

# ROCKETSHIP

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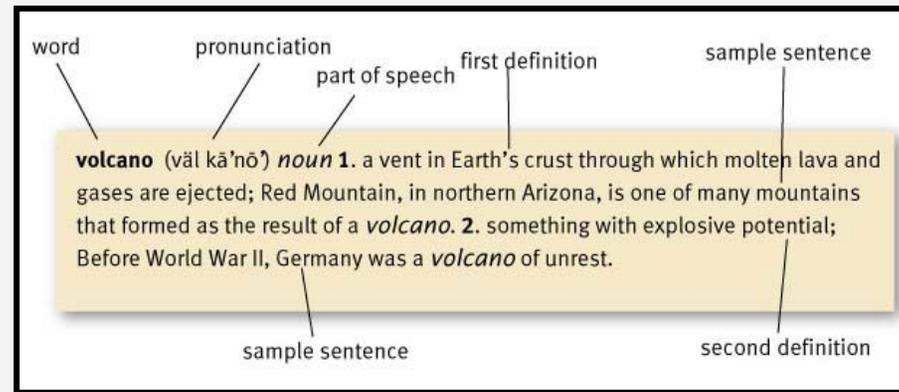
Grade 2

**Standard:** L.2.4.E Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print & digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words / phrases.

## DICTIONARY ENTRIES

**Dictionaries** are reference texts that help us understand words by giving us a **dictionary entry**.

When you open a dictionary, the words in **bold** are called **entry words**.



### Dictionary entries tell us:

- The word (eg: *volcano*)
- How to pronounce the word (eg: vəl<sup>l</sup> kā nō )
- The part of speech of the word (eg: *noun*)
- Many definitions of the word

**Sometimes dictionaries also show us an example of a sentence with the word in it.**

### When we use dictionaries to learn the meaning of a word, we must:

- Look at the context of the word in the sentence and ask:
  - "What part of speech is the word being used as?"
  - "What do we think it might mean?"
- Look at all the definitions of the word in the dictionary
- Ask ourselves, "Which definition matches best?"

## GUIDE WORDS

are words at the **top** of a dictionary. These words tell you the **first** and **last entry** on the page. By looking at the guide words, you can tell which words will appear on that page.

<p><b>hair</b></p> <p><b>hair</b> [hĕr] <i>n.</i> <b>1</b> A very thin, threadlike growth on the skin of people and animals. <b>2</b> A mass of such growths.</p> <p><b>hair-cut</b> [hĕr'kut] <i>n.</i> The act or style of cutting hair.</p> <p><b>hair-y</b> [hĕr'ē] <i>adj.</i> Covered with hair; having a lot of hair covering the body.</p> <p><b>half</b> [haf] <b>1</b> <i>n.</i> One of two equal parts of something. <b>2</b> <i>n.</i> Either of two time periods in certain sports. <b>3</b> <i>adv.</i> Not completely; partly: I was <i>half</i> asleep.</p> <p><i>pl. halves</i></p> <p><b>half-way</b> [haf'wā'] <i>adv.</i> <b>1</b> Half the distance; midway: we climbed <i>halfway</i> up the mountain. <b>2</b> <i>adv.</i> Not completely:</p>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">292</h1>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>hand</b></p> <p><b>ham-ster</b> [ham'stər] <i>n.</i> An animal that is like a mouse. It has a plump body, a short tail, and large cheek pouches. A hamster is a rodent.</p> <p><b>hand</b> [hand] <i>n.</i> <b>1</b> The end part of the arm; below the wrist. It is made up of the palm, four fingers, and a thumb. <b>2</b> Anything like a hand in shape or use: the <i>hands</i> of the clock pointed to three o'clock. <b>3</b> <b>hands</b> Control or possession: The town is in enemy <i>hands</i>. <b>4</b> <i>v.</i> To give or turn over: he</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>hamster</b></p> </div>
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The **guide words** on the above page are **hair** and **hand**.

Knowing this, will the following words be found on this page? Yes or no?

ham	Y/N
hall	Y/N
handy	Y/N

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**wear** [wer] *verb* - to carry or have on a person.  
**weary** ['wirē] *adj.* - tired  
**where** [(h)wer] *adv.* -at or in a place or position

**What does the word wear mean?**

- A. a place or position
- B. to be tired
- C. to have on a person
- D. it is a verb

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**Which word means “to be tired or exhausted”?**

- A. water
- B. wear
- C. weary
- D. where

**Which word would be found in a dictionary between the guide words floor and front?**

- A. fill
- B. face
- C. feed
- D. fourth

**Why do we use glossaries and dictionaries?**

- A. To look at pictures
- B. To learn what a word means
- C. To look up maps and locations of things
- D. To learn about the synonym and antonym of words

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**horn** [hōrn] *n.* **1** A hard pointed growth on the head of some animals. Buffalo, goats, and rhinoceroses have horns. **2** A brass musical instrument. Horns have a narrow end that you blow into to play them. **3** A device used to make a warning signal. The bus driver honked the *horn* at the children in the street.

**Tell which definition of horn is used in each sentence below.**

1. The ship's captain honked the horn as he left the dock. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The sheep had horns on its head.  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Benjamin played the French horn.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Read the dictionary entry.**

**ruby** [rōō'bē] **1** *n.* A clear, red precious stone. **2** *adj.* Having a deep red color.

**Tell which definition of ruby is used in each sentence below.**

1. The woman had ruby lips. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The jeweler made a ruby necklace.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Which guide words in a dictionary would be found on the page with the word nap?**

- A. name-nose
- B. nut-orange
- C. mule-nail
- D. night-none

**Which information would NOT be found in a dictionary entry for whisper?**

- A. how to say the word whisper
- B. which words rhyme with whisper
- C. what the word whisper means
- D. how to break whisper into parts

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**cab·in** [kab'ín] *n.* **1** A small, simple house. Cabins are often built of rough boards or logs. Our family rented a *cabin* on the lake. **2** A private room on a ship. They were seasick and spent the trip across the ocean in their *cabin*. **3** A place in an aircraft for passengers, crew members, or cargo.

**Tell which definition of cabin is used in each sentence below.**

1. The pilot greeted everyone in the cabin. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The boat captain returned to his cabin for the evening. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I saw smoke coming from the chimney of the old cabin. \_\_\_\_\_

**Which pair of guide words shows the dictionary page where you could find the word beautiful?**

- A. beef and cat
- B. dinosaur and elephant
- C. bat and bug
- D. almost and awesome

**Which word would be found in a dictionary between the guide words whisper and wonder?**

- A. write
- B. wave
- C. weigh
- D. winter

**Amy wants to know how to say the word station. Where would she look to find this information?**

- A. a dictionary
- B. an atlas
- C. a thesaurus
- D. an encyclopedia

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**foot·ball** [foot' bôl'] *n.* **1** A game played by two teams of eleven players each on a large field with goals at each end. Each team tries to make points by carrying or kicking the ball across the other team's goal.  
**2** The leather ball used in this game.



**football**

**Tell which definition of football is used in each sentence below.**

1. Quinn and Catherine played football in the front yard. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Kyle caught the football and scored a touchdown. \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose the BEST definition for the underlined word.**

Do you ever step on leaves just to hear the crunching sound?

**leaves** [livz]

**noun** - **1.** more than one leaf.

**verb** - **2.** going away from something or somewhere. **3.** not taking something away; letting it stay where it is.

- A. definition 1
- B. definition 2
- C. definition 3

**Which word would be found in a dictionary between the guide words care and close?**

- A. curve
- B. crow
- C. chair
- D. cover

**Which word would be in a dictionary between the guide words teach and together?**

- A. taken
- B. ticket
- C. twelve
- D. trouble

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The game ended in a tie since both teams had good players.

**tie** [tahy]

**verb** - **1.** when you tie something, you make it stay in place or position using something like a string or rope.

**noun** - **2.** A tie is a long, thin piece of cloth that you wrap around your neck and tie in a knot in front. **3.** Each side has the same score at the end; there is no real winner.

- A. definition 1
- B. definition 2
- C. definition 3

**Choose the BEST definition for the underlined word.**

I found a handful of loose change under my couch.

**change** [cheynj] **verb** - **1.** to make different **2.** to put on other clothing **noun** - **3.** money given in coins or smaller bills **4.** anything put in place of something else.

- A. definition 1
- B. definition 2
- C. definition 3
- D. definition 4

**Which word would be found in a dictionary between the guide words across and answer?**

- A. arm
- B. ahead
- C. above
- D. asleep

**Which pair of guide words shows the dictionary page where you could find the word pencil?**

- A. open and race
- B. park and past
- C. sing and took
- D. light and map

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