



Answer Key

Using the Dictionary

Directions: Review the formatting of a typical dictionary entry, then use what you have learned to practice decoding a sample entry.

<p>A. <u>pay</u></p> <p>B. <u>pay</u> (pā) v. 1. <u>To give to a person what is due for a debt, purchase, or work completed.</u> 2. <u>To compensate.</u> 3. <u>To suffer the consequences.</u> pay-ment (pā'ment) n. The act of paying.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">penitent</p> <p>ped-i-ment (ped i ment) n. A broad, triangular architectural or decorative part above a door.</p> <p>ped-o-meter (pe dom'it èr) n. An instrument which indicates the numbr of miles one has walked.</p>
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- A.** Guide word. A word that shows the first or last item on that page.
- B.** Entry word. A word that is the subject for an entry in a dictionary.
- C.** Pronunciation. The way in which to speak the word.
- D.** Part of speech. A category to which a word is assigned. These include:
 n. (noun) v. (verb) adj. (adjective) adv. (adverb),
 pron. (pronoun) conj. (conjunction) prep. (preposition) interj. (interjection).
- E.** Definition. The meaning of the word.
- F.** Alternative definition. Another definition; some words can have more than one meaning.

Now it's your turn! Use the entry below to answer the questions that follow.

hatter

hearing

Student answers will vary.

head-ing (hed ing) n. 1. A title or caption that acts as a front, beginning, or upper part of anything.
2. The direction or course of a ship or aircraft.

1. What are the guide words for the page? hatter and hearing
2. What is the entry word? heading
3. What part of speech is the entry word? noun
4. How many syllables does the word have? two
5. Write the definition that matches the meaning of the word "heading" in the following sentence: *The captain went into his cabin to plot the heading for the ship.*

The direction or course of a ship or aircraft.

6. Come up with a word that could go in the empty space in the example dictionary page after the guide word "hatter" but before the entry for "heading." Write it in the empty space in the example dictionary page.

