

Guide to the dictionary

Finding words and phrases

There are two words in the top corner of every page to tell you the first and last word on that page.

The words in the dictionary are arranged in alphabetical order, from A to Z.



All the letters of the alphabet are shown down the side of every page. The blue box shows which letter the words on that page begin with, to help you get to the right part of the dictionary quickly.

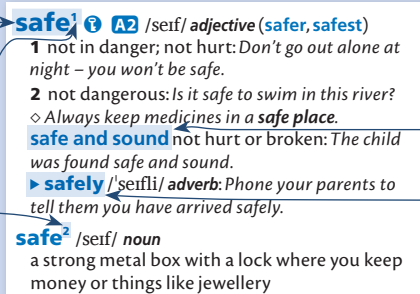
TRY IT 1. Put these words in alphabetical order:
desk dial detail dream description digital desire

TRY IT 2. You are looking at the page shown above. You want to look up the word **essential**. Do you need to move to a section *before* this in the dictionary or a section *after* this?

TRY IT 3. You want to look up the word **litter**. Will you find it on the page that has the words *lit* → *loan* at the top?

The word you are looking up (the **headword**) is blue.

Headwords with the **same spelling**, but different parts of speech, have different numbers.



Groups of words with a special meaning (**idioms** and **phrasal verbs**) are shown below the main word.

Related words are given below the main word.

TRY IT 4. How many different parts of speech does **cross** have?

TRY IT 5. Complete the sentence with a word related to **ecology**:
A person who studies or knows a lot about ecology is an

TRY IT 6. If you do something 'behind somebody's **back**', you do it:
 a) after they have already done it
 b) when they are not there, so that they do not know about it
 c) when you are standing behind them

TRY IT 7. Match the phrasal verbs with their meanings:
 go ahead to become higher or more
 go away to return
 go back to begin or continue
 go up to leave

A

amazed ⓘ **B1** /ə'meɪzd/ *adjective*
 very surprised: *She was **amazed** to discover the truth about her father.* ◊ *I was **amazed** at her knowledge of French literature.*

B

amazement /ə'meɪzmənt/ *noun* (no plural)
 great surprise: *She looked at me in **amazement**.*

D

amazing ⓘ **A1** /ə'meɪzɪŋ/ *adjective*
1 If something is **amazing**, it surprises you very much and is difficult to believe.
 ↪ **SAME MEANING** **incredible**: *He has shown **amazing** courage.* ◊ *I've got an **amazing** story to tell you.*

E

F

G

2 excellent, wonderful
 ↪ **SAME MEANING** **fantastic**: *His performance was **pretty amazing**.*

H

▶ **amazingly** /ə'meɪzɪŋli/ *adverb*: *Jo plays the violin **amazingly** well.*

I

ambassador /æm'bæsədə(r)/ *noun*
 an important person who represents his or her country in a foreign country: *the British **Ambassador** to Italy*

J

K

🔍 **WORD BUILDING**
 An **ambassador** works in an **embassy**.

L

ambition ⓘ **B1** /æm'bɪʃn/ *noun*
1 (plural **ambitions**) something that you really want to do: *My **ambition** is to become a doctor.*

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2 (no plural) a very strong wish to be successful, to have power, etc: *Louise is intelligent, but she lacks **ambition**.*

O

ambitious ⓘ **B1** /æm'bɪʃəs/ *adjective*
 A person who is **ambitious** wants to be successful, to have power, etc.

P

Q

ambulance /'æmbjələns/ *noun*
 a vehicle that takes people who are ill or hurt to hospital

R

American football /ə'merɪkən 'fʊtbɔ:l/ (British) (**American football**) *noun* (no plural)
 a game that is played by two teams of eleven players who kick, throw or carry the ball to the end of the field. The players wear special clothing to protect their heads and bodies. ↪ Look at Picture Dictionary **Sports**.

S

T

U

V

among ⓘ **A2** /ə'mʌŋ/ (also **amongst** /ə'mʌŋst/) *preposition*
1 in the middle of a group of people or things: *I often feel nervous when I'm **among** strangers.*

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2 in a particular group of people or things: *There is a lot of anger **among** students about the new law.*

Y

Z

3 for or by more than two things or people: *He divided the money **among** his six children.*



A house **among** some trees.

🔍 **WHICH WORD?**

Among or **between**?

You can use **among** when you are talking about more than two people or things: *You're **among** friends here.*

If there are only two people or things, use **between**: *Sarah and I divided the cake **between** us.* ◊ *I was standing **between** Alice and Cathy.*

amount¹ ⓘ **A2** /ə'maʊnt/ *noun*
 how much there is of something: *He spent a large **amount** of money.*

amount² /ə'maʊnt/ *verb* (**amounts, amounting, amounted**)
amount to something to make a particular amount when you add everything together: *The cost of the repairs **amounted** to £500.*

amp /æmp/ *noun*
 a measure of electricity

amuse /ə'mju:z/ *verb* (**amuses, amusing, amused**)

1 to make somebody smile or laugh: *Rick's joke did not **amuse** his mother.*

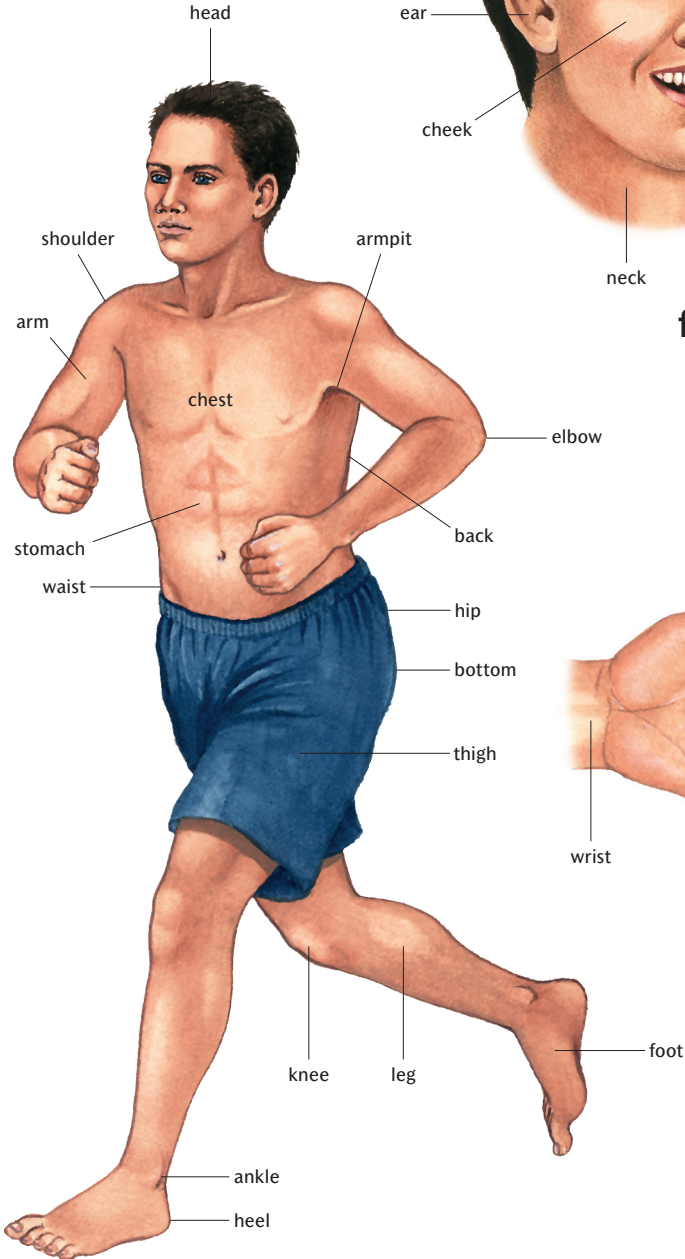
2 to keep somebody happy and busy: *We played games to **amuse** ourselves on the long journey.*

amused /ə'mju:zd/ *adjective*
 thinking that something is funny and wanting to laugh or smile: *He was **amused** to see how seriously she took the game.*

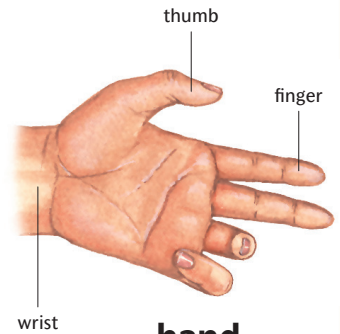
amusement /ə'mju:zmənt/ *noun* (no plural)
 the feeling that you have when something makes you laugh or smile: *We watched in **amusement** as the dog chased its tail.*

amusement park /ə'mju:zmənt pɑ:k/ *noun*
 a large park which has a lot of things that you can ride and play on and many different activities to enjoy

The body



face



hand

The body

arm ⓘ A1

ear ⓘ A1

eye ⓘ A1

finger ⓘ A2

foot ⓘ A1

hair ⓘ A1

mouth ⓘ A1

neck ⓘ A2

shoulder ⓘ A2

stomach ⓘ A2

1 Match the definitions with the correct words.

1 One of the five parts at the end of your hand.

elbow

finger

knee

2 All of the long thin things that grow on the skin of people and animals.

teeth

fingers

hair

3 The part of your leg that you stand on.

foot

knee

thigh

4 The part of your body between your shoulders and your head.

chest

armpit

neck

5 The part of your body from your shoulder to your hand.

arm

finger

wrist

6 The part of your face below your nose that you use for eating and speaking.

nostril

mouth

lip

7 The part inside your body where food goes after you eat it.

hip

waist

stomach

8 One of the two parts of your body that you use to hear with.

nose

ear

mouth