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## Decoding with the Dictionary

Read the sign. What does it mean? Use the dictionary page to answer the questions.



**categorical** (*kat-uh-gor-i-kuhl*) *adjective*  
Completely clear. *John made a categorical statement that he had never been to Vermont.*  
**categorical** **SYN** absolute, positive *adverb*  
**categorically**

**egress** (*e-gres*) *noun* 1. The action of going out of our leaving a place. *There was no means of egress from the burning building.* *verb* 2. To go out of or leave (a place). *We were all instructed to egress through the back.* **SYN** exit

**prohibited** (*proh-hib-it-ed*) *verb* To forbid or ban something officially. *Smoking in restaurants is prohibited.* **SYN** not allowed

1. How many syllables are in *categorically*? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does *categorically* mean? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What are the synonyms for *categorically*? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which syllable is stressed in *categorically*? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What part of speech is *egress*? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which definition of *egress* applies to the sign? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many syllables are in *prohibited*? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which syllable is stressed in *prohibited*? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Rewrite the sign, using simpler words.  
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