

## Section 2 Activities

### Lesson 18

# Using a Dictionary or Glossary

**Introduction** There are many places you can look to find information about words.

A dictionary and a glossary are two kinds of references you can use.

- A **dictionary** lists words in alphabetical order. Each entry has an entry word, the pronunciation, the part of speech, and the meanings of the word.

**break** (brāk) *v.* 1. to smash 2. to disobey 3. to do better than: *Ina broke the record for the high jump.* *n.* 4. time off 5. luck **break into** 1. to disturb 2. to start to do suddenly 3. to start a new job: *He broke into acting.*

The pronunciation uses special symbols to show how to say the word.

The part of speech is abbreviated. Here it is *v.* for verb.

When there is more than one meaning, each definition is numbered.

- A **glossary** is a kind of dictionary often found at the back of a book. It lists important words from the book in alphabetical order. It gives the meaning of each word as it is used in that book.

**carry** (kār'ē) 1. to move 2. to hold **carry on** 1. to continue 2. to act excitedly

Sometimes a sample sentence helps make the meaning of a word or phrase clearer.

### Guided Practice

Read the paragraph. Use the entries above to find the meanings of the underlined words and phrases. Write the number of the correct meaning above each word or phrase.

**HINT** To find the right meaning of a word or phrase, read all the definitions first. Decide which meaning makes the most sense in the sentence.

Hank Aaron broke into major league baseball in the 1950s. A big break came for him in 1954 when he replaced an injured player. Aaron's talent helped him break Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs. When Aaron hit his 715th home run, his fans broke into cheers. Aaron carried on hitting home runs until he retired in 1976.

## Independent Practice

Use the dictionary entries to answer numbers 1–4.

**material** (mə tīr' ē əl) *n.* 1. fabric or cloth 2. ideas and facts used in writing something *adj.* 3. made of matter 4. having great meaning or effect

1 Which definition matches how material is used in this sentence?

Hank Aaron had few material goods growing up, but his parents gave him love and encouragement.

- A Definition 1
- B Definition 2
- C Definition 3
- D Definition 4

**hammer** (hām' ər) *n.* 1. a tool used for pounding objects, such as nails 2. a part of a piano *v.* 3. to hit hard 4. to join with nails

2 Which definition matches how hammer is used in this sentence?

His skill at hammering baseballs helped Aaron become a successful baseball player.

- A Definition 1
- B Definition 2
- C Definition 3
- D Definition 4

**stand** (stānd) *n.* 1. a display area 2. an opinion or a position on an issue *v.* 3. to be on one's feet 4. to endure, put up with **stand for** 1. to represent, be a symbol of 2. to allow 3. to believe in and support: *He stands for equality.* 4. an abbreviation for

3 Which definition matches how stand is used in this sentence?

Aaron could stand a lot of pressure, too.

- A Definition 1
- B Definition 2
- C Definition 3
- D Definition 4

4 Which definition matches how stand for is used in this sentence?

Hank Aaron stands for the talent, hard work, and courage that make an athlete great.

- A Definition 1
- B Definition 2
- C Definition 3
- D Definition 4

# Lesson 17

## Understanding Vocabulary in Literary Texts

### Learning Target

Figuring out the meanings of unfamiliar words and phrases in a literary text, including words about other traditional stories, helps you understand the text.

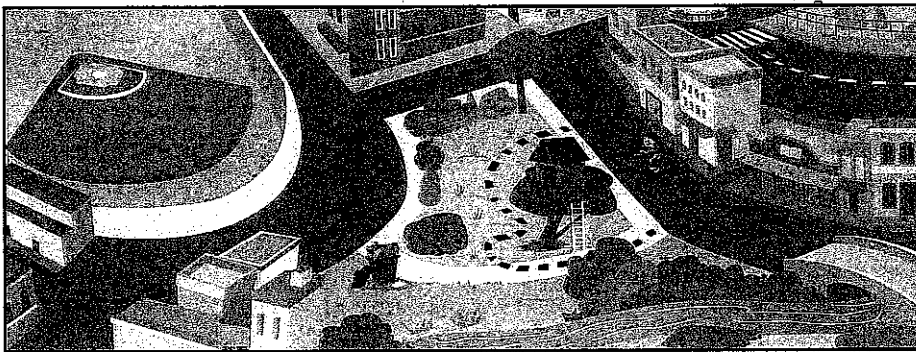
- **Read** A story, poem, or play may include a word or phrase you don't know. Try using **context clues** to help you figure out its meaning. Synonyms, antonyms, and other sentences surrounding it often suggest the meaning of an unknown word or phrase.

At times, an unknown word may **allude to**, or mention, a well-known person or place from **mythology**. These ancient stories describe human behavior or beliefs, and authors refer to them to make a special point. To understand an author's meaning, you must learn about those **significant**, or important, characters.

**Read the story below. What are the meanings of *odyssey* and *locate*?**

### The Search

As I strolled home after a day of fun, I realized I'd lost my best baseball cap. So I went searching everywhere for it. My odyssey took me far and wide and finally back home. Despite my long journey, I'd failed to locate it, that is, until I sat down. It had been in my back pocket all along!





- 1 As the annual school track meet approached, all I could think about was defeating Anna Banks. For the past three years, she'd beaten me in the 400-meter run, and always by just a step. No longer would I be satisfied with second place, however. Dissatisfied, I planned to win this year, and I couldn't think about anything else. I became obsessed with beating Anna. My thoughts focused on one goal all the time—winning. Naturally, I did more than just think. I practiced my starts daily, and I ran and ran and ran.
- 2 On the day of the race, I was eager to compete, and by the time we gathered at the starting line, I was really pumped. BAM—the starting gun fired and we were off! Anna and I quickly sprinted ahead of the other racers. When we shot across the finish line, I wasn't even certain who'd won at first. Then I heard the announcer—it was me!
- 3 Still breathing hard, Anna rushed over, smiling, and shook my hand. "You were great!" she declared. "Good race!" Right then, I realized that I'd been looking at the situation all wrong. Before, I'd been thinking of Anna as if she were some powerful enemy out to destroy me. But Anna wasn't my nemesis<sup>1</sup> at all; she had no urge to crush me. In fact, she had given me an opportunity to become a better sprinter than I ever would have been without her.

### Close Reader Habits

**Circle** unfamiliar words and phrases. **Underline** phrases that give you clues to the word meanings.

<sup>1</sup>**nemesis:** a powerful rival; from the Greek goddess who punished overconfidence

**Explore****How do context clues help you figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words in "Out to Win"?**

Context clues can appear before or after the sentence having an unfamiliar word.

**► Think**

- 1** Complete the chart below to show what you have figured out about the meanings of the words.

Unknown Word	Context	Possible Meaning	Clues
dissatisfied			
obsessed			
nemesis			

**► Talk**

- 2** Explain the meaning of the word opportunity (paragraph 3). What context clues help you understand what the word means?

**HINT** Reread paragraph 3 to find all the clues to the meaning of opportunity.

**► Write**

- 3 Short Response** Explain the meaning of opportunity (paragraph 3). Also include the context clues that helped you figure out the meaning of the word. Use the space provided on page 276 to write your response.