



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) Sheet
- B) Ship
- C) Sheriff
- D) Should

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1. brightness from the sun; 2. not heavy; 3. to set on fire. In "Please light the candle," which definition applies?

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- B) Definition 3
- C) Definition 2
- D) All three definitions

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- A) Elderly
- B) Vintage
- C) Ancient
- D) Senior

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- A) The definition
- B) The example sentence
- C) The pronunciation respelling
- D) The part of speech label

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. If guide words are "dance" and "dare," the word "dark" would _____ appear on that page.
2. A thesaurus synonym must share the same part of speech as the _____ word.
3. The stressed syllable in a pronunciation key is shown with an _____ mark.
4. Replacing "very big" with a single precise word like "enormous" makes writing more _____.
5. When two words are spelled the same but have different origins, they are listed as separate _____ entries.

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

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