

# Using the dictionary

## Discovering more from the dictionary

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If you look up a word in a digital version of the dictionary and find a cross reference MORE LIKE THIS, you can follow it to find other words that behave in a similar way to the one you have looked up. Use the MORE LIKE THIS notes to answer these questions:

- 1 Look up the idiom *as old as the hills*. Complete these similar expressions:  
as deaf as \_\_\_\_\_  
as \_\_\_\_\_ as houses
- 2 **Furniture** is an uncountable noun. Note down three similar nouns: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If you stand on a drawing pin, you might say *ow!* What would you say if you tasted something unpleasant?  
e \_\_\_\_\_ u \_\_\_\_\_ y \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 In **half** the letter 'l' is not pronounced. What other words have a silent 'l'? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 **The White House** is sometimes used to mean 'the US President and his staff'. What is the equivalent for the British Prime Minister? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Look up **bob** and find the past tense. \_\_\_\_\_ What other verbs ending in -b have a similar spelling change in the past? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 **Tee-hee** represents the sound of someone laughing. What is the equivalent of someone crying? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Very hard work can be described as **back-breaking**. What expression could be applied to a very loud noise?  
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- 9 **Powder blue** describes a pale shade of blue. What expression is used for a very bright shade of pink?  
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- 10 A shop where you buy bread is a **baker's**. What is the name of a shop where you buy flowers? \_\_\_\_\_