

READING AND WRITING UNIT 1 VOCABULARY SKILL

USING THE DICTIONARY

Instruction: Use the given dictionary pages to answer the questions that follow.

perceive *verb trans. (perceived, perceiving)*
1 to apprehend (an image) by sight. **2** to understand, interpret, or view: *perceived her role as teacher, not disciplinarian.* ▶ **perceivable** *adj.*

percent or **per cent** (SYMBOL: %) *adv.* **1** in or for every 100. **2** on a scale of 1 to 100: *90 percent certain.* — *noun (usu. percent)* **1** a percentage or proportion. **2** one part on every 100: *half a percent.*

percentage (pər-sent'ij) *noun* **1** an amount, number, or rate stated as a proportion of one hundred. **2** a proportion.

1. What part of speech is "percent"?

2. How many meanings does the word "perceive" have?

3. What are the two ways to spell the irregular word forms of "perceive"?

1. Does the word "phenomenon" have multiple definitions?

2. What is the plural form of the word "phenomenon"?

3. Does the word "phenomenal" have formal usage?

phenomenal *adj.* **1** remarkable; extraordinary; abnormal. **2** of the nature of a phenomenon. **3** relating to phenomena. ▶ **phenomenally** *adv.*

phenomenon *noun (pl. phenomena)* **1** a happening perceived through the senses, esp. if unusual or scientifically explainable. **2** an extraordinary or abnormal person or thing.

Usage Note that *phenomena* is a plural form; a *phenomena* is incorrect, though often heard.

Instruction: Search for the part(s) of speech, spelling of irregular forms, number of multiple definitions and common collocation(s) of the following word:

qualify	part(s) of speech	
	Spelling of irregular forms	
	No. of multiple definitions	
	Common collocation(s)	