

## SHOOTING AN ELEPHANT

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**Vocabulary Strategy****USING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**

**Electronic resources** are valuable tools that can help expand your vocabulary. These resource may already be on your PC, such as the thesaurus in your word-processing software. They can also be found on the Internet or through your libraries electronic database. Learning to use these tools effectively can help improve your reading and writing.

Your PC	Internet	Library Database
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “look up” options</li> <li>• reference books</li> <li>• research sites</li> <li>• thesaurus</li> <li>• translations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• online dictionaries</li> <li>• “wiki” resources</li> <li>• library websites</li> <li>• free encyclopedias</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dictionaries &amp; thesauri</li> <li>• online language references</li> </ul>

**Directions:** For each scenario described below, identify the best electronic resource to use.

- A student writing an essay has found a useful quote in a reference book. However, the quote is in Spanish.
  - PC translation software
  - Internet “wiki” site
  - library database
  - PC thesaurus
- A student needs to find a synonym for the word *egregious*.
  - PC translation software
  - Internet encyclopedia
  - library database thesaurus
  - Internet dictionary
- A student needs to find a peer-written article about the French Revolution.
  - Internet encyclopedia
  - Internet “wiki” site
  - library database thesaurus
  - PC reference book
- A student needs to find a source for an essay about James Joyce.
  - Internet dictionary
  - PC thesaurus
  - Internet encyclopedia
  - library database dictionary
- A student needs to find information about the Latin prefix *em-*.
  - PC translation software
  - Internet dictionary
  - library database thesaurus
  - PC research site