

1 Finding your way around the dictionary

A Alphabetical order

1.1 Put these words into alphabetical order.

■ a	wheat	_____	■ b	pipette	_____	■ c	seep	_____
	rye	_____		pitch	_____		seize	_____
	barley	1 _____		piquant	_____		segment	_____
	millet	_____		pipeline	_____		select	_____
	oats	_____		pirh	_____		seizure	_____
	maize	_____		pipe organ	_____		seismic	_____
	corn	_____		pit stop	_____		sieve	_____
	rice	_____		pistachio	_____		siesta	_____
■ d	ski pants	_____	■ e	o'clock	_____			
	skid	_____		O-Bon	_____			
	skinny	_____		O level	_____			
	skiing	_____		OAP	_____			
	skier	_____		O	_____			
	ski	_____		o'	_____			
	skin diving	_____		OD	_____			
	ski lift	_____		odd	_____			

B Finding the right page

1.2 Which of these words would you find on the pages that start with **seaside** and end with **second best**?

season	_____ ✓	segment	_____	second	_____
secondary school	_____	secluded	_____	secondary	_____
seat	_____	seclusion	_____		

1.3 Which of these words would you find on the pages that start with **me-too** and end with **Midas touch**?

mica	_____ ✓	middle age	_____	metre	_____
midday	_____	micron	_____	midfield	_____
metronome	_____	mews	_____	mighty	_____
midnight	_____				

C Finding the right part of speech

1.4 Look at these entries and write down what parts of speech these words can be.

bridge	_____
green	_____
extra	_____
fool	_____
prior	_____
so	_____

- 4 Do any of them refer to people?
- 5 How many meanings can you find for the verb **drill**?
- 6 Which of them is to do with making holes?
- 7 For the verb **dribble**, three meanings are to do with liquids. In what context is the fourth meaning used?
- 8 The adjective **rambling** can be used to describe buildings. In what two other contexts is it used?

G Specialist fields

1.9 Look at the entries and note down in what specialist field they are used.

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|---------------|----------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 shelf | <u>geology</u> | 5 bull | _____ |
| 2 maintenance | _____ | 6 attract | _____ |
| 3 benign | _____ | 7 basket | _____ |
| 4 backup | _____ | 8 article | _____ |

H Short cuts

1.10 Look at the entries for the words in **bold** in these sentences and write down the short cut under which you would find the appropriate meaning.

- 1 She was a famous **model**. fashion
- 2 What is the **scale** of this map? _____
- 3 He's a **mean** cook - I've never tasted such delicious pasta. _____
- 4 I can't sing the high **note**. _____
- 5 He owns a **chain** of hardware stores. _____
- 6 She hit a brilliant **service** and won the game. _____

I Following up cross-references

1.11 Look for the cross-references in these entries to answer these questions.

- 1 Where can you find a picture of a **pressure cooker**?
- 2 Where is the definition of **raccoon**?
- 3 Where can you find out what a **rarebit** is?
- 4 What is the word usually used in Britain for a **letter opener**?
- 5 What is another word for **politics**, the subject of study?
- 6 Where can you find the meaning of **radii**?
- 7 What verb does the form **woven** come from?
- 8 Of which verb is **flew** the past tense?
- 9 Where can you find out what **laughing gas** is?
- 10 What is a shorter way of saying **gate money**?
- 11 Can you find the definition of the idiom **separate the men from the boys** at the entry for **separate, men, man, or boy**?
- 12 Where can you find the definition of the idiom **rake sb over the coals**?
- 13 Where can you look up an expression with a related meaning to **restraining order**?
- 14 Where can you find a note about words like **yell**?