

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:

Tyler Means:

"My female sibling emitted a shrill sound when

my serpent companion materialized

in close proximity to her juvenile avian creature."



Tyler Says:

Tyler Means:

"My digits are fatigued from engaging

in a surfeit of electronic pastimes."

Critical Thinking

On a separate sheet of paper, pretend you're the Word Nerd. Choose a sentence you might 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.