

Name _____

A dictionary doesn't just tell you what a word means. It also tells you how to pronounce it. Read the dictionary entries below. Study the information provided about how to pronounce each word. Then answer the questions. Use a dictionary to look up the additional italicized words in the questions.

allegiance (al-ee-jens) *noun* 1. Loyalty or commitment of a subordinate to a superior, or of an individual to a group or cause.

anxious (angk-shus) *adj* 1. Experiencing worry, unease or nervousness, particularly about an imminent event. *adj*. 2. Wanting something very much, typically with a feeling of unease.

efficient (e-fish-ent) *adj* 1. Achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort. *adj*. 2. Working in a well-organized and competent way. *adj*. 3. Preventing the wasteful use of a particular resource.

omniscient (ahm-ni-shent) *adj*. 1. Knowing everything.

reinforce (re-in-fors) *verb* 1. Strengthen or support, especially with additional personnel or material. 2. Strengthen (an existing feeling, idea or habit).

1. Of the five words, in which can you actually hear the "i" sound?
2. How many of these words have an ee sound in them?
3. Which two words end in the "shent" sound?
4. How many vowel sounds do you hear after the x in the word *anxious*?
5. In which of these words do the vowel combinations make a single sound?
6. In which of these words do the vowels next to each other each make their own sound in the word?

ANSWERS

1. efficient, omniscient, reinforce
2. allegiance, efficient
3. efficient, omniscient
4. one
5. allegiance, anxious, efficient omniscient
6. reinforce