

Using Glossaries and Beginning Dictionaries

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Quick Review

A GLOSSARY is a small dictionary at the back of a book. A DICTIONARY is a longer list of words in alphabetical order. Both give the MEANING of a word; some also show how to say it and what part of speech it is.

PRACTICE

Use what you know about dictionaries and glossaries to answer.

1. A glossary is found in the —
 - A. table of contents
 - B. back of a book
 - C. middle of a chapter
 - D. front cover
2. Words in a glossary or dictionary are in —
 - A. random order
 - B. alphabetical order
 - C. reverse order
 - D. size order
3. What does a DICTIONARY entry usually include?
 - A. the spelling, meaning, and how to say the word
 - B. only the price
 - C. only the page number
 - D. only the author
4. If you look up the word *amphibian* in a glossary, you will most likely find —
 - A. its meaning related to the book's topic
 - B. a story about a frog
 - C. the page where the index ends
 - D. a picture of the author



5. Which word comes FIRST in a glossary?
 - A. habitat
 - B. globe
 - C. groove
 - D. garden
6. Guide words on a dictionary page show —
 - A. the first and last word on that page
 - B. the date the dictionary was printed
 - C. the page number only
 - D. a list of synonyms
7. If a dictionary entry says *noun*, this tells you —
 - A. how to pronounce the word
 - B. the meaning of the word
 - C. the part of speech (kind of word)
 - D. the page the word came from
8. If you find a word with TWO meanings in the dictionary, you should —
 - A. pick the first meaning always
 - B. choose the meaning that fits the sentence you read
 - C. ignore both
 - D. ask a different person
9. Which of these is BEST when you don't know a word in a science book?
 - A. look in a fairy-tale book
 - B. check the science book's glossary first, then a dictionary if needed
 - C. guess from the first letter
 - D. skip the page
10. Pick any hard word you know and tell what THREE things a dictionary entry would show you about it.



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 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10

Explanations

1. B	Glossaries are usually at the back. The other locations have different parts.
2. B	Always alphabetical for quick lookup.
3. A	Entries provide several pieces of information about the word.
4. A	Glossaries define topic-specific words.
5. D	G comes before H; within G: garden < globe < groove. So garden comes first.
6. A	Guide words help you flip to the right page quickly.
7. C	Part of speech tells how the word is used in a sentence.
8. B	Context decides which meaning fits.
9. B	Glossary is closer to the topic; dictionary is a backup.
10.	Answer: Example: For "gigantic" — (1) how to say it, (2) the meaning (very large), (3) the part of speech (adjective). Any three accurate dictionary-entry items.



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