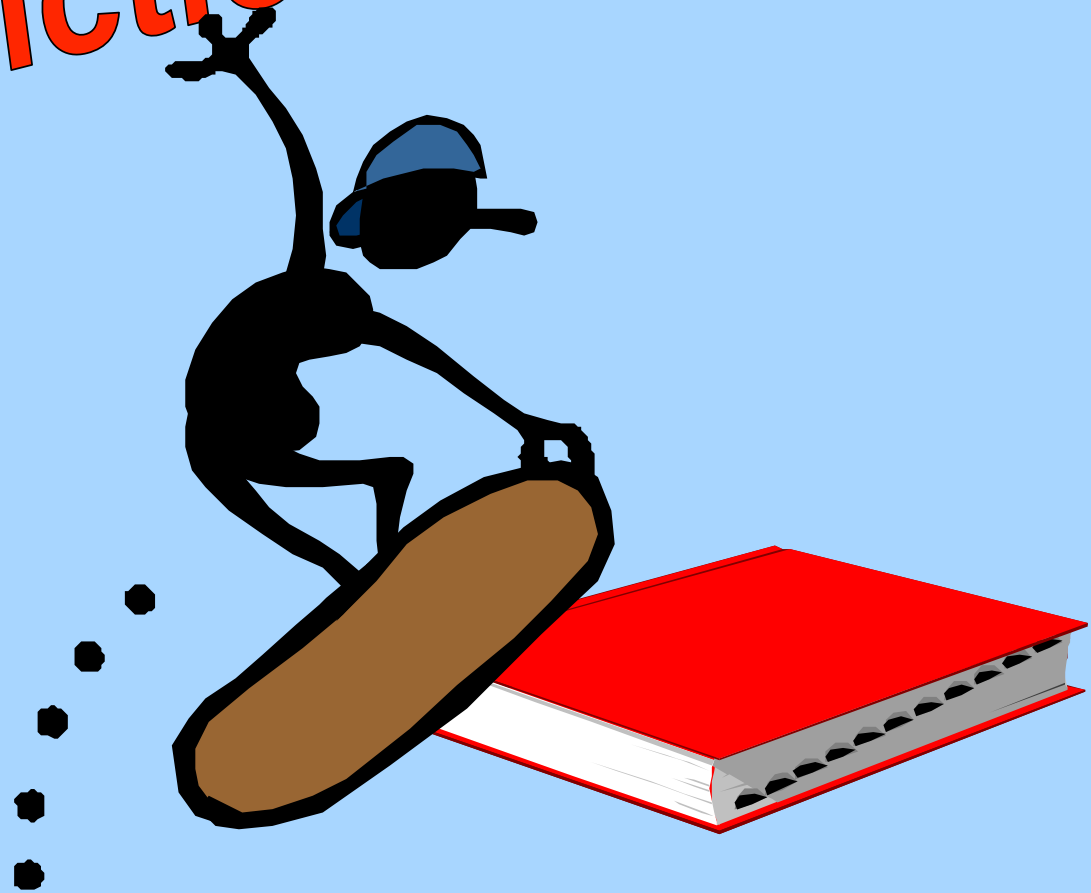
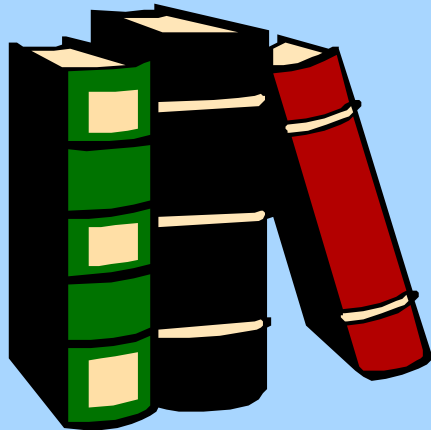


Daring Dictionary Skills



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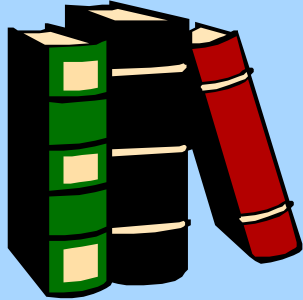


Dictionaries: guidebooks; They tell how words are used by people. It is a **reference book**. It gives information about words.

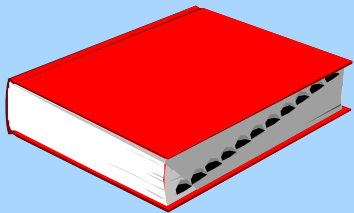
Dictionaries have new words like Internet, login, and website and old-fashioned words like “steed” which means horse. Some dictionaries have special purposes like a medical or a sports dictionary.

Dictionaries are arranged **alphabetically**.

A dictionary is...



a reference book containing words, usually **alphabetically** arranged along with information about their forms, pronunciations, functions, and meanings.

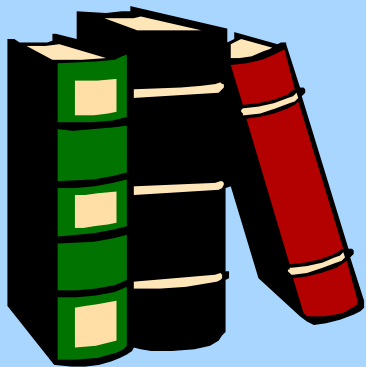


a reference book listing terms or names important to a particular subject along with a discussion of their meanings. A sample sentence is often included.

Types of Dictionaries

Unabridged: Not shorten; **complete**; a large, extensive dictionary that is not based on a larger edition. The **unabridged** English dictionaries attempt to contain **all** words in the English language.

Abridged: to abbreviate; to lessen in length; to shorten by using fewer words but keeping the main contents. An **abridged** dictionary contains words in common use.



Kinds of Dictionaries

science, geographical, law, sports,
biographical, rhyming, medical, picture

Let's take a closer look!



An up close look at a dictionary ENTRY...

guide words

liberate → lifelong

entry

pronunciation

Part of speech

li-brar-y

(lye-brer-ee) noun



illustration

1. A place where books, magazines, newspaper, tapes and videos are kept for reading or borrowing.

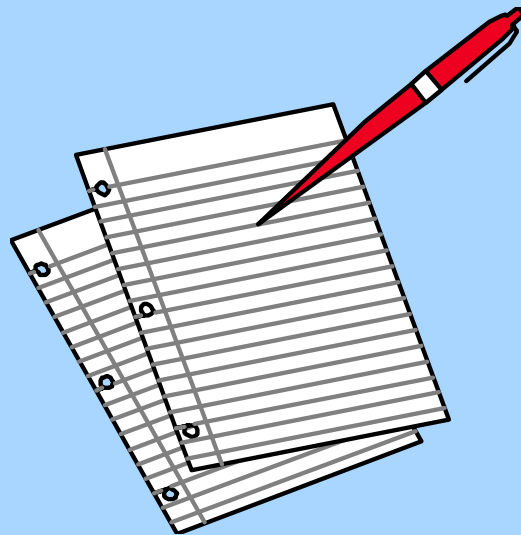
We have a great reference section in our *library*.

noun, plural libraries, noun, librarian

sample sentence/phrase

The **numbers** show the many definitions a word may have.

Task: Take the Dictionary Quiz



Let's Visit Grolier's Online Dictionary