

# Using the dictionary

## A tour of the dictionary

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- 1 b
- 2 c
- 3 a
- 4 a
- 5 c
- 6 i) a ii) b
- 7 a
- 8 c
- 9 a
- 10 b
- 11 c
- 12 b
- 13 b
- 14 b, c
- 15 a, b, c
- 16 b
- 17 b, c
- 18 b

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## How to find a word in the dictionary

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- A**
- a barley, corn, maize, millet, oats, rice, rye, wheat
  - b pipeline, pipe organ, pipette, piquant, pistachio, pitch, pith, pit stop
  - c seep, segment, seismic, seize, seizure, select, siesta, sieve
  - d ski, skid, skier, skiing, ski lift, skin, skin-deep, skinny
  - e O, o' OAP, the Occident, o'clock, OD, odd, O level
- B**
- 1 season, seaweed, seclusion, second, secondary school are on these pages  
the seabed, secondly, segment are not on these pages
  - 2 mica, midday, microcosm, micron, mews, mew, MI5 are on these pages  
the Middle Ages, middle-aged, midfield are not on these pages

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## How to find the right meaning of a word in the dictionary

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- A**
- 1 fashion
  - 2 of map/diagram/model
  - 3 showing skill
  - 4 in music
  - 5 of shops/hotels
  - 6 in tennis
- B**
- 1 **point**
  - 2 club
  - 3 free
  - 4 paper
  - 5 play
- C**
- 1 seven
  - 2 meaning 5
  - 3 four
  - 4 meaning 1, meaning 2
  - 5 five
  - 6 meaning 1
  - 7 football (soccer)
  - 8 a speech or piece of writing

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## Understanding dictionary definitions

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- A** American football is a type of sport.  
Chinese cabbage is a type of vegetable.  
A French horn is a type of musical instrument.  
German measles is a type of disease.  
A Danish pastry is a type of cake.  
Turkish delight is a type of sweet.

- B**
- 1 container
  - 2 device
  - 3 instrument
  - 4 tool
  - 5 machine
  - 6 substance
  - 7 process
  - 8 feeling
  - 9 state
  - 10 quality
  - 11 organization
  - 12 act

- C**
- 1 thin, flat, round
  - 2 smooth, shiny
  - 3 small, sharp, pointed
  - 4 pale, thick
  - 5 long, hollow
  - 6 rough, thick

# Using the dictionary

## Finding a word you don't know

- A**
- 1 a) aircraft carriers  
b) warship, submarine
  - 2 a) pharmacy  
b) *dispense* – to prepare medicine and give it to the patient (This is usually the job of a pharmacist.)  
*administer* – to give medicine to a patient/make a patient take his medicine
  - 3 a) delegates  
b) register, name tag
  - 4 a) deed  
b) witness
  - 5 a) paediatrician  
b) cardiologist – the heart  
dermatologist – skin  
gynaecologist – women's diseases  
radiologist – using radiation in medicine for diagnosis and treatment  
neurologist – the nervous system  
obstetrician – birth  
ophthalmologist – the eye/vision  
psychiatrist – mental health
  - 6 a) foreman  
b) *assembly line* – where pieces of a product are added one stage at a time and checked  
*shop floor* – where goods are made (The shop floor may contain an assembly line.)
  - 7 a) invigilate  
b) grade, mark
  - 8 a) ceasefire  
b) surrender
  - 9 a) goggles  
b) armband, flipper, float
  - 10 a) sustainable  
b) development, achieve, promote
- B**
- 1 afford
  - 2 bankrupt
  - 3 bank
  - 4 withdrawal
  - 5 loan
  - 6 mortgage
  - 7 overdraft
  - 8 invest
  - 9 interest
  - 10 capital
  - 11 finance
  - 12 earn
  - 13 inherit
  - 14 freeze

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## Using the dictionary to find forms of verbs

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- A**
- 1 rung
  - 2 wore
  - 3 froze
  - 4 spent
  - 5 was shining
  - 6 risen
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- 1 lying
  - 2 hopped
  - 3 panicked
  - 4 complied
  - 5 travelled/traveled (**Travelled** is the British form and **traveled** the American.)
  - 6 referred
  - 7 dyeing
  - 8 vetoed
- B**
- dove – American, spit – American, pled – American,  
fit – American, spilt – British, leant – British

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## Building your vocabulary with related words

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**A** preposterous = outrageous, lone = solitary,  
dramatist = playwright, synthetic = man-made,  
singly = individually, happily = fortunately,  
disclose = reveal, jut = protrude

**B1** 1 relevant 2 comfortable 3 logical 4 flammable 5 remarkable

**B2** dis-

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## Collecting vocabulary about a topic

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- A**
- 1 depicts
  - 2 are on
  - 3 etched
  - 4 sculpt
  - 5 hung
  - 6 do
  - 7 used
  - 8 carved
- B**
- 1 displayed
  - 2 produce, make, draw
- C**
- 1 restored
  - 2 unveil
  - 3 display
- D**
- 1 listen to/enjoy/love/be into/put on/play/turn down/turn up/  
copy/burn/rip/download/stream
  - 2 a) form b) gave c) straight
  - 3 a) accompanied b) streamed c) doing/playing  
d) hum e) wrote/composed



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## Building vocabulary using illustrations in the dictionary

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	<i>picture</i>	<i>What is it?</i>	<i>Where is it from?</i>
1 bagpipes	c	musical instrument	Scotland
2 ankh	d	symbol of life/piece of jewellery	Egypt
3 boomerang	a	weapon	Australia
4 bonsai	b	tree	Japan

- B1 1 cracked  
2 broken  
3 chipped

- B2 1 cylinder  
2 cone  
3 cube  
4 sphere  
5 pyramid  
6 prism  
7 tetrahedron  
8 octahedron

- C1 1 press  
2 squeeze  
3 squashed  
4 crush

- C2 1 squeezed  
2 Press  
3 squash  
4 crushed

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## Using examples in the dictionary

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- A**
- 1 a) give/offer/ask/give/seek/take  
b) a piece of advice, a word of advice
  - 2 a) a food riot  
b) colour
  - 3 a) cold, wind  
b) taste/dispute/tears/disappointment/experience
- B**
- |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| wavy hair             | a mixed-up teenager   |
| a sharp distinction   | high winds            |
| a steady boyfriend    | chubby cheeks         |
| a rhetorical question | a secluded beach      |
| solid gold            | a devastating cyclone |
- C**
- 1 without a murmur
  - 2 set to music
  - 3 common/current/standard practice
  - 4 to the best of my ability
  - 5 novelty value
- D**
- 1 I could hardly believe my luck.
  - 2 in luck
  - 3 out of luck
  - 4 wish her luck
  - 5 with (any) luck; with a bit of luck

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## Choosing the right word

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- A**
- 1 The protesters are calling for a parliamentary **debate** on the future of education.
  - 2 Can we have a quick **chat** about the party next week?
  - 3 It was fun to have a good **gossip** about her new partner.
  - 4 The critics have criticised the **dialogue** for being unrealistic.
  - 5 We can either have a meeting or just a telephone **conversation** to discuss the schedule.
  - 6 The head teacher had a long **talk** with her about her behaviour.
- B**
- a)
- 1 speak
  - 2 consult
  - 3 debate
  - 4 communicate
  - 5 discuss
- b) Don't use 'about' after 'discuss'
- C**
- 1 sermon
  - 2 ✓
  - 3 (an) address
  - 4 (a) speech
  - 5 talk

# Using the dictionary

## Finding names of places and using information about pronunciation

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- A** Peru /pəˈruː/  
Senegal /ˌsenɪˈɡɔːl/  
Ecuador /ˈekwədɔː(r)/  
Thailand /ˈtaɪlənd/  
Portugal /ˈpɔːtʃʊɡl/  
China /ˈtʃaɪnə/
- B** Bahrain /bəˈreɪn/      Bahraini /bəˈreɪni/  
Croatia /krəʊˈeɪʃə/      Croatian /krəʊˈeɪʃn/  
Norway /ˈnɔːweɪ/      Norwegian /nɔːˈwiːdʒən/  
Switzerland /ˈswɪtsələnd/      Swiss /swɪs/  
Vietnam /ˌviːetˈnɑːm/      Vietnamese /ˌviːetnəˈmiːz/

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## Finding abbreviations

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- A**   YWCA   Young Women’s Christian Association  
      UN     United Nations  
      GNP    gross national product  
      GDR    German Democratic Republic  
      GMO    genetically modified organism  
      IMF    International Monetary Fund

<b>B</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Politics</b>
	COD	GCSE	MEP
	CBI	FE	WHO
	GDP	MA	MSP
	Ltd	NCT	UN
	PAYE	RE	MOD

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## American English

**A** **British** tram, roundabout, chemist's, tights, estate agent  
**American** row house, sidewalk, sales clerk, railroad, eggplant

- B** 1 true  
2 false  
3 false  
4 false

<b>C</b> <b>British spelling</b>	<b>American spelling</b>
centre	center
colour	color
pyjamas	pajamas
traveller	traveler
tyre	tire
mould	mold
fulfil	fulfill
catalogue	catalog
defence	defense
manoeuvre	maneuver
medallist	medalist
analyse	analyze

<b>D</b> <b>British spelling</b>	<b>American spelling</b>
-tre	-ter
-ence	-ense
-our	-or
-elling	-eling
-yse	-yze
-ogue	-og
favour	favor
offence	offense
paralyse	paralyze
channelling	channeling
litre	liter

### Similar patterns:

favour/favor: humour/humor, labour/labor

offence/offense: licence/license, pretence/pretense

paralyse/paralyze: catalyse/catalyze, breathalyse/breathalyze

channelling/channeling: cancelling/canceling, travelling/traveling

litre/liter: theatre/theater, metre/meter

**E** past /pɑːst/ /pæst/  
hot /hɒt/ /hɑːt/  
coat /kəʊt/ /kəʊt/  
new /njuː/ /nuː/  
aunt /ɑːnt/ /ænt/  
long /lɒŋ/ /lɔːŋ/

**F** /ˈdɑːmɪnənt/ dominant  
/ˈpætriət/ patriot  
/ˈbɑːθruːm/ bathroom  
/ˈliːʒər/ leisure  
/ˈtɜːntəbəl/ turntable  
American: dominant, leisure

<b>G</b> <b>British spelling</b>	<b>American spelling</b>
cafe	cafe
rotate	rotate
brochure	brochure
perfume	perfume
debris	debris
beret	beret
laboratory	laboratory
decor	decor

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## Understanding idioms

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- A** a nasty piece of work = a person who is unpleasant, unkind or dishonest  
be plain sailing = to be simple and free from trouble  
put sb in their place = to make sb feel stupid or embarrassed for showing too much confidence  
talk shop = to talk about your work with the people you work with, especially when you are also with other people who are not connected with or interested in it  
bring home the bacon = to be successful at sth; to earn money for your family to live on  
get sb's goat = to annoy sb very much
- B** 1 son  
2 one  
3 boys  
4 go  
5 served  
6 means  
7 cover  
8 way
- C** 1 Don't ask me!  
2 You're welcome!  
3 Don't bet on it!  
4 Do me a favour!  
5 In your dreams!  
6 I told you so!  
7 That's the idea!  
8 How come?  
9 Let's not even go there!  
10 Here we go!  
11 How does that grab you?

# Using the dictionary

## Finding out about the grammar of nouns from the dictionary

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- A**
- 1 **are**
  - 2–8 Both are possible in British English; only the singular is possible in American English.
- B**
- 1
  - 1 The chemical element **tin** is uncountable. A **tin** is a metal container for packaging food and drink.
  - 2 The metal **bronze** is uncountable. A **bronze** is a work of art made of bronze.
  - 3 **Pottery**, meaning pots, dishes etc., is uncountable. A **pottery** is a place where clay pots and dishes are made.
  - 4 **Properties** can mean buildings, or the qualities or characteristics that something has.
  - 5 **Paper** as a material for writing on and as a wall covering are uncountable.
  - 2
  - 1 no – **advice** is uncountable (*It was very useful advice.*)
  - 2 yes
  - 3 no – **information** is uncountable (*more information*)
  - 4 no – **furniture** is uncountable (*The furniture is...*)
  - 5 no – **cutlery** is uncountable (*a set of cutlery*)
- C** Plural: goods, odds, specifics, basics



# Using the dictionary

## Finding out about the grammar of verbs from the dictionary

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- A**
- 1 no
  - 2 yes
  - 3 yes
  - 4 no
  - 5 no
  - 6 yes
  - 7 yes
  - 8 yes
  - 9 yes
  - 10 yes
  - 11 no
  - 12 yes
- B**
- 1 building
  - 2 to arrive
  - 3 taking
  - 4 changing
  - 5 to try
  - 6 eating
  - 7 seeing
  - 8 going
  - 9 to see
  - 10 to tell
- C**
- 1 from, of
  - 2 from, to
  - 3 with
  - 4 with, about/over
  - 5 from

# Using the dictionary

## Using the dictionary to find out about phrasal verbs

- A**
- 1 to let sb stay at your home
  - 2 to change sth to a later time or date
  - 3 to accept sb/sth that is annoying
  - 4 to make sb look or feel stupid
  - 5 to ignore or forget sth
- B**
- 1 beat yourself up
  - 2 click through
  - 3 crashed out
  - 4 fed into
  - 5 zoned out
  - 6 walk ... through
  - 7 cut ... up
- C**
- | computers     | travel         |
|---------------|----------------|
| drill down    | check into sth |
| fall over     | take off       |
| scan sth in   | touch down     |
| back sth up   | stop over      |
| jack into sth | get away       |
| log off       | set off        |
- D**
- movement:** dig sth up, Hoover sth up  
**increase:** ratchet sth up, step sth up  
**improve:** juice sth up, spruce up
- E**
- 1 copy me in
  - 2 checked into the hotel
  - 3 phone in my order/ phone my order in
  - 4 pass by the post office
  - 5 turned off the light that had been shining in her eyes
  - 6 chop down that old oak tree/chop that old oak tree down
  - 7 singled him out
  - 8 missed out an 'm' in 'accommodation'/missed an 'm' out in 'accommodation'

# Using the dictionary

## Expressing yourself politely

Some sample answers

- A**
- 1** Asking for permission  
A Would it be all right if I turned the heating down?  
B I'd rather you didn't, if you don't mind.  
A Would you mind if I opened the window then?  
B I'd prefer it closed.
- 2** Telling somebody to do something/forbidding somebody to do something  
A I'm sorry, you're not allowed to go in there.  
B I've come to see my sister, Amy Wood  
A Could you wait here for a moment, please? Just sign this list for me.  
B There you are.  
A You can go through now.
- 3** Offering somebody something  
A Can I offer you something to drink?  
B If you're sure it's no trouble, I'd love a coffee.  
A How about something to eat?  
B No, thank you. I'm fine for now.
- B**
- 1** Inviting somebody to something  
Molly: Jack, would you like to join me and my colleagues for dinner?  
Jack: I'm sorry, I've got to go to another meeting now.  
Molly: How about tomorrow evening then?  
Jack: That would be very nice, thank you.
- 2** Leaving a phone message  
Daisy: Hello, could I speak to Rob Jackson, please?  
Receptionist: I'm sorry, he isn't in at the moment.  
Daisy: Is there a time that might be good for me to try him again?  
Receptionist: I'm sorry, he's out all day. Would you like to leave a message?  
Daisy: Could you ask him to call me back? My number is...
- 3** Asking for information  
Alex: Could you tell me the best way to get to the Conference Centre, please?  
Receptionist: I'm sorry, I don't know. Let me ask my colleague. John, do you happen to know how to get to the Conference Centre?  
John: Well, let me see... You need to catch bus number 22, I believe.  
Alex: Thank you very much. I do appreciate your help.  
John: No problem.

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## Finding out what people really mean

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<b>A</b>	<b>Approve</b>	<b>Disapprove</b>
.....	adaptable	bossy
	balanced	calculating
	committed	complacent
	consistent	dogmatic
	down to earth	hair-splitting
	flexible	inconsiderate
	indefatigable	lax
	resourceful	mediocre
	thoughtful	temperamental

- B**
- 1 huge
  - 2 bar
  - 3 shopping
  - 4 sweet
  - 5 partner
  - 6 lowly staff members
  - 7 baby
  - 8 detective
  - 9 funny
  - 10 make-up

- 1 ironic
- 2 humorous
- 3 humorous
- 4 ironic/humorous
- 5 humorous
- 6 humorous
- 7 ironic/humorous
- 8 ironic
- 9 ironic
- 10 humorous

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## Discovering more from the dictionary

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- 1 a post; safe
- 2 accommodation/advice/chewing gum/feedback/equipment/  
information/luggage/news/progress/software
- 3 eww/ugh/yuck
- 4 balmy/calm/calf/yolk
- 5 Number Ten/Downing Street
- 6 bobbed; club/dub/grab/rub/sob/throb
- 7 boohoo
- 8 ear-splitting
- 9 shocking pink
- 10 florist's