


# Dictionary





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# Dictionary Challenge Card

## Challenge 1

Can you write down  
the words in  
alphabetical order?  
Use your dictionary to  
help you.







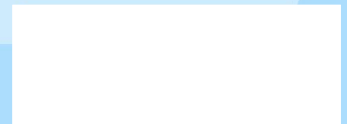
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## Challenge 2

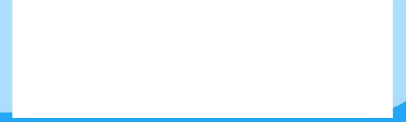
Look at all the words  
that start with 'P'.

Which one would  
come first in the  
dictionary?





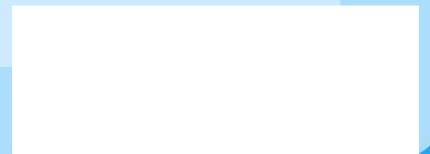
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## Challenge 3

Using your dictionary,  
find out which word  
means:

*A social gathering.*





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## Challenge 4

Using your dictionary,  
find out which word  
means:

*A vehicle for living in.*





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## Challenge 5

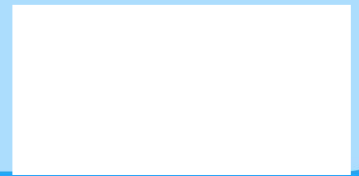
Using your dictionary,  
find and write down  
the definitions for 3 of  
the words.







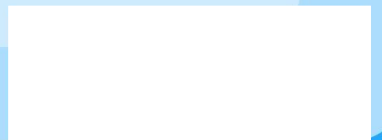
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## Challenge 6



What page does the  
'F' section start on?





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## Challenge 7



What page does the  
'R' section start on?





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## Challenge 8

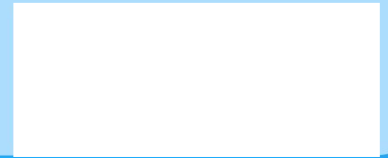


What page does the  
'V' section start on?





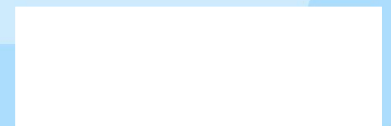
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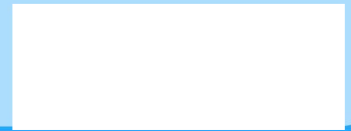


What is the first word  
in the dictionary?





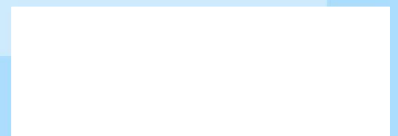
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## Challenge 10

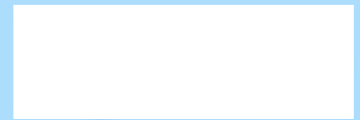


What is the last word  
in the dictionary?



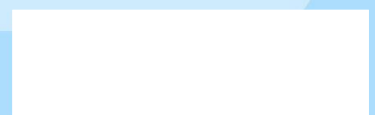


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## Challenge 11

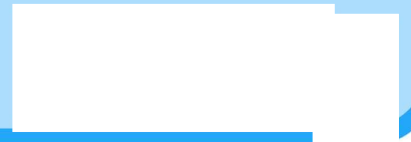
Find 3 words that you haven't heard before and write them down, along with a short definition.





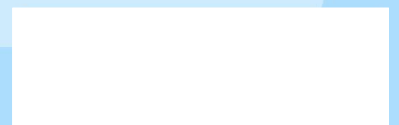


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## Challenge 12

Write down a  
word that is found  
between caravan and  
cartoon.



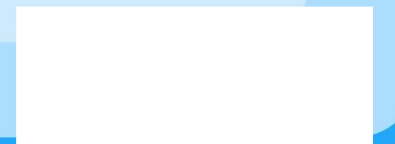


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## Challenge 13

Write down a  
word that is found  
between park and  
picnic.





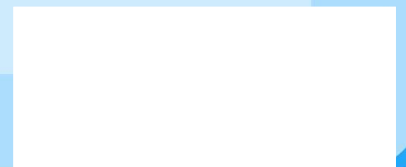


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## Challenge 14

Write down a  
word that is found  
between decoration and  
delicious.



## Challenge Words

picnic

kick

xylophone

park

cartoon

ankle

delicious

boomerang

furniture

zebra

decoration

caravan

party

frighten

excite

## Challenge Words

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excite

**Learning Objective: UKS2 use the first 3-4 letters of a word to check spelling and meaning in a dictionary**

Idea	Differentiation
For lots of ideas on using the first 2-3 letters (for weaker spellers), check out our <a href="#">Y3 &amp; Y4 teaching pack</a> on a very similar learning objective	These materials go right back to dictionary first principles if you have Y5&Y6 children who need extra help. They include practice in ordering the alphabet and word cards to order by the first 2 letters.
Have a <a href="#">dictionary challenge area</a> in your classroom. Don't worry about making stuff for it though - it's all there in our handy pack!	For less confident dictionary users, get them to work on the challenge cards in pairs/teams. The more able could make up their own challenges to add to the set.
Make one of your <b>Guided Reading carousel activities</b> all about dictionary use. There are lots of fab suggestions in our <a href="#">KS2/dictionary area</a> .	Combine two skills for weak spellers - order the word cards from our <a href="#">Y3 &amp; Y4 teaching pack</a> and then find definitions for a given number of the less familiar words.
Make sure your class <b>get into the habit</b> of actually checking unknown spellings in a dictionary, not leaving words as their own phonetic transcription. To avoid children getting bogged down with a spelling during independent writing time, suggest they have a go at it, then highlight the word and move on. Allow 5 minutes at the end of the session/during registration for checking the correct spelling in their dictionary.	When they ask you for a spelling, only give them the first 2/3/4 letters (depending on ability).
Have <b>dictionary races</b> . Reveal differentiated words (which are deliberately misspelt at the end) on the board and pairs race to find and correct each one using their dictionaries, giving the page number to prove they've looked it up. You could also use this to introduce new topic vocabulary, although not all the	You'll need to muster large sets of dictionaries (one per pair, or even one each), but different ability groups can use easier/more complex dictionaries.

<p>vocabulary you might want to include will be in smaller dictionaries, obviously!</p>	
<p><b>Match the definition</b> with an unusual / unfamiliar word.          Extend the activity by asking them to make up their own sentence using the new word, to show that they have understood the definition. Remind them that using new language helps it to sink into their memory. The card set has over 20 pairs, so you could give each group only 4-5 to work on, then move around, or give everyone the same and have a different set each week.</p>	<p>This is definitely one for your <b>higher ability</b>, as they really need to be able to compare and contrast the definition on the card with something similar in a high level dictionary, to check they understand the meaning.</p>
<p>Pluck a word at random from our <b>handy printout version of the <a href="#">new curriculum's statutory word lists for KS2</a></b>. Read out the word singly and in a sentence. Give the first 2-4 letters and let children find the rest of the spelling in their dictionary. They write it on their whiteboard with the dictionary page number to prove they've looked it up.</p>	<p>Use Y3/4 spellings for <b>weaker spellers</b>, or choose shorter Y5/6 words such as <i>bruise</i> or <i>achieve</i>.</p>
<p>To challenge the pupils further, let them work in pairs to cut out and order the sets of eight words in the <b><a href="#">Using the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Letter Alphabetical Order Sorting Activity</a></b>. Here they will need to look at the third and sometimes fourth letters within a word to work out their alphabetical order.</p>	<p>Dictionaries may be used to support less confident learners within this task.</p>

arbitrary

boorish

censorious

deference

encapsulate

fructose

guileless

hominid

immutable

judicial

kismet

larynx

metamorphosis

negligible

onslaught

patron

quadriceps

reminisce

siphon

tautology

undulate

verdant

wheedling

yarmulke




A decision or action that's not based on any particular plan or done for any reason.

Describing behaviour which is rude and thoughtless - unacceptable to others.

Always wanting to criticise and find fault with other people's ideas or actions.

Showing great respect for another person's age or authority.

Explain or describe something in the shortest way, using the most effective language.

A type of natural sugar which is found in fruit and honey.

Being totally honest and open, and expecting that other people will act in the same way.

A very early type of human being.

Fixed and unchanging, always the same.

To do with justice and the legal system.

The belief that whatever happens to you is already planned and you can't change it.

The organ in your throat which produces voice sounds.

Changing completely from one thing into another, e.g. a caterpillar to a butterfly.

Such a tiny amount that it can hardly be noticed or counted.

A rush of people or things all coming at once.

Someone who supports another's work (often artists) by giving them money.

The large muscle at the front of your thigh.

To talk about past events which give good feelings or thoughts.

To move a liquid from one container to another by sucking it through a tube.

Saying the same thing in different ways, especially in the same sentence.

Describing a shape or line which gently moves up and down.

Extremely green in appearance because there are lots of plants and trees.

Asking for something repeatedly, often in an annoying or childish voice.

A very small, round hat worn by Jewish men and boys.




accident



accidentally



actual



actually



address



answer



appear



arrive



believe



bicycle



breath

breathe

build

busy

business



calendar

caught

centre

century

certain



circle

complete

consider

continue

decide



describe

different

difficult

disappear

early

earth

eight

eighth

enough

exercise





experience

experiment

extreme

famous

favourite



February

forward

forwards

fruit

grammar





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guide

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height

history

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opposite

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potatoes

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sentence

separate

special



straight

strange

strength

suppose

surprise

therefore

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although

thought

through





various

weight

woman

women

accommodate

accompany

according

achieve

aggressive

amateur

ancient

apparent

appreciate

attached

available

average

awkward

bargain

bruise

category



cemetery

committee

communicate

community

competition

conscience

conscious

controversy

convenience

correspond

criticise

curiosity

definite

desperate

determined

develop

dictionary

disastrous

embarrass

environment



equip

equipped

equipment

especially

exaggerate

excellent

existence

explanation

familiar

foreign

forty

frequently

government

guarantee

harass

hindrance

identity

immediate

immediately

individual



interfere

interrupt

language

leisure

lightning

marvellous

mischievous

muscle

necessary

neighbour

nuisance

occupy

occur

opportunity

parliament

persuade

physical

prejudice

privilege

profession



programme

pronunciation

queue

recognise

recommend

relevant

restaurant

rhyme

rhythm

sacrifice

secretary

shoulder

*signature*

*sincere*

*sincerely*

*soldier*

stomach

sufficient

suggest

symbol



system

temperature

thorough

twelfth

variety

vegetable

vehicle

yacht

# Using the 3rd and 4th Letter Alphabetical Order Sorting Activity

Can you use the first three or four letters in these sets of words to sort them into alphabetical order?

## Set 1

barn

base

baron

bashful

barrel

basin

barter

basket

# Using the 3rd and 4th Letter Alphabetical Order Sorting Activity

Can you use the first three or four letters in these sets of words to sort them into alphabetical order?

## Set 2

dock

doctor

domino

donkey

domestic

dolphin

document

dodge

# Using the 3rd and 4th Letter Alphabetical Order Sorting Activity

Can you use the first three or four letters in these sets of words to sort them into alphabetical order?

## Set 3

hornet

hopscotch

horizon

hope

honour

hoop

hook

hooray



# Using the 3rd and 4th Letter Alphabetical Order Sorting Activity

Can you use the first three or four letters in these sets of words to sort them into alphabetical order?

## Set 4

malice

mallet

magnetic

maiden

magpie

make

maize

major

# Using the 3rd and 4th Letter Alphabetical Order Sorting Activity

Can you use the first three or four letters in these sets of words to sort them into alphabetical order?

## Set 5

separate

September

sequel

sense

send

semolina

sentence

senior

# Using the 3rd and 4th Letter Alphabetical Order Sorting Activity

Can you use the first three or four letters in these sets of words to sort them into alphabetical order?

## Set 6

vigilant

vicar

village

Viking

victim

vicious

vigorous

video

# Using the 3rd and 4th Letter Alphabetical Order Sorting Activity - Answers

**Set 1:** barn, baron, barrel, barter, base, bashful, basin, basket

**Set 2:** dock, doctor, document, dodge, dolphin, domestic, domino, donkey

**Set 3:** honour, hook, hoop, hooray, hope, hopscotch, horizon, hornet

**Set 4:** magnetic, magpie, maiden, maize, major, make, malice, mallet

**Set 5:** semolina, send, senior, sense, sentence, separate, September, sequel

**Set 6:** vicar, vicious, victim, video, vigilant, vigorous, Viking, village