A dictionary is a listing of words in alphabetical order. Readers use dictionaries to look up information about a word, such as the part of speech or definition. Read the dictionary entries below. Notice how the words are arranged. Then, complete the activity on the next page.

**derive**, v. To get or receive  
**derogatory**, adj. Meant to lessen the value of someone or something  
**derrick**, n. A machine for lifting heavy weights and swinging them into place  
**descend**, v. To move down to a lower position  
**describe**, v. To tell or write about using important details  
**designate**, v. To point out; indicate  
**desolate**, adj. Dreary; barren  
**despair**, n. A feeling of great hopelessness  
**desperate**, adj. Having little hope or chance of success  
**destination**, n. The place toward which someone or something is traveling  
**destiny**, n. Fate; acts which are predetermined  
**destroy**, v. To demolish completely  
**destruction**, n. The act of destroying  
**detach**, v. To unfasten and remove; disconnect  
**detail**, n. A specific piece of information used to describe  
**detain**, v. To keep from going ahead or leaving; hold back; delay  
**detect**, v. To notice or perceive, especially something hidden  
**detective**, n. A person whose job is to find a criminal or solve a crime  
**deteriorate**, v. To make or become worse or less valuable  
**determine**, v. To come to a decision; to find out a specific piece of information  
**detour**, n. An alternate route  
**device**, n. Something built for a purpose; a tool or instrument  
**devise**, v. To create a plan or invention  
**devour**, v. To eat up greedily  
**dew**, n. Moisture formed on plants during the night  
**dexterity**, n. Skill in using the hands or body
Find the word from the Answer Bank that best completes the sentence.

1. The workers had to use a ____________ to lift the heavy machinery.
2. During the victory celebration, the hungry soccer players ____________ their ice cream.
3. It takes a great deal of ____________ to become a gymnast.
4. On their trip West, California was the final ____________ for the Kraft family.
5. The players on each team will need to ____________ a captain.
6. The police are going to ____________ the person suspected of robbery.
7. A thermometer is a ____________ for measuring temperature.
8. In our class, you may not make ____________ remarks about others’ work.
9. No one took care of it, so the old farmhouse began to ____________.
10. Ted has always wanted a 10-speed bike. He will ____________ a lot of happiness from the gift.
11. After the old theater closed for the last time, it looked very ____________.
12. Mia had to ____________ the price tag from the new sweater before she could wear it.

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