

DICTIONARY SKILLS

Use this set of worksheets to help kids learn to use the dictionary.

LEARNING THE PARTS OF THE DICTIONARY

Choose a page in your dictionary and follow the directions below to learn the different parts of the dictionary and the definitions.

1. On the top corners of the page look for the guide words. Guide words are the first and last words defined on that page. This helps you find words more quickly in the dictionary. Write the guide words you see on your chosen page:

2. Choose a word on the page that is not familiar to you and write that word here:

3. What is the part of speech for your chosen word? They are abbreviations in the dictionary. _____
4. What is the plural form of the word? _____
5. What is the origin of the word? The origin is the root word that the word comes from. Usually a Latin or Greek word _____
6. How many different definitions of the word are there? _____
7. Write the first definition here: _____

8. Is there a cross reference to another word or definition? (see also) What is that word?

9. Are there any synonyms (words with similar meanings) listed for your word?

10. What words are listed before and after your chosen word? _____

11. Write your word in a sentence. _____

DICTIONARY SCAVENGER HUNT

1. What is the title of your dictionary _____
2. What is the copyright date of the dictionary? _____
3. Who is the publisher? _____
4. How many pages does your dictionary have? _____
5. What is the first word in the dictionary? _____
6. What is the last word in the dictionary? _____
7. Find a word in the dictionary with four syllables. _____
8. What is the definition of the word dictionary? _____

9. What is the definition of the word lexicographer _____

10. Find three nouns beginning with the word L _____

11. Look up the word cow. What are the guide words at the top of the page? _____

12. How many words begin with the letter X in the dictionary? _____
13. If your first name were in the dictionary, what words would it come between?

14. What is the longest word you can find in the dictionary? _____

15. How many definitions are there for the word group? _____