

USING A DICTIONARY

WORKSHEET



Here are the top rows of some dictionary pages (in pink).

Circle the words you might find on each page.

electrode 208 **elm**
 elude eleven electricity elision
eligible egg elect elastic

lock 367 **logarithm**
 lobby log logic lofty location logo
lodge local locker long

rational 517 **reach**
 razor read rash realm ravenous
 rat ray realise rasp really rattle

complexion 130 **comprehensible**
compliment comrade compile
compost concave compose
complimentary compound
 companion conceit

stake 619 **stamp**
 staple stage standard stall
stammer stand statement stagger
stale stain stampede

Sort each trio of words into alphabetical order.

- 2** comedian
- 1** combine
- 3** command

- 2** strain
- 1** straight
- 3** strand

- 1** unfounded
- 1** unfold
- 2** unfortunate

- 2** edit
- 1** edible
- 3** edition

In your own dictionary, find the definitions of these words and their page numbers.

	Page number	Definition
custom		Answers will vary according to different dictionaries
scorn		Answers will vary according to different dictionaries
breeze		Answers will vary according to different dictionaries
mimic		Answers will vary according to different dictionaries
beloved		Answers will vary according to different dictionaries
rate		Answers will vary according to different dictionaries
inferno		Answers will vary according to different dictionaries

clarinet **noun** (*plural clarinets*) a woodwind instrument. clarinetist **noun** (*from French*)

Look at the pink word. Explain in your own words what this tells you. What other words might be used instead?

It tells me what type/class of word I am looking at. 'Thing' or 'object' could be used instead.

migraine (*mee-grayn or my-grayn*) noun (*plural migraines*) a severe kind of headache.

Look at the pink words. Explain in your own words what these tell you.

They are telling me how to pronounce the word (two different ways are correct).

You are trying to find the following words in the dictionary. To find them quickly, would you open the dictionary near the beginning, middle or end?

turmoil	end
doctrine	beginning
lapse	middle

You are trying to locate the blue word in your dictionary. You are currently looking at the green word. Do you flick **forwards** in the dictionary or **backwards**?

square	squalid	B
liquorice	litigation	F
oboe	obscure	F
doorway	doctrine	B
price	prism	F

Use your own dictionary to check and correct the spelling of these words.

arguement **argument**

paralell **parallel**

tommorow **tomorrow**

schedul **schedule**

gramar **grammar**

ocasion **occasion**

immediate **immediate**

exceede **exceed**

sandle **sandal**

amature **amateur**

colectible **collectible**

minature **miniature**

Tick any of these jobs that we can use a dictionary to help us with.

- Check spellings
- Find definitions
- Find synonyms
- Find how to pronounce a word
- Check the word type
- Find rhymes