

Translating the Word Nerd

Poor Tyler Maxwell had a terrible accident, and now he talks like a dictionary! You can help him out. In this activity, you will use your own dictionary to translate Tyler's words.

Directions: For each of Tyler's sentences, use a dictionary to find more common synonyms for the tough terms, and write them on the lines below. Then, rewrite Tyler's statements in normal speech in the bubbles.

Tyler Says:

"Excuse me, but it is imperative that I embark

on an excursion to the lavatory."

Tyler Means:

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"I would be most exultant if my comrades would

partake of a pastime involving a sphere."

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"There is a paucity of alimentary material

in our abode. I'm famished!"

Tyler Means:

Critical Thinking

On a separate sheet of paper, pretend you're the Word Nerd. Choose a sentence you say every day, and use the dictionary to come up with a tricky, vocabulary-rich way to write it. Use at least three dictionary words.