Definition Quiz

Do you know what these words mean? Tick the correct answer. Complete the quiz without looking in your dictionary.

1. An **azalea** is a type of
   a. flowering plant       b. furry mammal       c. skin disease
2. Which of these is not a type of **bird**?
   a. a cormorant           b. a curfew          c. a cygnet
3. **Genealogy** is the study of
   a. family history        b. genes            c. the earth’s crust
4. What would you do with a **haiku**?
   a. wear it               b. eat it           c. read it
5. You use the word **melodious** to describe
   a. food                  b. a sound          c. a smell
6. A **migraine** is
   a. a bad mood            b. a bad headache   c. a miserly person
7. To **nosedive** means
   a. to go down suddenly   b. to pick your nose c. to go snorkelling
8. Which of these is an old word for a **pirate**?
   a. musketeer             b. cosmonaut        c. buccaneer
9. Where would you find a **stalactite**?
   a. in outer space        b. in a cave         c. in a sports stadium
10. A **typhoon** is
    a. a type of noodle      b. a musical instrument c. a violent storm

Look up the words when you have finished.

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**EXTRA!**

Try making up your own Definition Quiz. In groups, choose a word from the dictionary and make up some false definitions. Each group then presents their word to the class, reading out both true and false definitions. The other groups have to guess which is the true meaning of the word.