

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 677 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer each question.

- 4. Identify Author’s Purpose** Underline the purposes Johnson hoped to achieve in his preface.
- a. to entertain with an amusing anecdote
 - b. to express his opinion on the state of the language
 - c. to explain the difficulty of the task
 - d. to inform readers how to use a dictionary
- 5. Analyze Voice** Circle the words that describe Johnson’s voice in the preface.
- a. scholarly b. sarcastic c. formal d. chatty e. witty f. friendly

Underline one word in parentheses and then complete the following sentence.

Johnson’s voice (is, isn’t) appropriate for the preface because _____

- 6. Draw Conclusions** Reread lines 12–23, and then complete the following sentence. _____

- 7. Evaluate a Primary Source** Complete the chart to show how definitions have changed since Johnson’s time.

Word	Johnson’s Definition	Definition Today
miser		
recipe		