Finding a Word in the Dictionary

All dictionaries have guide words. These are words at the top of the page that tell you the first or the last word on that page. Some children’s dictionaries have two guidewords on each page: one telling you the first word on that page, and the other telling you the last word on that page, like this:

**poncho (pahn-choh)** noun 1. A cloak that looks like a blanket with a hole in the middle for a head. 2. A similarly made garment with a hood to keep off the rain.

Directions: For each word below, choose the correct “page” where you would find this word, based on the first and last guidewords provided.

1. ring
   A) right-handed  
   B) rip-off  
   C) ripe  
   D) rivet

2. ham
   A) hair-raising  
   B) halt  
   C) halt  
   D) hand

3. degree
   A) delighted  
   B) delight  
   C) democracy  
   D) deft

4. sunrise
   A) sunburn  
   B) superior  
   C) superlative  
   D) supply

5. thicket
   A) threadbare  
   B) throttle  
   C) thereby  
   D) thin

6. uniform
   A) unhealthy  
   B) unite  
   C) universal  
   D) unload

7. vocalist
   A) volleyball  
   B) vulture  
   C) vocal cords  
   D) volley

8. distress
   A) distaste  
   B) disturb  
   C) discovery  
   D) disgust

9. assist
   A) assignment  
   B) astray  
   C) ATM  
   D) astride

10. battle
    A) basement  
    B) batch  
    C) bat  
    D) bawl

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