

7 Definition Quiz 1

For many students, finding out the meaning, or *definition*, of a word is the most important reason for using a dictionary. Your *Longman Dictionary of American English* gives clear, easy-to-understand definitions of words you will come across.

can·yon /'kænyən/ *n.* [C] EARTH SCIENCES a deep valley with very steep sides: *the Grand Canyon*
[ORIGIN: 1800—1900 American Spanish *cañón*, from Spanish, “tube, pipe”]

■ Do this general knowledge quiz. Check your answers in your dictionary.

1 What kind of person would use a *pseudonym*?

2 At what time of the year is *Lent*?

3 Which of these adjectives best describes *curry*? Circle the correct answer.

a) bland b) spicy c) sweet d) bitter e) sour

4 Who would you go see if you had problems with one of your *molars*?

5 True or false: *senile* people are very young.

6 What would you carry in a *Thermos*? Circle the correct answer.

a) a drink b) an animal c) your dinner d) a baby e) pens and pencils

7 Which animal does *venison* come from?

8 What are *cocoons* made out of?

9 What kind of person sits on a *throne*?

10 What would you keep in an *IRA*?

11 Where would you find a *snout*? Circle the correct answer.

a) on a teapot b) in a police station c) on a car d) on a pig e) by a river

12 What kind of animal is an *anchovy*?

8 Definition Quiz 2

■ Practice using your dictionary to find out what a word means.

- 1 A *greenback* is an informal word for a _____.
a) farmer b) dollar bill c) fast-food restaurant d) Congressman
- 2 How much money is a) a *dime* _____ b) a *quarter* _____ and
c) a *nickel* _____?
- 3 Complete this sentence with one word: An academic year is divided into two *semesters* or four _____.
- 4 The U.S. flag is known as the *Stars and* _____.
a) *Spots* b) *Stripes* c) *Lines* d) *Checks*
- 5 True or false: the name of the U.S. national anthem is *The Star-Spangled Flag*.
- 6 Which of the following is *not* a U.S. public holiday?
a) Labor Day b) Independence Day c) Memorial Day d) President's Day e) Thanksgiving
f) Martin Luther King Day g) Groundhog Day
- 7 Which of these two groups of elected people is the largest, the *Senate* or the *House of Representatives*? _____
- 8 What does the *D.C.* stand for in *Washington, D.C.*? _____
- 9 What is the name of the building in Washington, D.C. where Congress meets and makes laws?
a) the White House b) the Capitol c) the Pentagon d) the Oval Office
- 10 Complete this sentence: A *grade school* is also known as *a(n)* _____ *school*.
- 11 In which part of the U.S.A. would you find the *Ivy League* colleges?
a) the southwest b) the southeast c) the northwest d) the northeast
- 12 What would you do at a *drive-in*? _____
- 13 What would you do at a *prom*? _____
- 14 What do people mean when they talk about the *American Dream*? _____
