

Using the dictionary

Using examples in the dictionary

Examples are very important in a dictionary because they show you how a word is used.

A Finding out more from example sentences

Use the examples in the dictionary to find out more information.

- 1 Look at the entry for **advice** and find:
 - a) four verbs that are used with **advice**
 - b) two expressions that mean 'some advice'
- 2 Look at the entry **riot**.
 - a) Find a noun phrase for a particular type of **riot**, when people protest because they do not have enough to eat.
 - b) Find a noun which can follow **riot**, when it is used in a figurative sense to mean 'a collection of a lot of different types of the same thing'.
- 3 Look at **bitter** (*adj*).
 - a) Name two nouns to do with weather that can be used with **bitter**.
 - b) What other things can be **bitter**?

B Adjectives with nouns

Match these adjectives with the nouns they go with.

wavy	winds
a sharp	hair
a steady	question
a rhetorical	boyfriend
solid	beach
a mixed-up	gold
high	distinction
chubby	cyclone
a secluded	teenager
a devastating	cheeks

C Developing your vocabulary with common expressions

Replace the part of these sentences which is in *italics* with an expression using the words in brackets. Look at the examples in the entries for the words in brackets.

- 1 She accepted the decision *without complaining*. (**murmur**)
- 2 The words of Goethe's poem were *made into a song* by Schubert. (**music**)
- 3 It is *usual* to send a copy of your CV when you apply for a job. (**practice**)
- 4 I'll do it *as well as I can*. (**ability**)
- 5 I suppose it has a certain *attraction because it is new*. (**novelty**)

D Look at the entry for the word **luck**.

Important phrases and collocations (words that go together) are given in the examples. Label the highlighted examples using the following phrases:

- 1 having unexpected luck
- 2 being lucky
- 3 not being lucky
- 4 hoping someone else will be lucky
- 5 hoping you will be lucky

luck ⓘ **A2** /lʌk/ noun, verb
■ **noun** [U] 1 ⓘ **A2** good things that happen to you by chance, not because of your own efforts or abilities: **with (any)~** With any luck, we'll be home before dark. ◇ (BrE) **With a bit of luck**, we'll finish on time. ◇ ~ **with (doing) sth** So far I have had no luck with finding a job. ◇ **I could hardly believe my luck** when he said yes. ◇ It was **a stroke of luck** that we found you. ◇ **by~** By sheer luck nobody was hurt in the explosion. ◇ We **wish her luck** in her new career. ◇ **in~** You're in luck (= lucky)—there's one ticket left. ◇ **out of~** You're out of luck. She's not here. ◇ What a piece of luck!
➔ see also BEGINNER'S LUCK 2 ⓘ **A2** chance; the force that causes good or bad things to happen to people **SYN** **fortune**: to have good/bad luck ◇ ~ **with sth** We had horrible luck with the weather. ➔ see also HARD-LUCK STORY