



Dictionary and Thesaurus Skills

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 4

Part A: Multiple Choice

Circle the best answer for each question.

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- A) Magic
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- C) Matter
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1. the outer covering of a tree; 2. the sound a dog makes. In "The bark peeled off the oak," which definition applies?

- A) Definition 2
- B) Both definitions
- C) Definition 1
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3. Which pronunciation symbol shows that the first syllable of "pencil" is stressed?

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- B) An accent mark before "pen"
- C) A line under "cil"
- D) A dot between both syllables

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- A) Gorgeous is not a real word
- B) Gorgeous describes appearance, not personality
- C) Nice and gorgeous are antonyms
- D) A thesaurus never lists gorgeous

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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3. A pronunciation key uses common words as _____ so you can hear each sound.
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