

**Lesson 5**

# Using a Dictionary

## Parts of a Dictionary Entry

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## Dictionary Entry

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**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—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

Use with page 244.

