Next Lena asks the museum's curator to check her work. A dictionary entry divides curator into cu-ra-tor and gives the pronunciation KYOOR-ay-ter. It labels curator a noun and traces it to Latin curare, "to care for." The curator explains that careful labels let future visitors find objects and understand their stories. Lena adds the ticket's source, date range, and condition to its catalog record. She also photographs both sides so other researchers can inspect the details.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 In the first paragraph, what does catalog mean as a noun, and what does it mean as a verb?

2 Write provenance as divided into syllables and give its pronunciation.

3 According to the passage, what is the word origin of provenance?

4 For curator, identify its part of speech, pronunciation, origin, and root meaning.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose a school-related word that does not appear in the passage. Use a print or digital dictionary to create a mini word record with its meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech, then use the word correctly in your own sentence.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each word explained by a dictionary entry. Number the five kinds of information you find: meaning, syllabication, pronunciation, word origin, and part of speech. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In the first paragraph, what does catalog mean as a noun, and what does it mean as a verb?	As a noun, catalog means an organized list. As a verb, it means to make that list.
2	Write provenance as divided into syllables and give its pronunciation.	prov-e-nance; PRAHV-uh-nuhns
3	According to the passage, what is the word origin of provenance?	It came through French from a verb meaning "to come forth."
4	For curator, identify its part of speech, pronunciation, origin, and root meaning.	Curator is a noun, pronounced KYOOR-ay-ter. It comes from Latin curare, meaning "to care for."

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Source: digital dictionary. navigation, nav-i-ga-tion, nav-uh-GAY-shun, noun: the process of planning and following a route. It comes from Latin navigatio, from navigare, meaning "to sail." In geography class, I used navigation skills to plan a route across the map.

Accept accurate dictionary-based information for any school-related word not used in the passage. Pronunciation respellings may vary if they clearly represent the dictionary pronunciation.