

Dictionary Guide

definitions - tell or explain the meaning of the **entry word**. Often the entry word will be used within the **definition**, to help make the meaning clear. Sometimes there will be more than one **definition** for an entry word, if so these will be numbered.

entry words - are the words that are listed in the dictionary in alphabetical order, these are usually shown in bold text or in a different colour so that they are easy to find amongst the definitions. When you're looking for how to spell a word or for the definition of a word **entry words** are what you need to look for!

parts of speech - usually next to the **entry word**. This determines which word class the **entry word** belongs to or how it can be used in a sentence.

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a - determiner

1. one; any (I gave you a present)
2. each; every (I go walking twice a day)

aardvark - noun **aardvarks**

An African burrowing mammal, with long ears, a long snout, and a long tongue that feeds on ants and termites. *aard.vark*

abacus - noun **abacuses**

A frame with rows of slider beads used for counting and calculating. *ab.a.cus*

abalone, abbey

abalone - noun

1. An edible shellfish. *ab.a.lo.ne*

abandon - verb **abandons,**

abandoning, abandoned

to go away and leave someone or something, without intending to return. *a.ban.don*

abbey - noun **abbeys**

1. The buildings in which Monks and Nuns live and work.
2. A church that was or is part of an abbey.

guide words - are the first and last words, that are explained, on that page of the dictionary. Find these at the top of the page.

syllabification - shows the **entry word** broken up into **syllables**, this is done with small dots in between each part of the word.

word forms - show the different forms of a base word with any relevant suffixes added, including plurals and past tense. These can be found at the end of the definition.