

Vocabulary • Dictionary/Glossary

- **Dictionaries** and **glossaries** provide alphabetical lists of words and their meanings.
- Sometimes looking at the words around an unfamiliar word can't help you figure out the word's meaning. If this happens, use a dictionary or glossary to find the meaning.

Directions Read the following story about traveling in the United States. Then answer the questions below. Use your glossary or a dictionary for help.

One year for summer vacation, my family took a long road trip around the United States. We visited national parks, where we drove along roads that went through towering mountains. I had to still my nerves just to look over the bluff.

We went to art museums and studied

sculptures carved ages ago. I was amazed to learn that people had created art before they could even read or write.

At the end of the trip, I longed for my home and my friends. But I will never forget the wonders I saw.

1. What is the meaning of the word *towering* as it is used in the story?

very high

2. What is the other meaning of *bluff* not used in the story? What part of speech is it?

The other meaning is "to fool or mislead"; verb

3. What is the meaning of *still* in the story?

to make or become calm or quiet

4. Write an original sentence using the other meaning of *still* not used in the story.

Possible answer: The lake looked very still.

5. To find the meaning of *longed*, you need to look at the entry for *long*. Which definition is used in story?

wished very much; desired greatly



Home Activity Your child used a glossary to identify the intended definitions of multiple meaning words. Create and draw a comic together in which the confusion over the different meanings of a word has caused a funny outcome.