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Vocabulary • Dictionary

- Sometimes when you are reading, you come across a word you don't know. You can use a **dictionary** to find the meaning of the word.
- A **dictionary** has word meanings. The words are listed in alphabetical order.

clutter *n.* mess

collection *n.* a group of similar things one gets and keeps

organize *v.* to put in order

realize *v.* to come to see; to understand

scrutinize *v.* to look very closely at; to study

vacuum *n.* machine used to take dirt from floors, rugs, and carpets

Directions Each sentence has one underlined word. Use the dictionary entries above to find the meaning.

1. Mom told me to organize all the things in my room.

to put in order

2. Every Saturday morning, Dad uses a vacuum on the rugs in the house.

machine used to take dirt from floors, rugs, and carpets

3. There is so much clutter in my closet, I can't find anything.

mess

4. My room looks clean as long as you don't scrutinize it.

to look very closely at; to study

5. Now I keep each of my collections in a separate box.

group of similar things one gets and keeps

6. I realize that having too many things can sometimes make life difficult.

to come to see; to understand



Home Activity Your child used sample dictionary entries to find the meaning of unfamiliar words. Read a story or newspaper article together and look up unfamiliar words. Encourage your child to identify unfamiliar words while reading and then look up their definitions in a dictionary.