

## Lesson 23

# Using a Glossary



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



### Introduction

Some books have a list of words called a **glossary**.

- A glossary is like a dictionary. It lists words in alphabetical order.
- It tells the meanings of important words in the book. Sometimes a glossary includes sentences that help you understand the word.
- You can often find the glossary near the end of a book.

**gas** something like air that is so light it does not have a shape

*Air is a gas we breathe.*

**planet** a large ball-like object that moves around the sun

*The Earth, where we live, is a planet.*

**star** a small dot of light in the sky

*I look for the brightest star in the sky.*



### Guided Practice

Use the glossary to find the meanings of the underlined words. Write the meanings on the lines.

**HINT** Use the first letter of the underlined word to help you find the word in the glossary.

- 1** Have you ever seen a star in the sky at night?

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- 2** It looks tiny from our planet, Earth.

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- 3** A star really is a giant ball of hot gas.

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 **Independent Practice**

Use the glossary to find the meaning of each underlined word.

**close** near

*My friend's house is close to mine.*

**glowing** shining

*At night she saw her cat's glowing eyes.*

**heat** what makes things warm

*I can feel the heat from the campfire.*

**plant** something that is alive but is not an animal or person

*A tree is a plant.*

- 1** What does the word “glowing” mean in this sentence?

The sun is a large, glowing star.

- A** burning                      **C** warm  
**B** shining                      **D** pretty

- 2** What does the word “close” mean in this sentence?

It looks big because it is close to Earth.

- A** above                      **C** beside  
**B** below                      **D** near

- 3** What does the word “plants” mean in this sentence?

The sun helps plants grow.

- A** boys and girls  
**B** living things  
**C** dogs and cats  
**D** things that crawl

- 4** What does the word “heat” mean in this sentence?

It also gives off heat that keeps us warm.

- A** what makes things cold  
**B** something that puts out a fire  
**C** what makes things warm  
**D** something that scares people