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## Vocabulary • Dictionary/Glossary

- **Dictionaries** and **glossaries** provide alphabetical lists of words and their meanings.
- A dictionary is a book of words and their meanings, and a glossary is a short dictionary at the back of some books.
- An **entry** shows the spelling of a word and comes before the definition.

**Directions** Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below using a dictionary or your glossary.

Ayako's father is a diplomat, sent to our country by his homeland. Last week I went home with Ayako after school and her mother was crying. Ayako translated what her mother was saying so I could understand. Her father's superiors had called and told them that it was not safe to return to their homeland. Now Ayako and her family are refugees. Her

father is not sure what job he can get. Ayako's little brother asks every day when they will be able to see their friends and relatives back home, but nobody knows the answer. Her family has made an agreement that they will try to be brave and to wait patiently for things to change. Someday, they will go home again.

1. What is the definition of *diplomat*? Put it in your own words.  
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2. What entry do you have to look at in the dictionary to find the meaning for *translated*? What does *translated* mean?  
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3. What does *superiors* mean? What part of speech is it?  
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4. What is the meaning of *agreement*? Use it in an original sentence.  
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5. Explain why a dictionary would give more complete information for an entry than a glossary.  
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**Home Activity** Your child used a dictionary to find out the meanings of unfamiliar words. Choose a few words that your child does not know. Have your child use a dictionary to find their meanings.