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## REFERENCE BOOKS

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## THE DICTIONARY

Clearly, a good dictionary is a vocabulary-builder's most important resource. Tired or lazy students often say it's "too much trouble" to look up an unfamiliar word. That's why it's worthwhile to learn the *easiest* way to find the information you want. Here are some helpful hints.

The quickest way to get on the right page is to use the *guide words*. You will see two guide words at the top of each page in the dictionary. The guide word on the left shows the *first* word listed on that page. The guide word on the right shows the *last* word listed. Words that fall between the guide words can be found on that page.

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remarry • remodel

**re•mar•ry** (rē mer'ē) *verb* 1. to marry again [Kathleen *remarried* two years after the death of her first husband.]

**rem•i•nisc** (rem ə nis') *verb* 1. to think, talk, or write about things from one's own past [Mom and Dad like to *reminisce* about the good old days of their childhood.]

**re•mis•sion** (rē mish'ən) *noun* 1. forgiveness of a sin or other offense; a pardon 2. the act of freeing or the condition of being freed from debt, tax, etc. 3. the process of becoming less strong or active [*remission* of a fever] 4. the disappearance of the symptoms of a disease [cancer that is in *remission*]

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Suppose you are in a hurry to look up the words listed on the left. Read through the guide words listed on the right. Identify the page you want by drawing a line between each word on the left with the correct pair of guide words. The first one has been done for you.

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. receptive   | a. buffet • bulk           |
| 2. budge       | b. receiver • reckon       |
| 3. buffoon     | c. electro- • elevation    |
| 4. misanthrope | d. recruitment • redheaded |
| 5. egalitarian | e. buckle • buffer         |
| 6. elegy       | f. efficient • eh          |
| 7. millennium  | g. miniscule • miscarry    |
| 8. recumbent   | h. mill • mince            |

B

The complete listing for each word in the dictionary is called an *entry*. Study the excerpt from the dictionary page on page 50. Then write *T* or *F* to show whether each statement below is *true* or *false*.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A dictionary entry gives the word's spelling, definition, and pronunciation.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ A dictionary entry does not identify the number of syllables in a word.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The first word defined on this page of the dictionary is *reminisce*.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Of the three entry words defined in the excerpt, two are nouns and one is a verb.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ There are three syllables in each of the entry words.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Examples of correct usage are not provided in these dictionary entries.

C

Use one of the *entry words* from the excerpt on page 50 to complete each sentence.

1. It is impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ about future events.
2. Sometimes people who have been divorced later decide to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You will be relieved of a financial burden if your creditor grants you \_\_\_\_\_.

D

Write an original sentence for each word.

1. **remarry** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. **reminisce** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. **remission** \_\_\_\_\_

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## DICTIONARY PRONUNCIATION KEY

Most dictionaries show a *pronunciation key* at the bottom of each two-page spread. The symbols and example words in the key can help you determine the correct way to say a word out loud.

ă pat	ā ape	ä car	ě pet	ē me	er term	ÿ bit
ī ice	ō hot	ō open	ô for	oi boil	ou out	ů cup
ü put	ū rule	ch child	ng long	sh she	th thin	th then
zh measure	ə = a in about, e in item, i in pencil, o in lemon, u in circus					

## A

Add two more example words for each sound.

- the **th** sound in *thin*: \_\_\_\_\_
- the sound of **o** in *hot*: \_\_\_\_\_
- the **oi** sound in *boil*: \_\_\_\_\_
- the **ü** sound in *put*: \_\_\_\_\_
- the **ng** sound in *long*: \_\_\_\_\_
- the **ch** sound in *child*: \_\_\_\_\_

## B

Using the pronunciation chart as a reference, circle the word that correctly completes each sentence.

- The *a* sound in ( *drapery* / *dance* ) is pronounced **ā**.
- The *a* sound in *marvelous* is pronounced ( **ä** / **a** ).
- The first *e* sound in the word *even* is pronounced ( **e** / **ē** ), and the second *e* sound is pronounced ( **ē** / **ə** ).
- The letter *o* in *atom* is pronounced ( **o** / **ə** ).
- The letter *s* in the word *pleasure* is pronounced ( **sh** / **zh** ).
- The *th* sound in ( *thousand* / *therefore* ) is pronounced **th**.

Where can you "shop" for the exact words to express an idea? A full-size thesaurus, which contains more than 250,000 synonyms and antonyms, is a good place to look.

Suppose you want a more colorful and expressive word for *big*. First you would find *big*, your idea word, in the index at the back of the book. That listing would suggest page numbers on which you could find synonyms.

**EXAMPLE: *big*** immense, vast, enormous, elephantine, tremendous, stupendous, titanic, monumental, towering, monstrous, mammoth, gigantic, jumbo, mountainous

**A**

Read the *idea words* on the left and the suggested synonyms from a thesaurus on the right. Choose the most accurate, appropriate synonym to complete each phrase. Write it on the line.

1. **small** *microscopic, diminutive, itsy-bitsy*

The \_\_\_\_\_ senator made a powerful speech.

2. **disobedient** *revolutionary, rebellious, mutinous*

The \_\_\_\_\_ child ignored his mother's warning.

3. **looked** *glared, glimpsed, gawked, peeped*

The principal \_\_\_\_\_ at the boys who were fighting.

4. **endless** *immortal, interminable, infinite*

The long, boring speech seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_.

5. **changed** *innovated, degenerated, reformed, reversed*

The judge's ruling was \_\_\_\_\_ in appeals court.

6. **power** *superiority, authority, might, vigor*

Who has the \_\_\_\_\_ to make a firm decision?

7. **leaped** *hurdled, pounced, vaulted, skipped*

The mouse \_\_\_\_\_ on the tiny speck of cheese.

## B

Suppose you have looked up the *boldfaced* words in a thesaurus. Label the suggested synonyms for each idea word. Write *F* if the word or phrase is *formal*, *I* if it is *informal*, *S* if it is *slang*, or *FL* if it is from a *foreign language*.

1. **good-bye**

\_\_\_\_\_ farewell

\_\_\_\_\_ adios

\_\_\_\_\_ later, dude

\_\_\_\_\_ so long

2. **knowledgeable**

\_\_\_\_\_ au courant

\_\_\_\_\_ in the know

\_\_\_\_\_ erudite

\_\_\_\_\_ well-informed

3. **mistake**

\_\_\_\_\_ blunder

\_\_\_\_\_ faux pas

\_\_\_\_\_ goof

\_\_\_\_\_ misfeasance

4. **discover**

\_\_\_\_\_ detect

\_\_\_\_\_ perceive

\_\_\_\_\_ eureka!

\_\_\_\_\_ get hip to

5. **confidential**

\_\_\_\_\_ entré nous

\_\_\_\_\_ off the record

\_\_\_\_\_ undisclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ under wraps

6. **conversation**

\_\_\_\_\_ discourse

\_\_\_\_\_ tete-à-tete

\_\_\_\_\_ chat

\_\_\_\_\_ rap session

# UNIT REVIEW

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**A** Read the *entry words* in the box. Show where each word could be found in the dictionary. Write the entry words under the correct *guide words*.

jaded    jinx    jabber    jaundice    jetsam    jackal    jealous    jiffy    jello

1. **jet • jobless**

2. **janitor • jelly**

3. **jab • jail**

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**B** Study each entry word listed. Show what you know by filling in the blanks and circling the correct words.

1. **tar•ry** (terˈē) *v* to stay for a while

NUMBER OF SYLLABLES: \_\_\_\_\_

PART OF SPEECH: \_\_\_\_\_

RHYMES WITH: ( cry / bury )

SYNONYM: ( linger / depart )

2. **fair•ly** (ferˈlē) *adv* in an honest way

NUMBER OF SYLLABLES: \_\_\_\_\_

PART OF SPEECH: \_\_\_\_\_

RHYMES WITH: ( barely / fiery )

SYNONYM: ( simply / justly )

3. **laugh•ter** (lafˈtər) *n* the sound of laughing

NUMBER OF SYLLABLES: \_\_\_\_\_

PART OF SPEECH: \_\_\_\_\_

RHYMES WITH: ( slaughter / rafter )

SYNONYM: ( shriek / giggles )

**C** Cross out the word that would **not** be listed in a thesaurus for each entry word.

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|----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1. <b>doctor</b>     | sawbones   | physician | wizard     | healer    |
| 2. <b>lawyer</b>     | apprentice | attorney  | mouthpiece | counsel   |
| 3. <b>permit</b>     | allow      | tolerate  | greenlight | prohibit  |
| 4. <b>legitimate</b> | bona fide  | legal     | bogus      | authentic |
| 5. <b>scorn</b>      | disparage  | snub      | diss       | validate  |