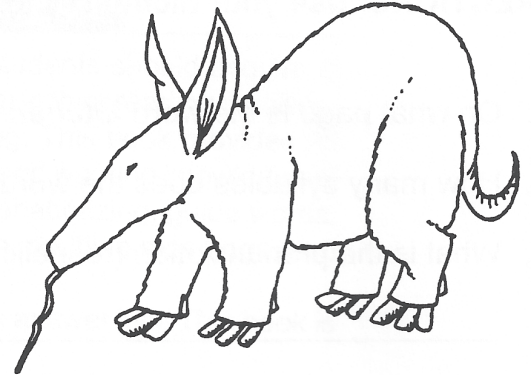


A dictionary is a book you use to find out about words. It tells you how to spell words, how to pronounce words, how to use words, where words come from, and what words mean.

To be able to use a dictionary, you must know the alphabet. All the words listed in the dictionary are called **ENTRY WORDS**. The entry words are listed in alphabetical order and printed in bold, dark letters.



aard•vark (ärd' värk'), *n.* A burrowing mammal of Africa having long claws and a long, sticky tongue with which it feeds on insects.

The entry words are listed in alphabetical order so they are easier to find. Imagine that your dictionary is divided into three parts: The **FRONT** part has all the words from A thru G; the **MIDDLE** part has all the words from H thru Q; the **BACK** part has all the words from R thru Z.

A-G = Front

H-Q = Middle

R-Z = Back

Look at the words below. If you were going to look up each word, which part of the dictionary would you turn to—front, middle, or back? Write the part on the line next to each word.

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. fox | _____ | 14. hawk | _____ |
| 2. alligator | _____ | 15. monkey | _____ |
| 3. tiger | _____ | 16. unicorn | _____ |
| 4. jaguar | _____ | 17. quail | _____ |
| 5. zoo | _____ | 18. yak | _____ |
| 6. penguin | _____ | 19. iguana | _____ |
| 7. lion | _____ | 20. koala | _____ |
| 8. bear | _____ | 21. vulture | _____ |
| 9. rat | _____ | 22. nightingale | _____ |
| 10. snake | _____ | 23. crane | _____ |
| 11. deer | _____ | 24. walrus | _____ |
| 12. elk | _____ | 25. gorilla | _____ |
| 13. ox | _____ | 26. xylophone | _____ |

Can You Use A Dictionary?

Use your dictionary to answer the following questions.

1. On what page is the word **kitchen** found in your dictionary? _____
2. How many syllables does the word **horizontal** have? _____
3. What is the pronunciation (respelling) for the word **caribou**?

4. What are the guide words on page 150 of your dictionary?

5. What is the plural of the word **louse**? _____
6. On what page do words beginning with **D** start? _____
7. On what page is the word **pinafore**? _____ Write a definition for **pinafore**.

8. How many definitions does the word **plain** have? _____
9. What word comes before **planet** in your dictionary? _____
10. What word comes after **mail** in your dictionary? _____
11. What part of speech is the word **futile**? _____
12. Write the first dictionary definition that you find for each of these words:
bewitch: _____

harvest: _____
