

READING AND WRITING (E30205)

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UNIT 9 USING THE DICTIONARY



Exercise 9

A. The boldfaced words are guide words. Choose the word or words that could appear on the page with the guide words.

1. pier – plea pinch – plead pie – play pity – pled	3. dock – drain drama – do dose – does drawer – dollar
2. seed – sense seek – seem senior – sensible see – sentry	4. urgent – vandal valid – urgency use – vacant urge – vain

B. In each of the following sentences, choose the appropriate meaning of the word "course" from the dictionary entry provided above.

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COURSE • n. 1 a continuous onward movement or progression. 2 a line along which a person or thing moves; a direction taken (has changed course; the course of the winding river). 3 a stretch of land or water used for races. 4 a golf course. 5 a series of lectures, lessons, etc., in a particular subject. 6 any of the successive parts of a meal. 7 Med. A sequence of medical treatment etc. (prescribed a course of antibiotics). 7 a line of conduct.

- The set lunch has three **courses**: an appetizer, an entrée and dessert.
a definition 1 c definition 3
b definition 4 d definition 5
- He's taking a **course** in computer science.
a definition 3 c definition 4
b definition 5 d definition 6
- There are several **courses** he likes to play on weekends.
a definition 2 c definition 3
b definition 6 d definition 7
- How long will this **course** of treatment last?
a definition 2 c definition 3
b definition 4 d definition 6
- He wants to change **course** in the middle of his career.
a definition 2 c definition 3
b definition 4 d definition 5

C. Study the dictionary entries below. Read the sentences and write the number of the definition that best applied to the underlined word.

needle [nɪd/əl] n. *v.* **needle, needling**
1 n. A small, thin, steel rod with a hole in one end, used to carry thread through cloth in sewing.
2 n. The thin, hollow tube at the end of a hypodermic syringe. 3 n. A pointer, as in a gauge or compass. 4 n. A short rod, often tipped with a hard material as diamond, used to pick up vibrations from a phonograph record. 5 n. A slender rod used in knitting. 6 n. Something that suggests the shape of a needle, as a leaf of a pine, an obelisk, etc. 7 n. *informal* To tease or heckle.

reserve [rɪˈzɜːv] *v.* **reserved, reserving**
n., adj. 1 n. To hold back or set aside for special or future use. 2 n. Something reserved: a reserve of food. 3 n. The condition of being reserved: money kept in reserve. 4 adj. Kept in reserve: reserve troops. 5 n. To arrange for ahead of time: have set aside for someone's use: to reserve tickets. 6 n. Silence as to one's thoughts, feelings, etc. 7 n. (pl.) Troops who live as civilians and train at certain times in order to be ready to enter the regular armed services in an emergency. 8 n. Government land reserved for a special purpose: a forest reserve.

- I was furious at the meeting, and even though Ann felt the same way, she showed a great deal of reserve.
- You can purchase small rubber tips for the ends of the needles to prevent stitches from slipping.
- We're going to reserve four tickets for Saturday's baseball game.
- Stella is always needling her brother about the kinds of music he likes.
- The forest floor was a blanket of soft, brown pine needles.
- You'd better reserve some money for the end of the week, because I made plans for us to go to the opera.

Reference: Concentrate of Critical reading book 6B

Thank you!