



# Dictionary and Thesaurus Skills

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Grade: Grade 4

## Part A: Multiple Choice

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- A) Gorgeous is not a real word
- B) Gorgeous describes appearance, not personality
- C) Nice and gorgeous are antonyms
- D) A thesaurus never lists gorgeous

## Part B: Fill in the Blank

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