

# Using Glossaries and Dictionaries

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## Quick Review

A **DICTIONARY** is a book that tells you what words mean. A **GLOSSARY** is a short word list at the back of a book. In both, the words are in **ABC** (alphabetical) order. **GUIDE WORDS** at the top of a page show the first and last word on that page.

## PRACTICE

Use what you know about dictionaries and glossaries to answer.

1. A dictionary tells you —
  - A. the price of a book
  - B. what words mean
  - C. the name of the author
  - D. what time it is
2. Words in a dictionary are listed in —
  - A. ABC order
  - B. no order at all
  - C. size order
  - D. color order
3. Where is a glossary usually found?
  - A. on the front cover
  - B. at the back of a book
  - C. in the middle of a chapter
  - D. outside the book
4. Which word comes **FIRST** in ABC order?
  - A. dog
  - B. apple
  - C. cat
  - D. ball



5. Which word comes LAST in ABC order?
  - A. fish
  - B. frog
  - C. fan
  - D. fox
6. Guide words at the top of a dictionary page show —
  - A. the first and last word on the page
  - B. the page number only
  - C. the name of the book
  - D. a list of pictures
7. The guide words on a page are *cat* and *cow*. Which word would be on that page?
  - A. car
  - B. cup
  - C. corn
  - D. dog
8. If you do not know a word in your science book, you should check the \_\_\_\_\_ at the back of the book.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. In a dictionary, the word *banana* comes before the word *apple*.  
**T / F**
10. Put these three words in ABC order: *tree, sun, moon*.

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## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8
- 9  T  F
- 10

### Explanations

<b>1. B</b>	A dictionary tells you the meanings of words.
<b>2. A</b>	Dictionary words are always in ABC order so you can find them fast.
<b>3. B</b>	A glossary is a word list at the back of a book.
<b>4. B</b>	A comes before b, c, and d, so apple comes first.
<b>5. B</b>	All start with f. Looking at the second letter, frog comes last (a, i, o, r).
<b>6. A</b>	Guide words help you find the page your word is on.
<b>7. C</b>	Corn comes between cat and cow in ABC order, so it is on that page.
<b>8. glossary</b>	A glossary lists the meanings of words from the book.
<b>9. F</b>	A comes before b, so apple comes before banana.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> moon, sun, tree ABC order goes by the first letter: m, s, t.



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