



Dictionary and Thesaurus Skills

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Grade: Grade 4

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: When a word has two definitions, always pick the first one listed.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence: The word "run" can only be used as a verb.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: A dictionary only lists base words and never shows different word forms.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A word that can be both a noun and a verb has more than one _____ of speech.
2. The dictionary shows that "play" has five definitions, so "play" is a _____ -meaning word.
3. At the end of a dictionary entry you may see related forms such as "brighter" and "brightest" for the adjective _____ .
4. An example _____ in a dictionary entry shows how the word is used in context.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Why is it important to read all of a word's definitions before choosing one?

2. How can the example sentences in a dictionary entry help you understand a word?

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: When a word has two definitions, always pick the first one listed.

Rewrite: When a word has two definitions, read both and pick the one that fits the sentence.

2. Fix the sentence: The word "run" can only be used as a verb.

Rewrite: The word "run" can be used as a verb or a noun, such as "a run in her stocking."

3. Fix the sentence: A dictionary only lists base words and never shows different word forms.

Rewrite: A dictionary often shows different word forms, such as plurals and verb tenses, near the entry word.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A word that can be both a noun and a verb has more than one part of speech.
2. The dictionary shows that "play" has five definitions, so "play" is a multiple-meaning word.
3. At the end of a dictionary entry you may see related forms such as "brighter" and "brightest" for the adjective bright .
4. An example sentence in a dictionary entry shows how the word is used in context.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Why is it important to read all of a word's definitions before choosing one?

Reading all definitions helps you pick the meaning that matches the sentence, because many words have more than one meaning and the wrong choice can confuse your reader.

2. How can the example sentences in a dictionary entry help you understand a word?

Example sentences show the word used in a real context, so you can see exactly how the word fits into a sentence and understand its meaning more clearly.