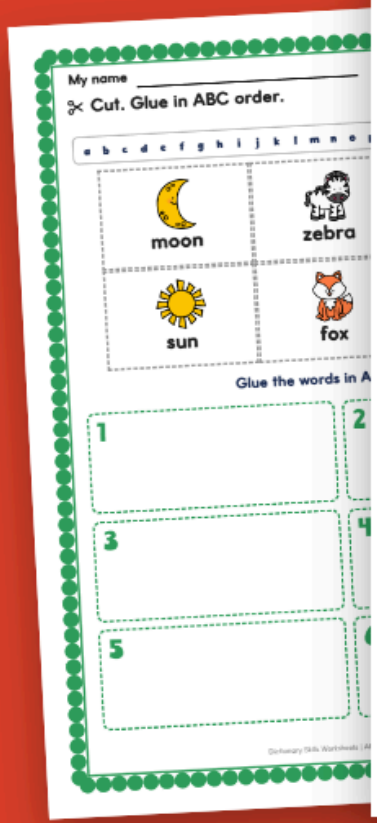
DICTIONARY SKILLS WORKSHEETS

ABC ORDER + GUIDE WORDS
GRADES 2-4



40 WORDS

25 STUDENT PAGES





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Start Here

Dictionary Skills Worksheets: ABC order, guide words and entry words, grades 2-4

Quick start

1. Read the poster (page 3) and the finished example (page 4) together.
2. Hand each child the pages at their level. Every lookup page points to the mini dictionary on pages 5 to 7, so no other dictionary is needed.
3. Finish with the quiz (page 26) and the star chart (page 27).

What's inside

Activity	Pages	Level
Poster: how to use a dictionary in three steps, with a labeled entry	3	–
A finished example: look up a word from start to finish	4	–
My Mini Dictionary: 40 entries on three pages, each with a picture, a meaning and an example sentence	5-7	–
ABC order: alphabet strips (8), cut and glue (6 words), second letter (6 sets), third letter (4 sets)	8-11	● ■ ▲
Guide words: yes or no (8), which dictionary page (10), write the guide words (5), words between (6)	12-15	● ■ ▲
Entry words (8) and parts of an entry (3 entries)	16-17	● ■
Look it up (8) and match the meaning (8)	18-19	● ■
Two meanings (8 sentences) and use the word (4 words)	20-21	▲
Mystery word (6), dictionary chart (6 words) and a word search (10 words)	22-24	■ ▲
Write your own entry, a quiz (8 questions) and a star chart	25-27	▲
Answer key	28-29	–

How to use it

- Three levels, marked with a small shape: ● **starting**: the page tells children which dictionary page to open, answers are picked from three choices, the cut-and-glue words start with different letters; ■ **building**: the standard task; ▲ **ready for more**: third-letter order, words between guide words, two meanings, writing and making a dictionary entry.
- The mini dictionary has three pages. The guide words at the top of each page are its first and last entry: page 1 ant - goat, page 2 grapes - octopus, page 3 orange - zebra. Four entries (duck, key, nest, orange) have two meanings.
- The cutting page (page 9) has six pieces edge to edge, so each cut is one straight line.
- Your class dictionary can take the place of the mini dictionary on any page. Use the example sentences for a read-aloud with children who are not yet reading them alone.

Good to know

Every entry, meaning and sentence in this pack is invented for this pack, and none is copied from a published dictionary. The pages practice the skills of using a dictionary; your class's own words and routines come first.

Our class dictionary is kept: _____

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Read. Point to each part.

How to Use a Dictionary

1

Find the first letter.
Say the ABC's. Is it near the front, the middle or the back?

2

Look at the guide words.
They are at the top of the page. Your word comes between them.

3

Find the entry word.
Read what it means. Read the example sentence.

kite



noun

A toy that flies in the wind on a long string.

"The kite flew high."

← entry word

← part of speech

← meaning

← example

guide words **ant** the first and last word on the page **goat**

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll	Mm
Nn	Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr	Ss	Tt	Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz

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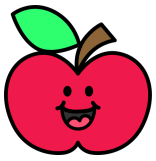
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Use these pages to look words up.



ant
noun A tiny insect that lives with many other ants.
"An ant carried a crumb home."



apple
noun A round fruit that grows on a tree. It can be red, green or yellow.
"I ate a crunchy apple."



ball
noun A round toy that you can throw, kick or bounce.
"Jo kicked the ball."



bear
noun A big, strong animal with thick fur.
"The bear looked for berries."



bee
noun A flying insect that makes honey.
"A bee landed on the flower."



cat
noun A small, furry pet that purrs.
"The cat napped on the couch."



cow
noun A big farm animal that gives us milk.
"The cow ate grass."



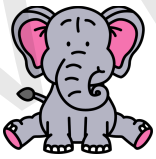
dog
noun A pet that barks and wags its tail.
"My dog loves to run."



duck
1. *noun* A bird with webbed feet that swims.
"A duck paddled across the pond."
2. *verb* To bend down fast.
"Duck when the ball comes!"



egg
noun An oval thing that a hen lays. Baby birds hatch from it.
"The hen sat on an egg."



elephant
noun A huge gray animal with big ears and a long trunk.
"The elephant sprayed water."



fox
noun A wild animal with red fur and a bushy tail.
"A fox ran into the woods."



frog
noun A small animal that jumps and lives near water.
"The frog jumped into the pond."



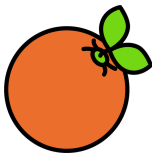
goat
noun A farm animal with horns that climbs well.
"The goat climbed up the hill."

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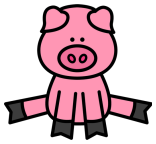
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Use these pages to look words up.



orange
1. *noun* A round, juicy fruit with a thick peel.
"I peeled an orange."
2. *adjective* The color of that fruit.
"She wore an orange hat."



pig
noun A farm animal with a curly tail and a snout.
"The pig rolled in the mud."



queen
noun A woman who rules a country.
"The queen wore a gold crown."



rabbit
noun A small animal with long ears that hops.
"A rabbit hopped across the yard."



snail
noun A slow animal with a shell on its back.
"The snail left a shiny trail."



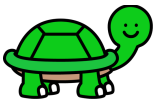
sun
noun The star that gives us light and heat in the daytime.
"The sun is bright today."



tent
noun A shelter made of cloth that people use for camping.
"We slept in a tent."



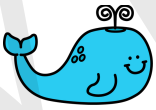
train
noun A long line of cars that rolls on tracks.
"The train went by."



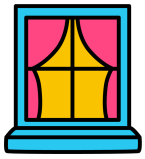
turtle
noun An animal with a hard shell that it can hide in.
"The turtle pulled in its head."



van
noun A big car with lots of room inside.
"Dad drove the van."



whale
noun A giant sea animal that breathes air.
"A whale jumped out of the water."



window
noun An opening in a wall with glass. You look through it.
"I looked out the window."



zebra
noun An animal like a horse with black and white stripes.
"A zebra ate grass."

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✂ Cut. Glue in ABC order.

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

 moon	 zebra	 cat
 sun	 fox	 kite

Glue the words in ABC order.

1	2
3	4
5	6

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My name _____

Write the words in ABC order.

A. clock | clap | club | class | clip

Now write them in ABC order:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

B. stop | star | stub | stick | stem

Now write them in ABC order:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

C. frog | from | fry | free | fresh

Now write them in ABC order:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

D. snow | snack | sneak | snap | snail

Now write them in ABC order:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

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My name _____

Circle the dictionary page.

Dictionary Page 1	Dictionary Page 2	Dictionary Page 3
ant - goat	grapes - octopus	orange - zebra


cow 1 2 3

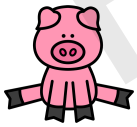

zebra 1 2 3


lion 1 2 3


bee 1 2 3


snail 1 2 3


kite 1 2 3


pig 1 2 3


house 1 2 3


goat 1 2 3


rabbit 1 2 3

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My name _____

Which word fits between?



A. Write a word that fits between the guide words.

ant - bat _____

cow - frog _____

hen - kite _____

B. Circle the word that does NOT fit between the guide words.

dog - man

fish | hat | kite | rabbit

bee - goat

cat | dog | egg | sun

nest - tent

pig | rain | sun | ant

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My name _____

Read the entry. Answer.

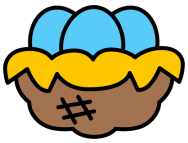


frog

noun A small animal that jumps and lives near water. "The frog jumped into the pond."

Entry word: _____

Circle all it can be: noun verb adjective **Meanings:**

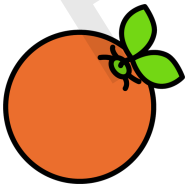


nest

1. noun A home that a bird makes from twigs and grass. "A robin built a nest in the tree."
2. verb To make a nest. "Some birds nest in the spring."

Entry word: _____

Circle all it can be: noun verb adjective **Meanings:**



orange

1. noun A round, juicy fruit with a thick peel. "I peeled an orange."
2. adjective The color of that fruit. "She wore an orange hat."

Entry word: _____

Circle all it can be: noun verb adjective **Meanings:**

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Draw a line to match.

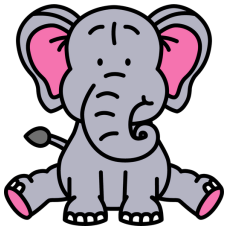
bear	a toy that flies on a string
cow	an opening with glass you look through
frog	a big, strong animal with thick fur
hammer	it shines in the night sky
kite	a small animal that jumps near water
moon	a long line of cars on tracks
train	a big farm animal that gives us milk
window	a tool you use to hit nails

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Look it up. Write about it.

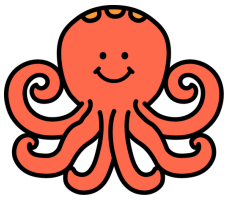


elephant

Dictionary Page 1

It means ...

My sentence ...

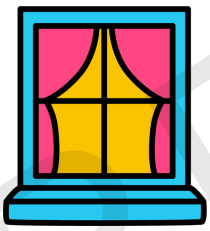


octopus

Dictionary Page 2

It means ...

My sentence ...

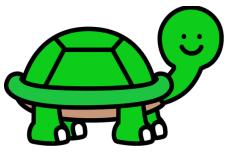


window

Dictionary Page 3

It means ...

My sentence ...



turtle

Dictionary Page 3

It means ...

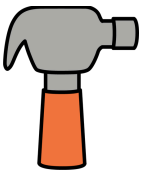
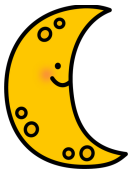
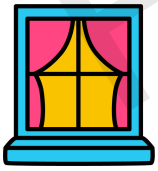
My sentence ...

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My name _____

Fill in the dictionary chart.

word	page	guide words	what it means
 bee		_____ _____	_____ _____
 hammer		_____ _____	_____ _____
 moon		_____ _____	_____ _____
 rabbit		_____ _____	_____ _____
 window		_____ _____	_____ _____
 goat		_____ _____	_____ _____

Write the dictionary page number and its two guide words. Then say what the word means.

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My name _____

Make a dictionary page.

My guide words: _____ - _____

DRAW

Entry word: _____ noun verb adjective

It means ...

_____

_____

_____

My sentence ...

_____

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DRAW

Entry word: _____ noun verb adjective

It means ...

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My sentence ...

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DRAW

Entry word: _____ noun verb adjective

It means ...

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My sentence ...

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My name _____

Color a star for each skill.



I am a dictionary detective!

- ☆ I can put letters and words in ABC order.
  pages 8 to 11
- ☆ I can use guide words.
  pages 12 to 15
- ☆ I can find the entry word.
  pages 16 to 17
- ☆ I can read what a word means.
  pages 18 to 19
- ☆ I can pick the right meaning.
  pages 20 to 21
- ☆ I can find a mystery word.
  page 22
- ☆ I can use a dictionary chart.
  pages 23 to 24
- ☆ I can make my own dictionary page.
  pages 25 to 26

Color a star when you can do it.

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Answer Key, continued

Meanings

Page 18, look it up: 1 ant: **a tiny insect**, 2 egg: **a thing a hen lays**, 3 jar: **a glass container with a lid**, 4 lamp: **a light you turn on**, 5 nose: **the part of your face you smell with**, 6 snail: **a slow animal with a shell**, 7 tent: **a shelter made of cloth**, 8 whale: **a giant sea animal**

Page 19, match: bear: **a big, strong animal with thick fur**, cow: **a big farm animal that gives us milk**, frog: **a small animal that jumps near water**, hammer: **a tool you use to hit nails**, kite: **a toy that flies on a string**, moon: **it shines in the night sky**, train: **a long line of cars on tracks**, window: **an opening with glass you look through**

Page 20, two meanings (sentences 1 to 8): 1. **1**, 2. **2**, 3. **1**, 4. **2**, 5. **1**, 6. **2**, 7. **1**, 8. **2**

Page 21: answers are the child's own. Look for the meaning in the child's words and a sentence that uses the word.

Mystery word, chart, word search

Page 22, mystery word: 1. **cat**, 2. **elephant**, 3. **hammer**, 4. **lamp**, 5. **turtle**, 6. **zebra**

Page 23, chart: bee **page 1, ant - goat**; hammer **page 2, grapes - octopus**; moon **page 2, grapes - octopus**; rabbit **page 3, orange - zebra**; window **page 3, orange - zebra**; goat **page 1, ant - goat**. The meanings are the child's own.

Page 24, word search: apple, bear, duck, egg, frog, goat, kite, moon, snail, zebra. Words run across, down or diagonally down to the right.

X	K	X	W	Q	N	**D**	Q	**G**	V	G	J
J	S	P	Q	M	S	**U**	**S**	B	**O**	P	H
X	Z	M	N	V	F	**C**	**N**	L	R	**A**	W
Y	**B**	V	X	L	C	**K**	**A**	O	V	Q	**T**
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N	B	P	**K**	**I**	**T**	**E**	**G**	L	S	**R**	R
G	Q	N	P	L	N	L	A	R	R	**A**	T

Write your own and quiz

Page 25: answers are the child's own. Check that the entry word fits between the guide words the child wrote.

Page 26, quiz: 1 **p**; 2 **ant, cow, pig**; 3 **YES**; 4 **3**; 5 **bee**; 6 **a glass container**; 7 **lamp - nest**; 8 **2**

Every entry and sentence is invented. Your own judgment on a child's answer comes first.

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