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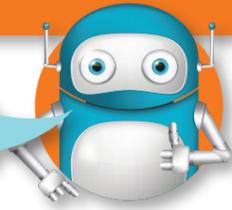
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Using a dictionary

Learn

What is a dictionary?



A **dictionary** is a book that you can use to check spellings and find out what words mean.

The words are arranged in **alphabetical** order so you can find each word easily.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

There are 26 letters in the alphabet.

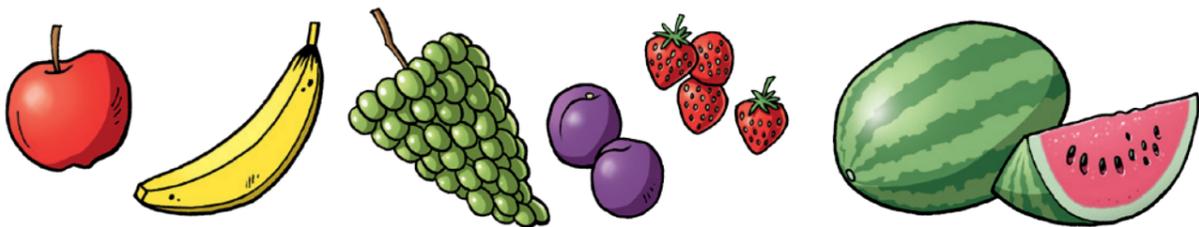
To find a word in the dictionary, think about which letter it begins with.

Words beginning with **a** are near the beginning of the dictionary. Words beginning with **m** are towards the middle of the dictionary and words beginning with **z** are at the end.

Each entry in a dictionary has the word itself in bold or coloured print, followed by a **definition** that explains what it means.

These words for different types of fruit are written in alphabetical order:

apple, **b**anana, **g**rape, **p**lum, **s**trawberry, **w**atermelon



Key words

alphabetical
dictionary
definition

Tip

Do you know any songs to help you remember the order of the alphabet? Try singing them in your head!



Activities



1. Copy these words into your book in alphabetical order.

knife fork spoon cup plate bowl



2. Copy the words into your book and write the correct definition next to each one.

- a musical instrument
- something you can write with
- a small white and yellow flower
- a container for cooking food
- a tiny insect

- a. ant
- b. daisy
- c. pen
- d. saucepan
- e. xylophone



3. Work with a partner. You will each need a dictionary. Who can find each word first?

- a. animal
- b. rose
- c. house
- d. lemon
- e. octopus
- f. teeth

