

HOW TO FIND INFORMATION IN DICTIONARIES

A dictionary is an alphabetical list of words and their meanings. It is useful for checking the spellings of words and finding out what words mean. In the quick reference section you will find many English and other language dictionaries such as French, Spanish, Hindi, etc. Try using it to look up words which you have heard but don't know the meaning of and if you get stuck try reading the guidelines at the front of the book. This will help you to understand the way in which the words and their meanings are presented.

You will also find subject specialist dictionaries in the main non-fiction section, arranged into their subjects. These provide definitions of words and phrases within a specific subject area e.g. '**Dictionary of Chemistry**'. These ranges of dictionaries are available for you to borrow, unless it has a 'For Reference Only' label on it.

Dictionary Skills

Directions: You may use a dictionary from the library, or, the internet, or on the Microsoft applications.

Using a dictionary, find the answer to each of the following:-

1. If you were **beautifying** your neighbourhood park, what might you be doing?

2. If you didn't understand the **lingo** used in a book, what don't you understand?

3. If an artist asked to hold their **palette**, what would you be holding?

4. Where would you find a **sophomore**?

5. Where might you find an **exergue**?

6. When someone is running and is feeling **lethargic** what does it mean?

7. If you some said a person is a **nitpicker**, what does this mean?

8. If you owned a **Bindi**, what would you do with it?

9. What type of cuisine is **Sushi**?

10. If you said **Sayonara** to someone, what might you be saying?