

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER FOR ACTIVE READING

The Dog of Pompeii

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Pompeii Under Pressure

The author of this story gives us a feel for the lives of Tito and his dog Bimbo through his vivid descriptions. He describes for us what a blind boy hears, smells, and feels before and during the eruption of a famous volcano. In the chart below, write down what Tito hears, smells, and feels as he goes about his life in Pompeii. Then, write down what he hears, smells, and feels during the volcanic eruption.

What Tito . . .	Before the eruption of the volcano	During the eruption of the volcano
hears		
smells		
feels		

Although Tito cannot see, the author still shows the reader some of the sights of the city.

List some of these “sight” images from the story. _____

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 C Punctuation
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WORDS TO OWN

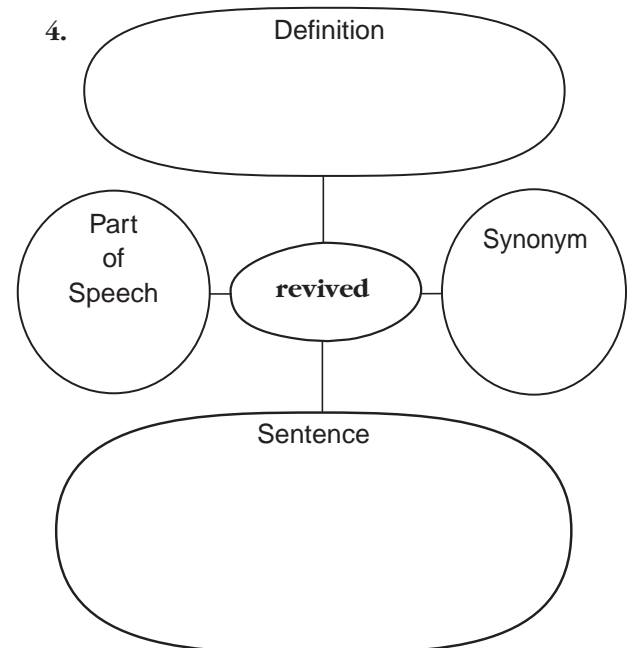
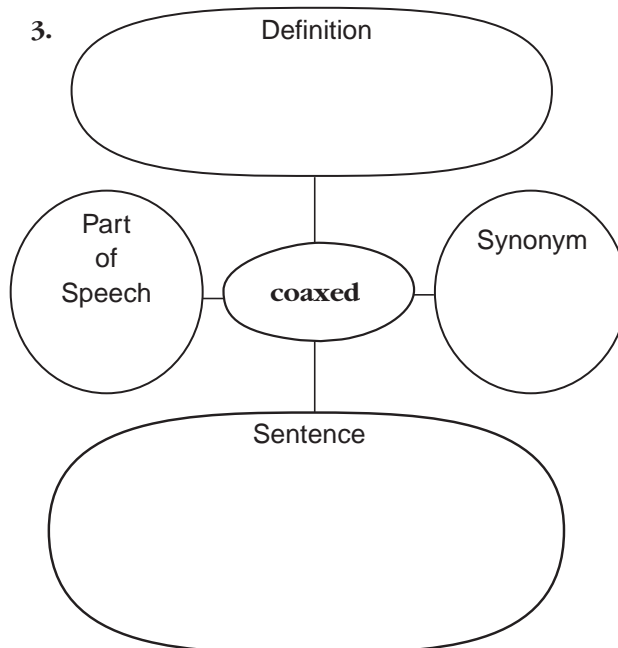
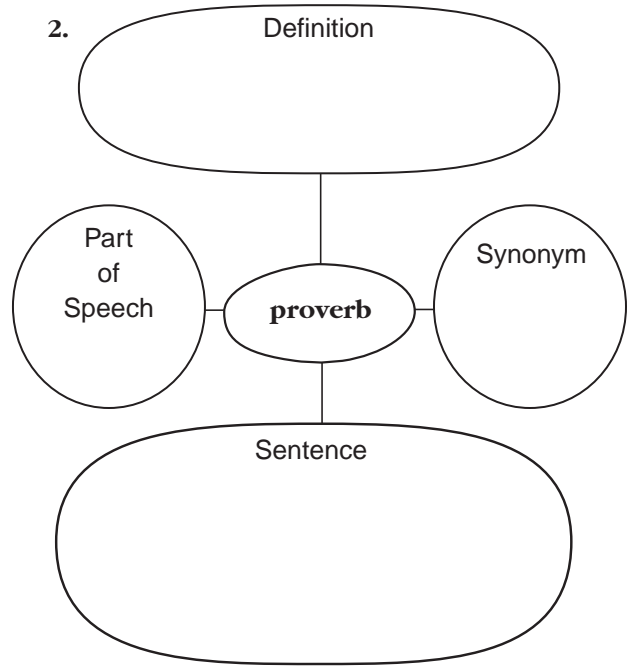
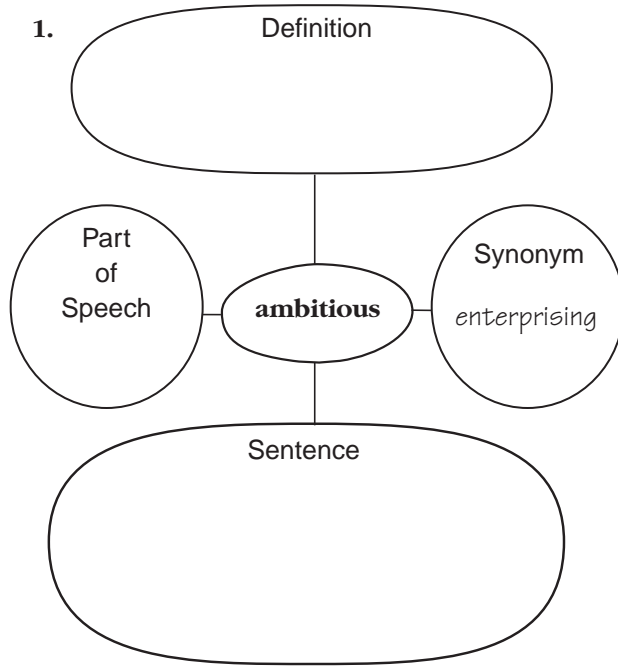
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Word Mapping

Fill in the bubbles below with the part of speech (noun, adjective, verb, adverb), a synonym, the dictionary definition, and a sentence using each Word to Own. One bubble of the first word has been completed for you as an example.



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READING MINI-TEST**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

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Directions: Read the passage. Then, read each of the following questions. Decide which is the best answer to each question. Mark the letter for that answer.

- 1 In the first paragraph, the word trappings means—
 - A sunsets
 - B cages
 - C decorations
 - D animal traps
- 2 Which of the following items was a favorite food of Tito?
 - F Raisin cakes
 - G Round rolls
 - H Meat scraps
 - J Goat's milk
- 3 This story takes place in ancient—
 - A Greece
 - B Rome
 - C Pompeii
 - D Sicily
- 4 Which of the following statements is the best summary of this selection?
 - F A faithful dog saves his companion's life.
 - G Blind people develop their other senses.
 - H Those who will not listen to humans must be taught by the gods.
 - J The ruins of an ancient city yield many clues about the people who lived there.
- 5 How would Tito know what was being served for dinner at Glaucus Pansa's house?
 - A The old egg woman would tell him.
 - B Bimbo would steal food scraps from Pansa for him.
 - C He could hear the cooks talking.
 - D He could smell the food.
- 6 What happens to Tito after he staggers through the marine gate and faints?
 - F Bimbo bites him on the arm.
 - G Someone dashes sea water over him.
 - H Dust and pebbles fall on his head.
 - J Bimbo licks his hands.
- 7 Which of the following terms best describes Bimbo?
 - A Sneaky
 - B Loyal
 - C Vicious
 - D Easygoing
- 8 Why does the morning fog sting Tito's throat?
 - F His throat is tender after eating hot volcanic ash.
 - G He is allergic to fog.
 - H The fog is actually smoke from the volcano.
 - J Smoke from the city's cooking fires has merged with the fog.

READING MINI-TEST **SHORT ANSWER**

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Directions: Answer the following questions using details and information from the selection to support your response.

1 Who is Bimbo, and how does he help Tito? Why does Tito need help?

2 The people of Pompeii experienced frequent earthquakes. Describe at least two explanations that the people give for these earthquakes.

3 How does Bimbo save Tito's life? What happens to Bimbo at the end of the story?

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