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Verifying Word Meanings

Using the Dictionary

Use the dictionary entry to answer the questions.

subordinate (*sub-or-den-et*)
adjective 1. lower in rank or position. *noun* 2. a person under the authority or control of another in an organization. (*sub-or-den-ate*) *verb* 3. treat or regard as of lesser importance than something else.



1. Which meaning of *subordinate* do you find in the following sentence: I refuse to subordinate myself to someone with less experience than I have.
2. True or false? The word *subordinate* has three syllables.
3. What part of speech is the word *subordinate*?
4. Why does the word *subordinate* have two different pronunciations?

Which syllable is pronounced differently?

What is the difference?

5. Which meaning of *subordinate* do you find in the following sentence: That young woman over there is my subordinate.
6. Which meaning of *subordinate* do you find in the following sentence: If you want to get ahead at this company you are required to subordinate your personal life.