

Dictionary

A **dictionary** is a book of words, listed in alphabetical order, and their meanings. Guide words appear at the top of each page that tell the first and last words that appear on the page. Each entry shows a word's spelling, syllable parts, pronunciation, definitions, and parts of speech. Some entries will also include illustrative, or sample, phrases or sentences, and an etymology that tells how the word came into the English language from other languages.

Directions: Use the dictionary entries to answer the questions that follow.

re • la • tion • ship (ri lā' shən ship), **1** a connection: *What is the relationship of clouds to rain?* **2** the condition of belonging to the same family. **3** the state that exists between people or groups that deal with each other: *I have good relationships with all of my teachers this year.* *noun.*

rel • a • tive (rel' ə tiv), **1** a person who belongs to the same family as another, such as a father, brother, aunt, nephew, or cousin. **2** compared to each other: *We discussed the relative advantages of city and country life.* **3** depending for meaning on a relation to something else: *East is a relative term; for example, Chicago is east of California but west of New York.* **1 noun, 2, 3 adjective.** **relative to, 1** about; concerning: *The teacher asked me some questions relative to my plans for the summer.* **2** in comparison with; in proportion to; for: *He is strong relative to his size.*

rel • a • tive • ly (rel' ə tiv lē), in relation to something else; comparatively: *You are relatively tall for your age.* *adverb.*

re • lax (ri laks'), **1** to loosen up; make or become less stiff or firm: *Relax your muscles to rest them. Relax when you dance.* **2** to make or become less strict or severe; lessen in force: *Discipline is relaxed on the last day of school.* **3** to relieve or be relieved from work, effort, or worry: *We relaxed during the holidays. Relax! Everything will be all right.* *verb.*

re • lax • a • tion (rē' lək ə' shən), **1** a loosening; *the relaxation of the muscles.* **2** a lessening of strictness, severity, or force: *the relaxation of discipline over the holidays.* **3** recreation; amusement: *Walking and reading are relaxations.* *noun.*

re • lay (rē' lā for 1; rē' lā' or ri lā' for 2), **1** a fresh supply: *New relays of firefighters were sent in.* **2** to take and carry farther: *Please relay this message to your parents.* **1 noun, 2 verb.** **re • lays, re • layed, re • lay • ing.**

re • lay race (rē' lā rās'), a race in which each member of a team runs or swims only a certain part of the distance.

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