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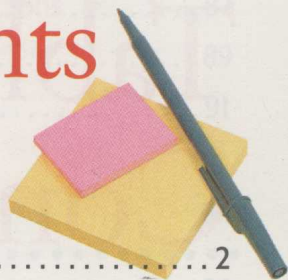
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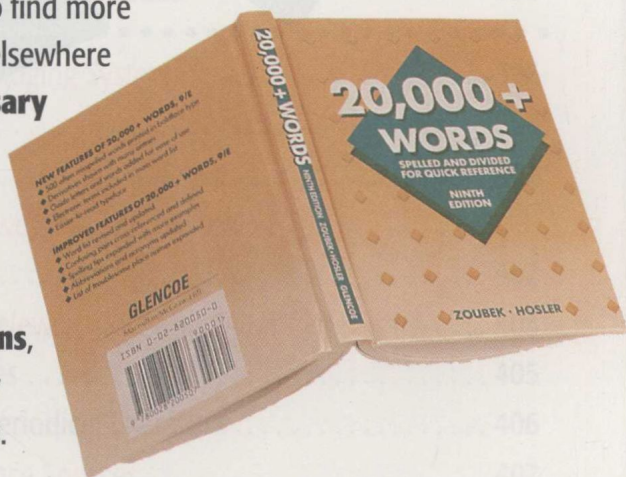
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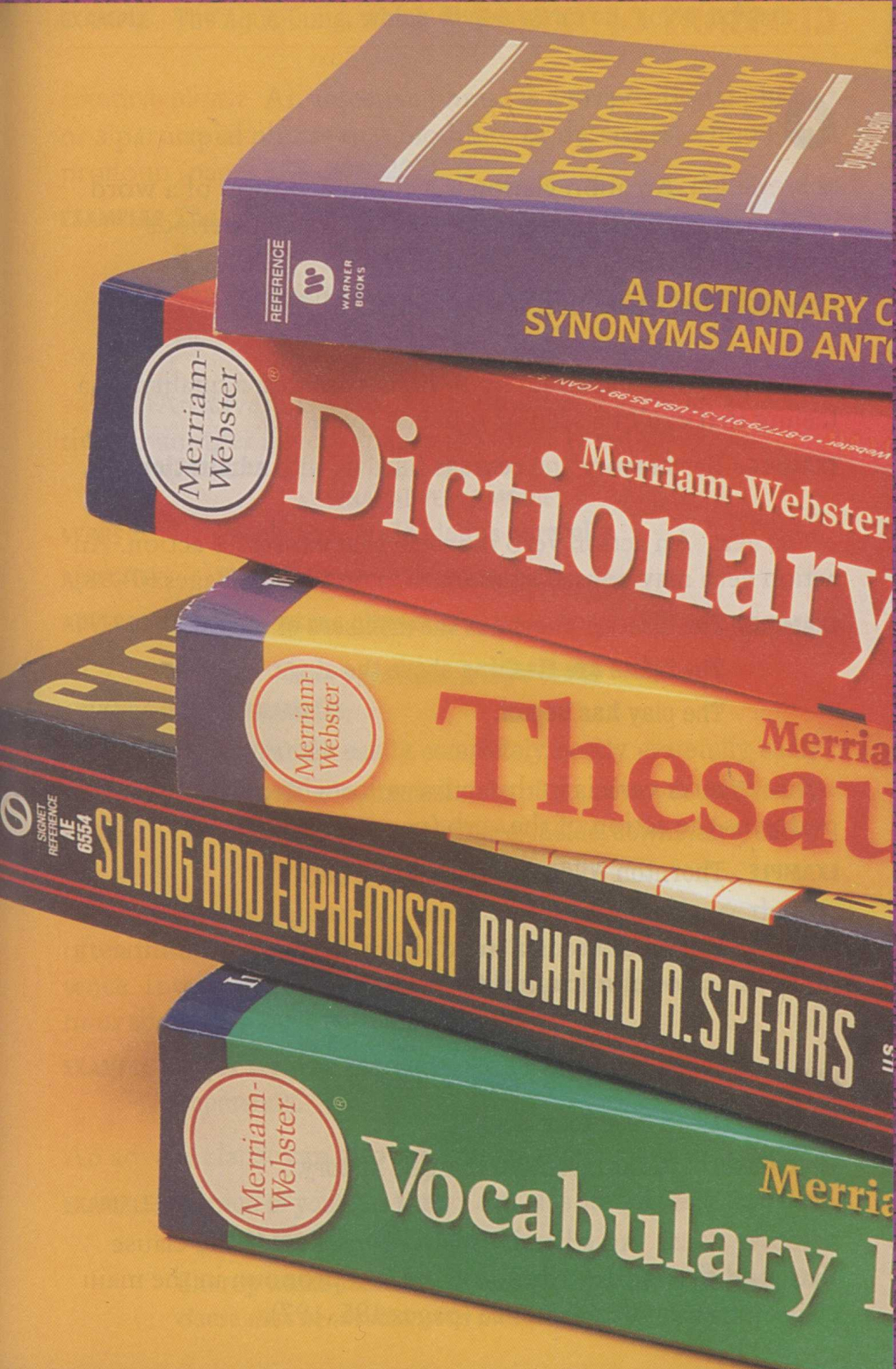


Part One

Ready Reference

The **Ready Reference** consists of three parts. The **Glossary of Terms** is a list of language arts terms with definitions and examples. Page references show you where to find more information about the terms elsewhere in the book. The **Usage Glossary** lists words that are easily confused or often used incorrectly and explains how to use the words correctly. The third part is **Abbreviations**, which consists of lists of many commonly used abbreviations.





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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

A

abbreviation An abbreviation is a shortened form of a word or phrase. Many abbreviations are followed by periods (pages 264–266).

EXAMPLES Mrs., Tues., Dec., Mont., NBA, ft., St., RI

abstract noun An abstract noun names an idea, a quality, or a feeling that can't be seen or touched (page 82).

EXAMPLE Her **bravery** and **courage** filled us with **admiration**.

action verb An action verb is a verb that expresses action. An action verb may consist of more than one word (pages 97–98).

EXAMPLES The director **shouts** at the members of the cast.

The lights **are flashing** above the stage.

The play **has begun**.

active voice A verb is in the active voice when the subject performs the action of the verb (pages 111–112).

EXAMPLE Thornton Wilder **composed** that play.

adjective An adjective is a word that describes, or modifies, a noun or a pronoun (pages 144–152, 164–165).

HOW ADJECTIVES MODIFY NOUNS

WHAT KIND? We studied **ancient** history.

HOW MANY? I read **four** chapters.

WHICH ONE? **That** invention changed history.

adjective clause An adjective clause is a subordinate clause that modifies, or describes, a noun or a pronoun in the main clause of a complex sentence (pages 195, 197).

EXAMPLE The Aqua-Lung, **which divers strap on**, holds oxygen.

adjective phrase An adjective phrase is a prepositional phrase or a participial phrase that modifies, or describes, a noun or a pronoun (pages 178, 206–207).

EXAMPLES The servers **at the new restaurant** are courteous.
[prepositional phrase modifying servers]

The musician **seated at the piano** is Erik. **[participial phrase modifying musician]**

adverb An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb (pages 158–167, 179–180).

WHAT ADVERBS MODIFY

VERBS People *handle* old violins **carefully**.

ADJECTIVES **Very** old violins are valuable.

ADVERBS Orchestras **almost** *always* include violins.

WAYS ADVERBS MODIFY VERBS

ADVERBS TELL **EXAMPLES**

HOW grandly, easily, completely, neatly, gratefully, sadly

WHEN soon, now, immediately, often, never, usually, early

WHERE here, there, everywhere, inside, downstairs, above

adverb clause An adverb clause is a subordinate clause that often modifies the verb in the main clause of a complex sentence. It tells *how*, *when*, *where*, *why*, or *under what conditions* the action occurs (pages 198–199).

EXAMPLE **After we won the meet**, we shook hands with our opponents.

An adverb clause can also modify an adjective or an adverb.

EXAMPLES Carson is younger **than I am**. **[The adverb clause *than I am* modifies the adjective *younger*.]**

Sherry walks faster **than her brother runs**. **[The adverb clause *than her brother runs* modifies the adverb *faster*.]**