



Vocabulary

Grade 4 Unit 3: Contemporary Fiction: Mi Calle, Tu Calle



Print and Digital References

Introduction: Print and Digital References



We can use **print and digital glossaries** to determine the meaning of words and phrases.

Print and digital glossaries and dictionaries provide the information needed to understand the *meaning* of words.

It is important to remember that when using a print dictionary, guide words can help you find the word you are looking for.

Guide words are the two words found at the top of a dictionary page.

Let's look at the entry for the following vocabulary word:

crumbling

crumbling (adj.): slowly falling apart, usually by breaking into small pieces

This entry provides the definition of the word and the part of speech. By reading the definition of **crumbling**, we are able to understand the meaning and ways to use it correctly.

By reading the definition we can understand how to use the word in a sentence.

Examples of sentences:

The walls of the old building were **crumbling**.

I don't like it when my cookies start **crumbling**.

Let's Try It Together!



Look at the entry for the following vocabulary word:

fancy

fancy (adj.): nice and probably expensive

Based on the entry for the word **fancy**, turn to a partner and discuss a new sentence you can make.

Raise your hand to share the new sentence you and your partner came up with!

Let's look at one more together. Look at the entry for the following vocabulary word:

complicated

complicated (adj.): difficult to explain

Based on the entry for the word **complicated**, turn to a partner and discuss a new sentence you can make.

Raise your hand to share the new sentence you and your partner came up with!

Now Try One by Yourself!



Read the following entry:

barely (adv.): only just

Identify the part of speech based on the definition.

Write a sentence using the correct meaning of the word.

Answer



adverb

I was **barely** able to stay awake.