


Dictionary Skills

Part A

Understanding alphabetical order makes it easier to find words in a dictionary. Put these groups of words from 'How to Skin a Bear' into alphabetical order.

E.g.

reassure		reassure
ruffle		relief
ritual		ritual
rock		river
river		rock
relief		ruffle

1.

twitch	_____
tunic	_____
tribe	_____
tangled	_____
terrible	_____
twisted	_____

2.

brother	_____
beckoning	_____
branches	_____
build	_____
boring	_____
blazing	_____

3.

aurochs	_____
agreement	_____
anthill	_____
ancestors	_____
accidentally	_____
absolutely	_____

4.

purpose	_____
prance	_____
pelt	_____
pandemonium	_____
passage	_____
plunge	_____


Choose any four words from any of the boxes above and look them up in the dictionary. Write down the words and their meanings here.

Word	Meaning

Part B

Understanding alphabetical order makes it easier to find words in a dictionary. Put these groups of words from 'How to Skin a Bear' into alphabetical order.

E.g.

ruffle		reassure
reassure		relief
ritual		ritual
relief		ruffle

1.

chief	_____
ceremonies	_____
chuckling	_____
cluster	_____
crawling	_____
carcass	_____
confusion	_____
cunning	_____
clamber	_____
consolingly	_____
commotion	_____

Look up these words in a dictionary and write their definitions here.

Word	Meaning
carcass	
cunning	
commotion	

2.

survive	
swamped	
scrumptious	
sneakily	
starve	
structure	
sneer	
shadow	
slimy	
slushy	
swipe	
strangled	
stealthily	

Look up these words in a dictionary and write their definitions here.

Word	Meaning
scrumptious	
structure	
sneer	

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★ **Challenge Task** ★ ★

Write a list of six words which all start with the same letter in alphabetical order.

Dictionary Skills Answers

Part A

1.

twitch	<i>tangled</i>
tunic	<i>terrible</i>
tribe	<i>tribe</i>
tangled	<i>tunic</i>
terrible	<i>twisted</i>
twisted	<i>twitch</i>

2.

brother	<i>beckoning</i>
beckoning	<i>blazing</i>
branches	<i>boring</i>
build	<i>branches</i>
boring	<i>brother</i>
blazing	<i>build</i>

3.

aurochs	<i>absolutely</i>
agreement	<i>accidentally</i>
anthill	<i>agreement</i>
ancestors	<i>ancestors</i>
accidentally	<i>anthill</i>
absolutely	<i>aurochs</i>

4.

purpose prance pelt pandemonium passage plunge	<i>pandemonium</i> <i>passage</i> <i>pelt</i> <i>plunge</i> <i>prance</i> <i>purpose</i>
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Example answers:

Word	Meaning
<i>plunge</i>	<i>When you jump or dive quickly and energetically.</i>
<i>exhausted</i>	<i>Very tired.</i>
<i>anthill</i>	<i>A hill made of soil or sand that ants have dug their colony underneath.</i>
<i>pelt</i>	<i>An animal skin.</i>

Part B

Put these groups of words from 'How to Skin a Bear' into alphabetical order.

1.

chief ceremonies chuckling cluster crawling carcass confusion cunning clamber consolingly commotion	<i>carcass</i> <i>ceremonies</i> <i>chief</i> <i>chuckling</i> <i>clamber</i> <i>cluster</i> <i>commotion</i> <i>confusion</i> <i>consolingly</i> <i>crawling</i> <i>cunning</i>
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Look up these words in a dictionary and write their definitions here.

Word	Meaning
carcass	<i>The dead body of a creature.</i>
cunning	<i>To behave in a sly or devious way.</i>
commotion	<i>A disturbance.</i>

2.

survive	<i>scrumptious</i>
swamped	<i>shadow</i>
scrumptious	<i>slimy</i>
sneakily	<i>slushy</i>
starve	<i>sneakily</i>
structure	<i>sneer</i>
sneer	<i>starve</i>
shadow	<i>stealthily</i>
slimy	<i>strangled</i>
slushy	<i>structure</i>
swipe	<i>survive</i>
strangled	<i>swamped</i>
stealthily	<i>swipe</i>

Look up these words in a dictionary and write their definitions here.

Word	Meaning
scrumptious	<i>Delicious.</i>
structure	<i>A building or another construction.</i>
sneer	<i>An unkind smile.</i>

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Write a list of six words which all start with the same letter in alphabetical order.

Example answer: *machine, magnet, material, mighty, mumble, munch*