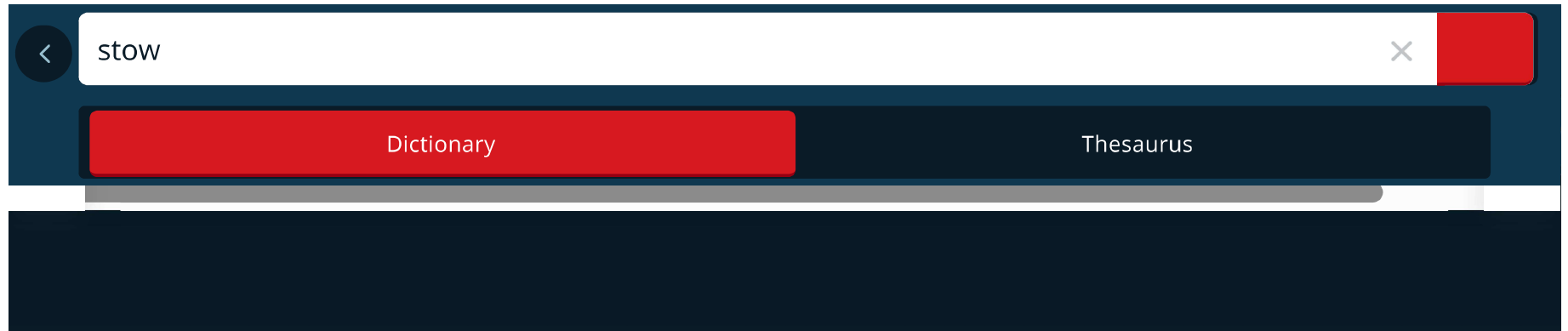




stow verb

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stowed; stowing; stows

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transitive verb

1 : **HOUSE, LODGE**

2 a : to put away for future use : **STORE**

b **obsolete** : to lock up for safekeeping : **CONFINED**

3 a : to dispose in an orderly fashion : **ARRANGE, PACK**

b : **LOAD**

4 **slang** : to put aside : **STOP**

5 a **archaic** : **CROWD**





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Synonyms

keep

put up

reposit

store

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Examples of *stow* in a Sentence

He **stowed** his gear in a locker.

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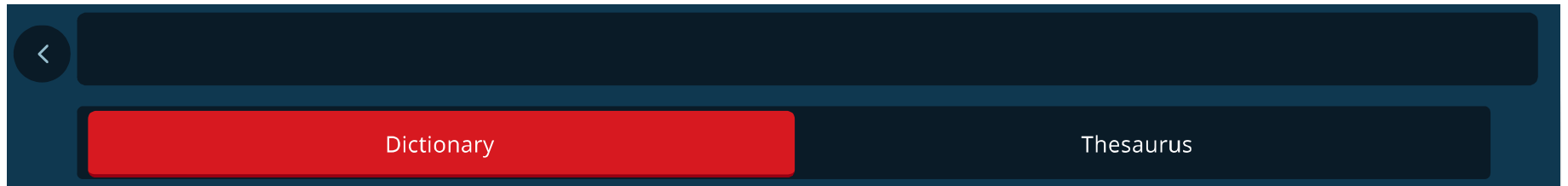
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The plan was to place the ship over the wreck site and use the pipe string to lower a giant claw that would grab the wreck and then haul it back to the ship, where it would be **stowed** and returned to land – all without being seen by any prying eyes in the vicinity at any point in the operation.

– David Szondy, *New Atlas*, 4 Jan. 2025

The top **stows** in about 10 seconds, at speeds up to 30 mph.

– Nick Czap, *Robb Report*, 26 Dec. 2024

The bottom shelf holds extra glasses and, of course, that's where the drinks themselves are **stowed**.

– Sophia Beams, *Better Homes & Gardens*, 1 Dec. 2024

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14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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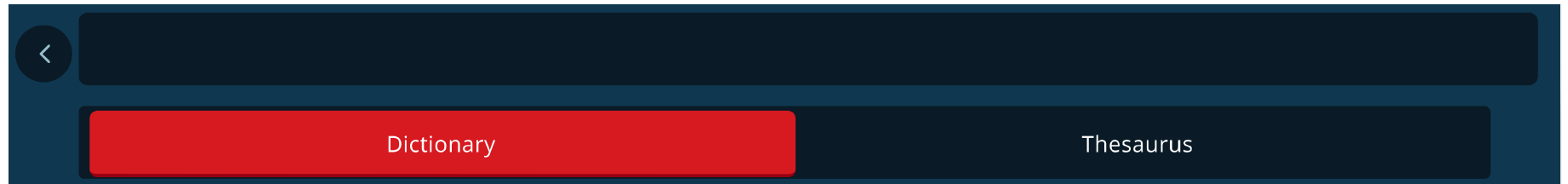
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Kids Definition

stow verb

**2 a : ARRANGE SENSE 1, TRANSPORT**

quickly *stowed* the cargo

b : LOAD entry 2 sense 1a

stowed the ships to capacity

3 : to eat or drink up

stow away a meal

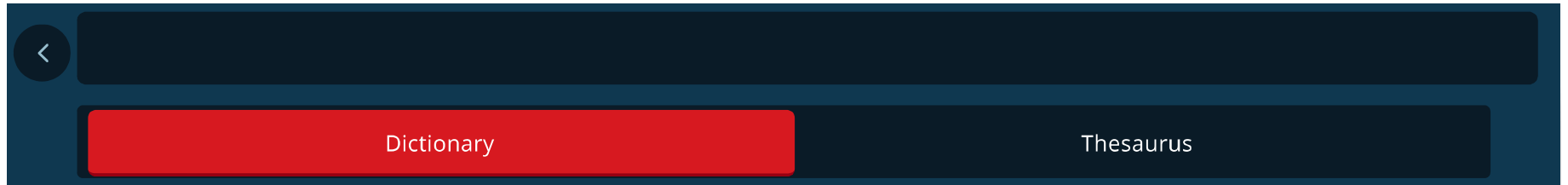
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Stow geographical name

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city in northeastern Ohio northeast of Akron *population* 34,837

Biographical Definition



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