

Review: Improving Vocabulary

Name _____ Date _____

Your Turn

Answer each of the following questions.

1. True or false? Becoming a regular reader is the best way to improve your vocabulary.

True

2. Which of the following are context clues to look for when you encounter a new word in reading?

- a. Cause and effect connections
- b. Comparisons and contrasts
- c. Words in a series
- d. The tone and feeling created in the text
- e. All of these

3. The etymology element of a dictionary entry does what?

- a. Provides visual information about a word
- b. Gives the history of a word
- c. Serves as a guide to pronouncing words on a page

4. Use a thesaurus to find at least three synonyms for *exciting*.

1. **Answers will vary.** _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. What does the suffix “ology” mean?

- a. Condition, state
- b. A person who receives or benefits from
- c. Study of

6. What does the prefix “poly” mean?

- a. Around
- b. Many
- c. Small

Reflect:

What does having a good vocabulary mean to you?

Describe one way you could improve your vocabulary.
