

Lesson 5

Using a Dictionary

Parts of a Dictionary Entry

- ① spelling
- ② syllabication
- ③ pronunciation
- ④ part of speech
- ⑤ etymology/word origins
- ⑥ cross references to other words
- ⑦ multiple meanings
- ⑧ synonyms

Dictionary Entry

① ② ③ ④ ⑤
heri•tage (her' e tij) n. [ME < Ofr. < *heriter* < LL. *hereditare*, to inherit < L. *heriditas*: see HEREDITY] —⑥
 1. property that is or can be inherited
 2. a) something handed down from one's ancestors or the past, such as a culture or tradition, etc. b) the rights, responsibilities, or status resulting from being born in a certain time or place
 ⑦
 ⑧—SYN: **inheritance, birthright, patrimony**

A. Use the dictionary entry above to answer questions 1–3.

- 1. How many syllables are in the word *heritage*? _____
- 2. What part of speech is the word *heritage*? _____
- 3. How many definitions are shown for *heritage*? _____

B. Use a dictionary to answer the questions below.

- 4. What is the plural of the word *nationality*? _____
- 5. What is the plural of the word *citizen*? _____
- 6. What are the guide words on the page for *urban*?

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Resource Links

1 RDI Book 1: p. 245
SAM Keyword: Dictionary

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