

Lesson 60: Practice Using a Dictionary

A dictionary is a book that contains most of the words found in the English language. It is organized in alphabetical order. It also contains a word's phonetic pronunciation, the definition, and part of speech.

Entry word - The * separates the syllables. The 1 notes there are more than one definition entry.

Pronunciation - This is separated into syllables and tells you how to pronounce the entry word. The ' tells you which syllable is stressed.

Definition - This explains the meaning of the entry word. If there is more than one meaning, the definition is divided by numbers. Also, an example sentence is often used to make the meaning more clear.

Guide words - This tells you the first and last words defined on each page.

Part of speech - This abbreviation tells you what part of speech the defined word is.

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Plural form - Shows how the entry word is written in plural form.

Origin - Shows the origin of the entry word.

intend/interview

in·tent¹ [in tent'] *n.* **1** Something that is intended; purpose; aim. Her *intent* has always been to go to college. **2** Meaning; significance. What was the *intent* of what he said?
plural intents (from L. *intendere* "a stretching out")

in·tent² [in tent'] *adj.* Having the mind firmly fixed on something. Is he *intent* on leaving? She was *intent* on the book she was reading. (from L. *intentus* "attentive, eager, waiting")

hat, âge, câre, fâr; let, bê, tẽrm; it, ĭce; hot, gõ, ôrder; oil, out; cup, p
th, thin; ʦH, then; zh, measure, ə represents a in about, e in taken, i

Pronunciation guide - This guide explains the meanings of the symbols used in the pronunciation. It is normally located in the front of a dictionary and at the bottom of every facing page. It is usually separated from the page by a line or is placed in a colored box.

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If you find a word while reading that you don't know how to pronounce or don't know what it means, simply look it up in a dictionary.

When looking up a word in the dictionary, first go to the section that contains the first letter of the word you are looking for. For example, if you want to look up the word, "intent", you first go to the "I" section. Then look at the second and third letter in the word you want to find, and use the Guide Words at the top of the pages to decide if your word is on that page. The guide word on the left tells you the FIRST entry on that page. The guide word on the right tells you the LAST entry on that page. Use your alphabetizing skills to determine if your word is on that page. Then, find your word!

The Pronunciation Guide on the bottom of the page on the right side of the dictionary will help you to know how to pronounce the words.

The dictionary entry will also show you how to break up the word into syllables. Finally, it will give you the definition of the word. Sometimes, there are multiple meanings for a particular word. All meanings are listed. When you discover a word that you don't know the meaning for, the context (the story around the word) will help you to decide which meaning best fits the word.

PRACTICE: Look up the following words. Note their pronunciation and write their definition.

Fortress:

Fowler:

Noisome:

Pestilence:

Buckler:

Habitation:

Plague:

Adder:

Salvation:

Now, read Psalm 91 (KJV):

91 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my **fortress**: my God; in him will I trust.

³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the **fowler**, and from the **noisome pestilence**.

⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and **buckler**.

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

⁶ Nor for the **pestilence** that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy **habitation**;

¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any **plague** come nigh thy dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and **adder**: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my **salvation**.