



USING THE DICTIONARY GUIDE WORDS

A dictionary is a resource that gives you a great deal of information about words. There are characteristics of the dictionary that help you find your word!

Key Information

- The words in a dictionary are alphabetized.
- **Guide words** are the two words at the top or bottom of the page.
 - ◆ The first guide word tells you the first entry listed on that page.
 - ◆ The second guide word tells you the last entry on that page.

Example:

The guide words for the word **count** are **cottontail** and **coupon**.
Alphabetically, **count** comes after **cottontail** and before **coupon**.

cottontail

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coupon

cottontail (noun)

1. A small rabbit with a white tail.
 - The cottontail jumped over the stone.

count (verb)

1. To add things together.
 - Count the crayons.

couple (noun)

1. Two individuals of the same sort considered together.
 - A couple of girls were playing marbles.

coupon (noun)

1. A small piece of paper that gives a free or lower priced service.
 - Here is a free coupon for ice cream.

Directions: Write each word in the column with the correct set of guide words. An example has been done for you.

feeling	ability	speed	scene	scent	fault
accept	save	fell	fire	above	aboard

aardvark - advance	fall - firecracker	sat - spend
	fault	