

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*.



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

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



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