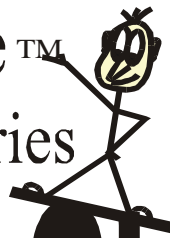


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Using a Dictionary

Guide words are the two words at the top of the page. (See example page below)

- The first guide word, **cash**, indicates the first word on the page.
- The second guide word, **caterpillar**, indicates the last word on the page.

Guide Words

cash-casual

cash¹(kash) *n.* money in paper notes and coins.

cash²(kash) *v.* to exchange a check for money.

cashier (ka' sher) *n.* a person who receives and pays out money in a bank, store, or other business.

cashmere (kash' mer) *n.* very fine, soft wool from goats.

casserole (kas' rol) *n.* **1.** a dish made by cooking meat or vegetables in liquid inside an oven. **2.** A container with a lid, in which food is cooked.

cast¹(cast) *v.* **1.** to throw or direct. *The moon cast a pale light over the garden.* **2.** To give somebody a part in the play. **3.** To pour liquid metal into a mold. *She cast her statue in bronze.*

cast²(cast) *n.* **1.** all the people in a play or movie. **2.** Some thing made in a mold.

castanet (kas'tə net') *n. pl.* A Spanish wooden percussion instrument that makes a clicking sound.

castaway (kast'ə wā') *n.* a person whose boat has been shipwrecked.

castle (kas' əl) *n.* **1.** a large building with thick high walls. **2.** A chess piece, also called a rook.

casual (kazh' ō əl) *adj.* **1.** relaxed, careless, or without serious purpose. *She has a casual attitude towards work.* **2.** not smart or formal. *We went to the party in casual clothes.* **3.** Not planned; happening by chance. *a casual meeting.*

casualty-caterpillar

casualty (kazh' ō əl 'te) *n.* A person who is killed or injured in a war or an accident.

cat (kat) *n.* **1.** A furry animal often kept as a pet. **2.** One of a group of wild animals that includes lions and tigers.

catacomb (kat' ə kōm') *n. pl.* an underground burial chamber

catalog (kat' ə log') *n.* a list of things, such as the books in a library or the items in a store.

catalyst (kat' ə list) *n.* **1.** A substance that speeds up a chemical reaction. **2.** Something that causes a change.

catamaran (kat' ə mə ran') *n.* a boat that looks like two boats joined together side by side.

cataract (kat' ə rakt') *n.* **1.** a condition of the eye that causes blindness. **2.** a waterfall

catastrophe (kə tas' trə fē) *n.* a great disaster

catch¹(kach) *v.* **1.** to get hold of somebody or something that is moving. *I caught the ball.*

2. to be early enough for a bus, train, etc..

3. to get an illness, *catch a cold.* **4.** to

notice somebody doing something wrong.

The store detective caught her stealing.

5. to hit something hard. *The tennis racquet caught her on the chin.* **6.** to hear something.

I didn't catch what he said.

catch² *n.* **1.** something that is caught. **2.** a small device for keeping a door, box, etc. closed. **3.** a hidden difficulty.

category (kat' ə gōr' ē) *n.* a class or a group.

caterpillar (kat' ə pil' ər) *n.* The larva stage in the growth of a butterfly or moth.

All words in the dictionary are listed in alphabetical order.

Parts of a Dictionary Page

Each word in the dictionary contains the following information.

A. Darkened word: word to be defined

B. Raised tiny numbers: indicate the same spelling of the word with either a completely different pronunciation, definition, or origin of the word

C. Pronunciation: tells how to say the word

D. Italicized abbreviation: indicates the part of speech for the word

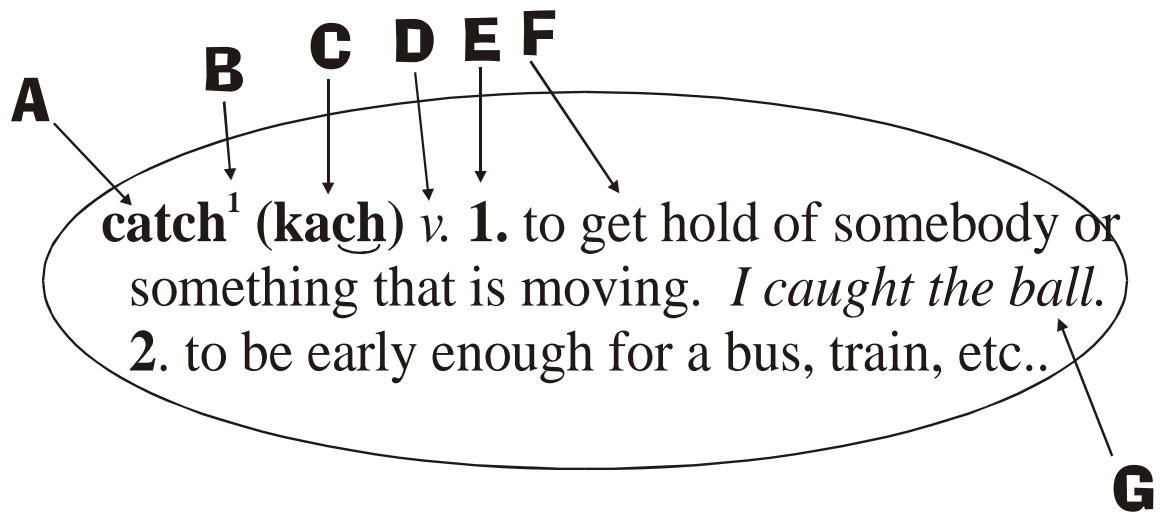
Parts of Speech

- *adj.* = adjective
- *adv.* = adverb
- *conj.* = conjunction
- *n.* = noun
- *prep.* = preposition
- *pron.* = pronoun
- *v.* = verb

E. Large numbers: indicate different meanings for the word

F. Definition: explains what a word means

G. Italicized sentence: word used correctly in a sentence



(Based on information in The Kingfisher Illustrated Pocket Dictionary New York: Kingfisher Publications. 1996)

Research

Dictionary Work

(Day #1)

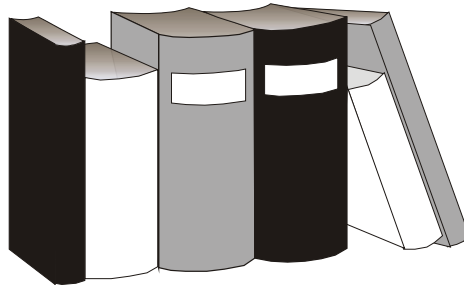
The **guide words** at the top of a dictionary page tells you the first word and the last word on the page. Any word that appears alphabetically between these words will be found on this page.

- A.** If the guidewords are “**decide – deer**”, which of the following words would be found on this page?
- **decree**
 - **defect**
 - **deceptive**
 - **death**

Look up the word:

“**disable**”

- B.** What are the guidewords on the page with this word?
- C.** Which part of speech is it? (*noun, verb, adjective, adverb...*)



Research

Dictionary Work

(Day #2)

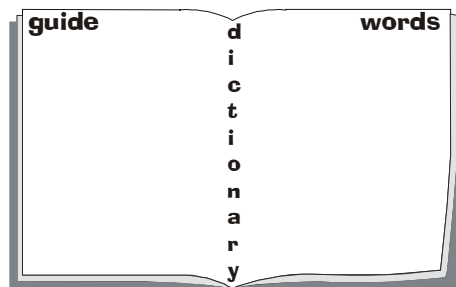
The **guide words** at the top of a dictionary page tells you the first word and the last word on the page. Any word that appears alphabetically between these words will be found on this page.

- A.** If the guidewords are “**emerald – enamel**”, which of the following words would be found on this page?
- **emerge**
 - **encircle**
 - **embargo**
 - **end**

Look up the word:

“float”

- B.** What are the guidewords on the page with this word?
- C.** Which part of speech is it? (*noun, verb, adjective, adverb...*)



Research

Dictionary Work

(Day #3)

The **guide words** at the top of a dictionary page tells you the first word and the last word on the page. Any word that appears alphabetically between these words will be found on this page.

- A.** If the guidewords are “**hiccup - highrise**”, which of the following words would be found on this page?
- **hickory**
 - **hike**
 - **here**
 - **hind**

Look up the word: “mighty”

- B.** What are the guidewords on the page with this word?
- C.** Which part of speech is it? *(noun, verb, adjective, adverb...)*

dictionary

Research

Dictionary Work

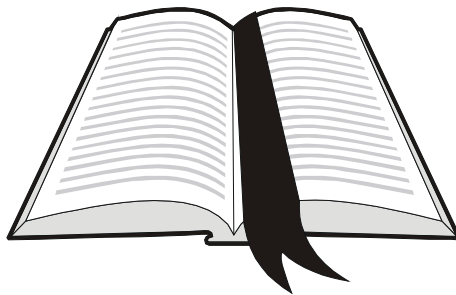
(Day #4)

The **guide words** at the top of a dictionary page tells you the first word and the last word on the page. Any word that appears alphabetically between these words will be found on this page.

- A.** If the guidewords are “**diver – do**”, which of the following words would be found on this page?
- **distribute**
 - **divide**
 - **dinky**
 - **ditty**

Look up the word: “**disappointment**”

- B.** What are the guidewords on the page with this word?
- C.** Which part of speech is it? (*noun, verb, adjective, adverb...*)



Using a Thesaurus

Guide words are the two words at the top of the page.

- The first guide word (**amuse**) indicates the first word on the page.
- The second guide word (**apparent**) indicates the last word on the page.

Guide Words

amuse

amuse *v.* entertain, tickle, delight, divert, please, interest; (*ant.*) *tire, bore*

amusing *adj.* recreation, funny, pleasing, entertaining, comical; (*ant.*) *tiring, boring*

ancestor *n.* forefather, forebearer, founder of the family, predecessor

ancient *adj.* very old, aged, old-fashioned, old, elderly, antique, (*ant.*) *new, modern*

anger *n.* fury, exasperation, rage, temper, wrath, annoyance; (*ant.*) *peace, patience*

angry *adj.* enraged, furious, fuming, stormy, cross, irritated; (*ant.*) *satisfied, calm, content*

anguish *n.* torture, suffering, torment, pain, agony; (*ant.*) *joy, relief, comfort*

animal *n.* beast, creature, living thing;

annihilate *v.* destroy, end wreck, demolish, erase;

announce *v.* proclaim, broadcast, report, declare, tell; (*ant.*) *stifle, conceal, suppress*

announcement *n.* notification, statement, bulletin, declaration, message

announcer *n.* broadcaster, telecaster, commentator, sportscaster

annoy *v.* irritate, pester, disturb, tease, make angry, provoke, irk, bother

apparent

annually *adv.* yearly, once a year

answer *v.* reply, response, comeback, rejoinder, retort; (*ant.*) *question, inquiry*

antagonize *v.* oppose, provoke

anticipate *v.* forecast, await, hope for, expect; (*ant.*) *fear, be surprised*

antique *n.* Relic, old, ancient, archaic, old-fashioned; (*ant.*) *new, fresh, recent*

anxious *adj.* troubled, worried, concerned, agitated; (*ant.*) *calm, peaceful, eager*

anyway *adv.* anyhow, nevertheless

apart *adj.* alone, separate, away from others

apologize *v.* ask or beg forgiveness, ask for pardon (*ant.*) *insult, hurt, offend*

apparel *n.* clothes, attire, garments, dress, garb

apparent *adj.* obvious, unmistakable, evident; (*ant.*) *hidden, mysterious*

appear¹ *v.* seem, look

appear² *v.* arrive, show up, enter, come in view, approach (*ant.*) *vanish, disappear*

appearance *n.* Look, guise, manner, expression, air

appetite *n.* desire, craving, hunger, longing

All words in the thesaurus are listed in alphabetical order.

Parts of a Thesaurus Page

Many words in the thesaurus contain the following information:

A. Darkened Word: word to be researched

B. Tiny numbers: indicate words with the same spelling, but different meaning

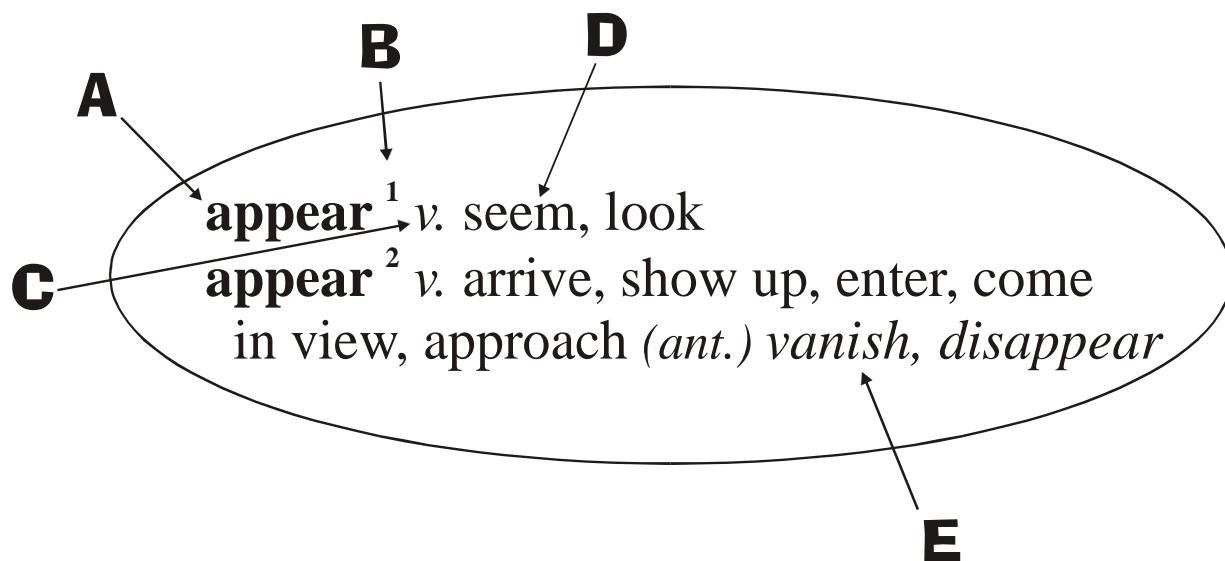
C. Italicized abbreviations: indicate the part of speech for each word

Parts of Speech

- *adj.* = adjective
- *adv.* = adverb
- *conj.* = conjunction
- *n.* = noun
- *prep.* = preposition
- *pron.* = pronoun
- *v.* = verb

D. Synonyms: list of words that have the same basic meaning as the darkened word

E. Italicized antonyms: list of words that have the opposite meaning of the darkened word



Research

Thesaurus Work

(Day #1)

A **thesaurus** contains synonyms and antonyms for words.

5. A **synonym** is another word that has nearly the same meaning as the original word.
6. An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of the original word.

Refer to a **Thesaurus**.

- A.** On which page will you find the word “**solve**”?
- B.** Name a synonym for the word “**solve**”.
- C.** Is there an antonym listed for the word “**solve**”? If so, name one.
- D.** Which of the following research materials would you use to look up the definition of the word, “**antagonist**”?
 - **dictionary**
 - **encyclopedia**
 - **thesaurus**

BONUS: Use a synonym for the word solve in a sentence.

Research

Thesaurus Work

(Day #2)

A **thesaurus** contains synonyms and antonyms for words.

1. A **synonym** is another word that has nearly the same meaning as the original word.
2. An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of the original word.

Refer to a **Thesaurus**.

- A.** On which page will you find the word “**said**”?
- B.** Name a synonym for the word “**said**”.
- C.** Is there an antonym listed for the word “**said**”? If so, name one.
- D.** Which of the following research materials would you use to look up information about the feeding habits of a “**red kangaroo**”?
- **dictionary**
 - **encyclopedia**
 - **thesaurus**

BONUS: Use a synonym for the word said in a sentence.

Research

Thesaurus Work

(Day #3)

A **thesaurus** contains synonyms and antonyms for words.

3. A **synonym** is another word that has nearly the same meaning as the original word.
4. An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of the original word.

Refer to a **Thesaurus**.

- A.** On which page will you find the word “**try**”?
- B.** Name a synonym for the word “**try**”.
- C.** Is there an antonym listed for the word “**try**”? If so, name one.
- D.** Which of the following research materials would you use to look up a synonym for the word, “**angry**”?
 - **dictionary**
 - **encyclopedia**
 - **thesaurus**

BONUS: Use a synonym for the word try in a sentence.

Research

Thesaurus Work

(Day #4)

A **thesaurus** contains synonyms and antonyms for words.

1. A **synonym** is another word that has nearly the same meaning as the original word.
2. An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of the original word.

Refer to a **Thesaurus**.

- A.** On which page will you find the word “**nasty**”?
- B.** Name a synonym for the word “**nasty**”.
- C.** Is there an antonym listed for the word “**nasty**”? If so, name one.
- D.** Which of the following research materials would you use to look up the part of speech for the word, “**zealous**”?
- **dictionary**
 - **encyclopedia**
 - **thesaurus**

BONUS: Use a synonym for the word nasty in a sentence.



Atlas

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(Based on the Table of Contents from the [Rand McNally: Around the World](#) (1994) Belgium: Orpheus Books, Ltd.)

Research

Atlas Work

(Day #1)

Refer to the **Table of Contents** in the beginning of an **Atlas** or *page 88* for the following questions:

- A.** What is the name of the first area of information listed in the Table of Contents?
- B.** On which page does information about North America begin?
- C.** Look in the section referred to in question “**B**”. Name a country listed in North America.
- D.** Which of the following research materials would you use to look up information about a winner of the *Super Bowl*?
- **dictionary**
 - **encyclopedia**
 - **thesaurus**
 - **almanac**
 - **atlas**

BONUS:

Using information from the atlas write a sentence about “North America”.

Research

Atlas Work

(Day #2)

Refer to the **Table of Contents** in the beginning of an **Atlas** or *page 88* for the following questions:

- A.** What is the name of the second area of information listed in the Table of Contents?
- B.** On which page does information about South America begin?
- C.** Look in the section referred to in question “**B**”. Name a country listed in South America.
- D.** Which of the following research materials would you use to look up information about *Saudi Arabia*?
- **dictionary**
 - **encyclopedia**
 - **thesaurus**
 - **almanac**
 - **atlas**

BONUS:

Using information from the atlas write a sentence about “South America”.

Research

Atlas Work

(Day #3)

Refer to the **Table of Contents** in the beginning of an **Atlas** or *page 88* for the following questions:

- A.** What is the name of the third area of information listed in the Table of Contents?
- B.** On which page does information about Europe begin?
- C.** Look in the section referred to in question “**B**”. Name a country listed in Europe.
- D.** Which of the following research materials would you use to look up information about the definition of the word “**cruiser**”?
- **dictionary**
 - **encyclopedia**
 - **thesaurus**
 - **almanac**
 - **atlas**

BONUS:

Using information from the atlas write a sentence about “Europe”.

Research

Atlas Work

(Day #4)

Refer to the **Table of Contents** in the beginning of an **Atlas** or *page 88* for the following questions:

- A.** What is the name of the fourth area of information listed in the Table of Contents?
- B.** On which page does information about Africa begin?
- C.** Look in the section referred to in question “**B**”. Name a country listed in Africa.
- D.** Which of the following research materials would you use to look up synonym for the word “**peaceful**”?
- **dictionary**
 - **encyclopedia**
 - **thesaurus**
 - **almanac**
 - **atlas**

BONUS:

Using information from the atlas write a sentence about “Africa”.

Research Skills Answer Sheets

Week 1:

Day #1 (page 4)

- A.) decree
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) verb

Day #2 (page 5)

- A.) emerge
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) noun/verb

Day #3 (page 6)

- A.) hickory
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) adjective

Day #4 (page 7)

- A.) divide
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) noun

Week 2:

Day #1 (page 8)

- A.) raccoon
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) noun

Bonus: varies

Day #2 (page 9)

- A.) despair
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) verb

Bonus: varies

Day #3 (page 10)

- A.) whittle
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) noun

Bonus: varies

Day #4 (page 11)

- A.) drawn
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) adverb

Bonus: varies

Week 3:

Day #1 (page 12)

- A.) pink
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) verb/noun

Bonus: varies

Day #2 (page 13)

- A.) leak
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) noun

Bonus: varies

Day #3 (page 14)

- A.) attach
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) adjective

Bonus: varies

Day #4 (page 15)

- A.) mud
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) adjective

Bonus: varies

Week 4:

Day #1 (page 16)

- A.) quarrel
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) verb

Bonus: varies

Day #2 (page 17)

- A.) checkers
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) noun

Bonus: varies

Day #3 (page 18)

- A.) fizz
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary
- C.) adjective

Bonus: varies

Day #4 (page 19)

- A.) scuttle
- B.) varies depending on the dictionary