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Read the passage below and complete the following tasks.

THE NEW SCALES

“Herbert, will you **please** peel my **orange**?” said Lucy. Herbert was reading his new book, but he put it down at once, and took the orange from his little **sister**.

“Shall I make a **pair** of **scales**, Lucy, for you to use when you play **store**?”



“Oh yes! but how can you do that’!”

“I’ll show you. First, we must take the **peel** off in two little cups, one just as large as the other. While I do this, see if you can find me two nice **sticks** about ten **inches** long.”

Lucy ran out to the **woodhouse** to find the sticks.—” Will these do?”

“No, they are too hard. Find some **pine** sticks if you can.”

“Here are some.”

“These will do nicely. Now I must make a **scale beam** and a **post**. Can you find me a little **block** for a post, Lucy’!”

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“Will a **ribbon** block do, Herbert?”

“Yes, if it is not too **thick**.”

“Here is one an **inch** thick.”

“That will be just right. Now get the little **gimlet**.” Herbert worked away until he had made the **beam** and the post. Then he made a **hole** in the **middle** of the block, and put the post in. Next, he put the beam into a little **groove** at the top of the post, so that it would **balance** nicely.

“Now, Lucy, we must have a **needle** and some thread. We must put four **threads** to each cup; then we will tie the threads to the ends of the beam.

“There, Lucy, what do you think of that?”

“Why, Herbert, that is just as nice as the **real** scales in father’s store; and you may have all my orange for making them.”

DICTIONARY SKILLS EXERCISE

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1. Tell where each word may be found in the dictionary. Write “front” (or words between a to i), “middle” (j to q), or “back” (r to z) .

please =

orange =

pair =

scales

post=

block =

hole =

needle =

threads =

beam =

real =

middle =

groove =

ribbon =

thick =

inch =

gimlet =

woodhouse =

2. Place the following words in alphabetical order.

hole

scale

needle

peel

thick

gimlet

inch

beam

ribbon

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3. Select from the list below the words that are closer to the **front (or words between a to i)** of a dictionary.

- ☐ gimlet
- ☐ door
- ☐ pine
- ☐ balance
- ☐ threads
- ☐ cups

4. Select from the list below the words that are closer to the **middle (or words between j to q)** of a dictionary.

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ☐ store | ☐ thick |
| ☐ ribbon | ☐ needle |
| ☐ woodhouse | ☐ groove |
| ☐ post | ☐ inch |

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7. Select from the list below the words that are closer to the **back (r to z)** of a dictionary.

☐ blocks

☐ threads

☐ groove

☐ ribbons

☐ real

☐ gimlet

8. What does the word '**gimlet**' mean?

Circle the picture for the word.

