

## DICTIONARY

The parts of a dictionary entry include:

**A. Guide words**

**B. Entry word**

**C. Pronunciation**

**D. Part of speech** –n. (noun), v. (verb), **adj.** (adjective), **adv.** (adverb), **pron.** (pronoun), **conj.** (conjunction), **prep.** (preposition), and **interj.** (interjection)

**E. Plural spelling**

**F. Definition**

**(A)**

**hermit**

**(A)**

**hiccup**

**(B)**

**(C)**

**(D)**

**(E)**

**(F)**

**he•ro** (he' ro) **n.** pl. -roes **1.** a person who shows courage. **2.** anyone who is a good example of strong character. **3.** the main character in a story or play.

**buggy**

**bumper**

**bug•gy** (bug' ē) **n.**, pl. -gies **1.** a small carriage pulled by a horse. **2.** a baby carriage. **3.** [slang] an old car.

Use the dictionary entry to answer the questions. Write your answers on the lines.

1. What is the entry word? buggy

2. What are the guidewords on this dictionary page?

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3. What part of speech is the entry word? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many syllables does the word have? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you spell the plural of buggy? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Which definition matches the meaning of buggy in this sentence?

My dad wants to trade his old **buggy** for a van. \_\_\_\_\_

# The same word can mean different things "

## Exercise #1

Look up the underlined words in a dictionary. Which meanings given in the dictionary fit the uses of the words here?

### Example

Book (1) = n. a written work or composition that has been published

Book (2) = v. arrange for and reserve (something for someone else) in advance

- I wanted to go to America so I booked a flight for next week. (2)
- My favorite book is called 'The Treasure Island'. (1)

**Paper (1) = n. a group of questions in an exam**

**Paper (2) = n. thin material for writing or drawing on or for wrapping things in**

- A. Do you usually use recycled paper? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The Math paper was particularly difficult. \_\_\_\_\_

**Play (1) = n. story that you watch in the theatre or on television**

**Play (2) = v. to act the part of somebody in a play**

**Play (3) = v. to have fun; to do something to enjoy yourself**

**Play (4) = v. to take part in a game**

- C. Do you know how to play chess? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. He wants to play the policeman \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Yesterday I saw a play by Shakespeare \_\_\_\_\_
- F. The children were playing with their toys \_\_\_\_\_

**Light (1) = v. to make something start to burn**

**Light (2) = adj. easy to lift or move**

**Light (3) = n. a thing that give light**

**Light (4) = adj. full of natural light**

- G. Will you carry this bag for me? It's very light. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. In summer it's light until about ten o'clock. \_\_\_\_\_
- I. She lights a candle. \_\_\_\_\_
- J. Turn on the light, please. \_\_\_\_\_