

Using a Dictionary

3rd Grade

Guide words, alphabetical order, and everything an entry tells you.

A dictionary is only slow if you flick page by page.

1 USE THE FIRST LETTER

Open roughly where that letter lives — a at the front, w near the back.

2 READ THE GUIDE WORDS

Top of the page: first word and last word. Is yours between them?

3 COMPARE LETTER BY LETTER

cat before cot, because a comes before o.

4 READ THE WHOLE ENTRY

Spelling, how to say it, word class, and every meaning.

AN ENTRY GIVES YOU

how it is spelled · how it is said

noun or verb · each different meaning · an example

Most words have more than one meaning. Pick the one that fits your sentence.