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origins: .....

**boom**



meanings: .....

uses: .....

origins: .....

**comic**



meanings: .....

uses: .....

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Answers may vary

This exercise helps familiarize your child with the wealth of information in a dictionary. Answers will vary depending on the dictionary used. Your child may need help if the dictionary is very detailed or simple. Accept any reasonably researched answers.