

# 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.

comedian

combine

command

strain

straight

strand

unfounded

unfold

unfortunate

edit

edible

edition

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

	Page number	Definition
custom		
scorn		
breeze		
mimic		
beloved		
rate		
inferno		

**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?

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

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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?

<b>turmoil</b>	
<b>doctrine</b>	
<b>lapse</b>	

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**?

<b>square</b>	<b>squalid</b>	
<b>liquorice</b>	<b>litigation</b>	
<b>oboe</b>	<b>obscure</b>	
<b>doorway</b>	<b>doctrine</b>	
<b>price</b>	<b>prism</b>	

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

arguement .....

paralell .....

tommorow .....

schedul .....

gramar .....

ocasion .....

immediate .....

exceede .....

sandle .....

amature .....

colectible .....

minature .....

*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