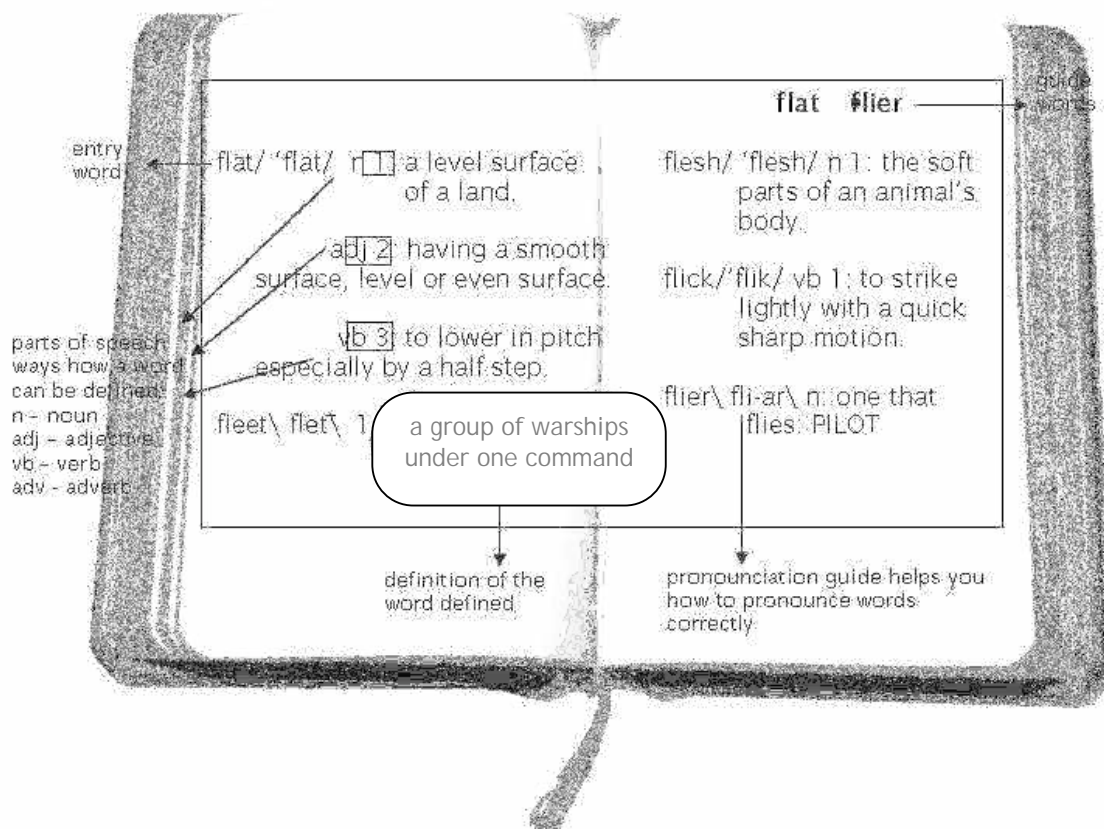


English

Using the Dictionary





To the Learner

How are you?

Here I am again to help and guide you in your studies.



Let's Learn This

Where do you ask for help if you do not understand the meaning of a word? Do you know how to locate words in the dictionary?



Let's Try This

Where can you find guide words in a dictionary?

The **guide words** are found at the top of each dictionary page. They show the first and last words listed on the page. They are written in large type.

Look at the **guide words** on the sample dictionary pages. Decide which words in the box would appear on each page. Write them in alphabetical order.

fawn	fifth	feather
file	fear	figure
feast	fig	feature

favor.fee

fiesta.fill

Do we have the same answers?

favor.fee	fiesta.fill
fawn	fifth
fear	fig
feast	fight
feather	figure
feature	file

Well done!

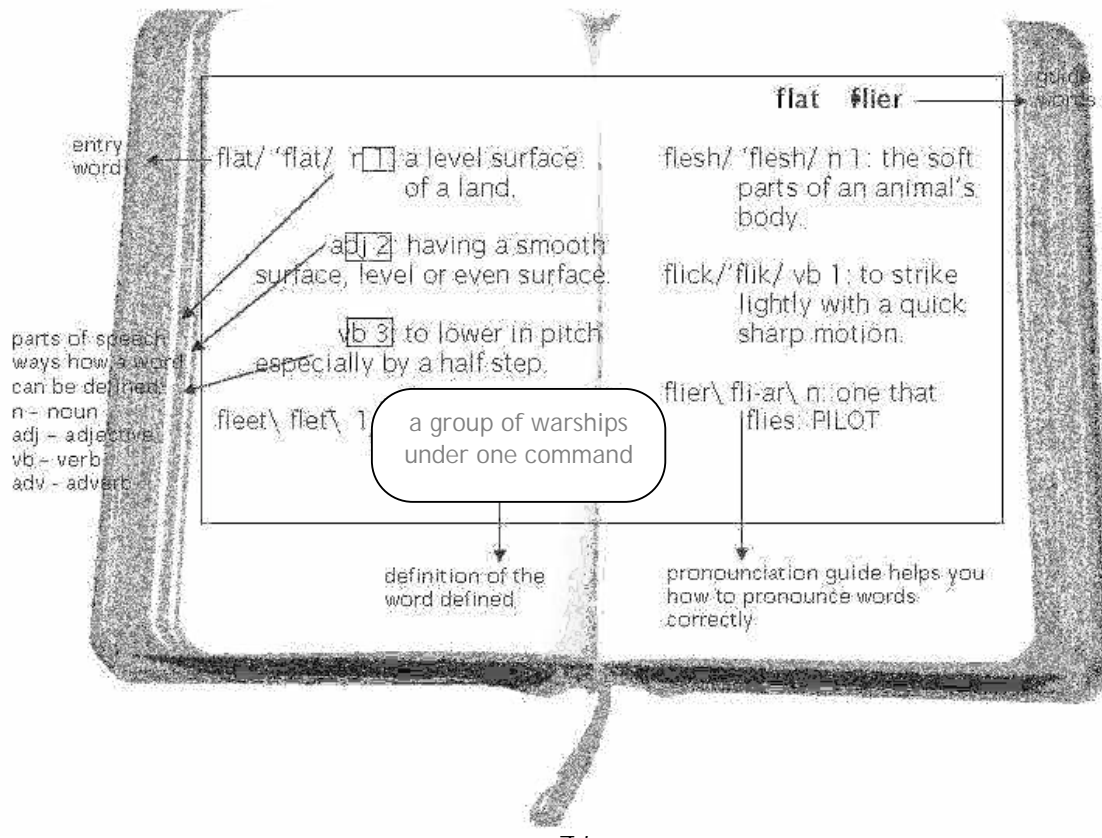


Let's Study This

Do you have a dictionary?

Can you name the parts of a dictionary page?

Here is a given sample dictionary page labeled with its parts. Study it carefully.



Study the dictionary entry below.

flat /'flat/ n. 1: a level surface
of a land.

adj. 2: having a smooth
surface, level or even surface.

vb. 3: to lower in pitch
especially by a half step.

1. Which definition of **flat** is used in this sentence?

The hut was built on a **flat**.

- a level surface of a land

2. What part of speech is flat used in the given sentence?

- It is used as a noun.

3. How many syllables does, **flat** have?

- It has one syllable.

4. How is **flat** used in this sentence?

The **flat** table looks perfect.

- It is used an adjective.

Based on the given sample dictionary page, what information can we get from a dictionary?

A dictionary shows the following:

- how to pronounce or say each word
- definitions
- individual syllables found in each word
- parts of speech
- plural forms or verb forms if the base word changes

How are the words arranged in a dictionary page?

- They are arranged alphabetically.

Why are they arranged alphabetically?

- It helps us locate the word we want to define quickly and easily.



Let's Do This

Study the examples below and tell which of the guidewords contain the specific word that is being looked for. Write your answers on a piece of paper.

_____1. cracker

- a. cave - caught
- b. cope - corner
- c. crack - crave

_____4. bend

- a. belt - bet
- b. band - bell
- c. board - bone

_____2. graceful

- a. good - gun
- b. grease - grill
- c. grab - great

_____5. roar

- a. roll - rondo
- b. rivet - rock
- c. rough - rove

_____3. lash

- a. laser - last
- b. latex - laugh
- c. lax - lay

Are you now ready for the next exercise?
Good Luck!



Let's Do More

Write the letter of the word that can be located in the given guide words.

_____ 1. **below - bend**

- a. beg
- b. belt
- c. bent

_____ 4. **flag - flap**

- a. fix
- b. flake
- c. flash

_____ 2. **ash - ask**

- a. artist
- b. asset
- c. ashamed

_____ 5. **hard - harm**

- a. hare
- b. harp
- c. harvest

_____ 3. **exert - exit**

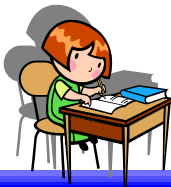
- a. exhale
- b. excess
- c. exotic



Let's Remember This

A ***dictionary*** is a reference book that contains words with their spellings, meanings and use. We can also use a dictionary to look up the pronunciation of the words, their syllables, parts of speech and origins or history of words.

A list of words in a dictionary is called **ENTRY WORDS**. Entry words are arranged alphabetically. This makes it easy for us to look for words.



Let's Test Ourselves

Study the meanings of the given words. Choose the meaning that fits the underlined word in each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on a piece of paper.

EYE -

- a. an organ of sight
- b. to watch

- _____1. The audience kept an eye on the key player of the basketball team.
- _____2. The boy's left eye was hurt.

LIGHT -

- a. to make bright
- b. not heavy

- _____1. The lamp will light the big room of the house.
- _____2. The child lifted the light box.

HEAD -

- a. a part of the human body
- b. a leader

- _____1. She felt a terrible pain in her head.
- _____2. The head of the group talked with the manager.

DRESS -

- a. to put clothes on
- b. clothing

- _____1. The nurses dress the babies in the nursery.
- _____2. Sheila bought a dress for her sister.

DEAR -

- a. a loved one
- b. at a high price

- _____1. Mother did not buy the pair of rubber shoes because it was too dear.
- _____2. Every child is dear to his parents.

Check your answers against the Answer Key.

What is your score? _____

Congratulations!





Let's Enrich Ourselves

Match the words in column A with their pronunciation guide in column B. Write the letter of your answer on a piece of paper.

Column A

- _____ 1. bowl
- _____ 2. connect
- _____ 3. goat
- _____ 4. have
- _____ 5. nephew
- _____ 6. curl
- _____ 7. here
- _____ 8. fine
- _____ 9. puppy
- _____ 10. laundry

Column B

- a. kə - nek
- b. həv
- c. ne - fyū
- d. bōl
- e. hɪr
- f. lɒn - drē
- g. kərl
- h. gōt
- i. pʌ. pē
- j. fīn

Check your answer on the given answer key.

What is your score? _____

Great!

Here is a star for you.





Answer Key

Let's Do This

1. c
2. c
3. a
4. a
5. b

Let's Do It Again

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. b
5. a

Let's Test Ourselves

EYE

1. b
2. a

DRESS

1. a
2. b

HEAD

1. a
2. b

LIGHT

1. a
2. b

DEAR

1. b
2. a

Let's Enrich Ourselves

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| 1. d | 6. g |
| 2. a | 7. e |
| 3. h | 8. j |
| 4. b | 9. i |
| 5. c | 10. f |