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This exercise helps familiarize your child with the wealth of information in a dictionary. Answers will vary depending on the dictionary used. Your child may need help if the dictionary is very detailed or simple. Accept any reasonably researched answers.