

Review: Improving Vocabulary

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Answer each of the following questions.

1. What type of information might you include in a vocabulary notebook?

You would include the word, pronunciation cues, a definition, the word parts, the word in a sentence, and any synonyms.

2. What does it mean to use context clues?

Using context clues means inferring a word's definition from the words around it, seeking causes and effects, definitions, comparisons, words in a series, and synonyms or antonyms.

3. Which of the following is not a context clue?

- a. definitions built into the text
b. synonyms
c. words in a series

- d. word length**
e. antonyms

4. A dictionary provides the etymology of a word. What does the etymology indicate?

The etymology tells the history (origin) of the word, through different languages and meanings.

5. When would you use a thesaurus?

You would use a thesaurus in order to find the best word to use in any situation. The thesaurus lists synonyms and antonyms of words.

6. Use a thesaurus to find two synonyms of the verb *walk*.

a. **(Answers will vary.) stroll**

b. **trudge**

7. How does a prefix differ from a suffix?

A prefix comes before the root word that it modifies, while a suffix comes after.

8. Refer to the glossary of prefixes, roots, and suffixes to analyze the meaning of the following words:

■ biology **study of life**

■ precede **go before**

■ antitoxic **against poison**

■ fracture **broken part**

Reflect: Is there one course in which vocabulary truly challenges you? If so, why? How might the strategies in this chapter help?