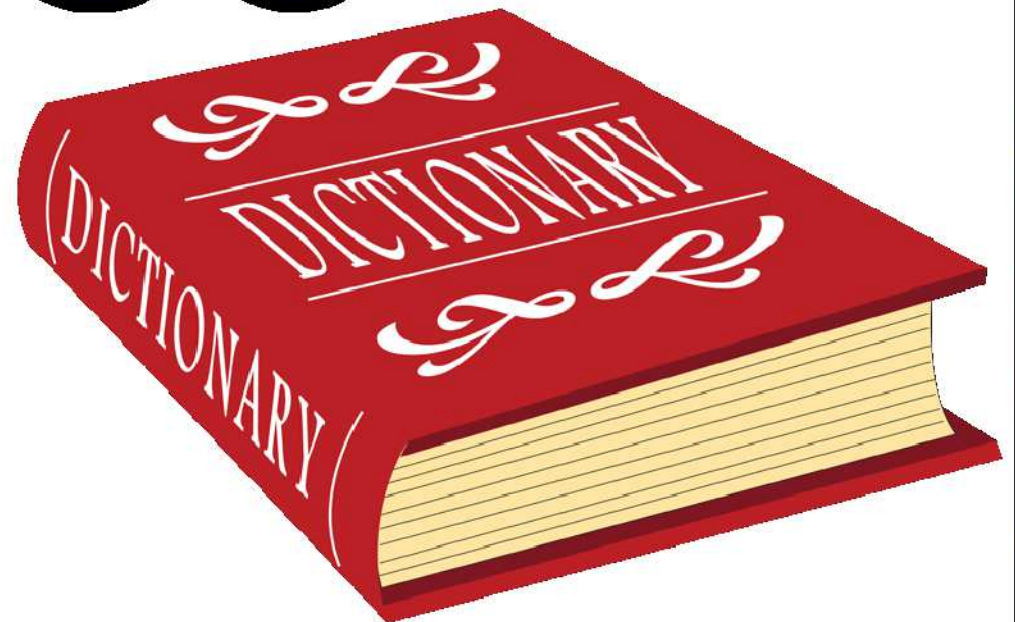
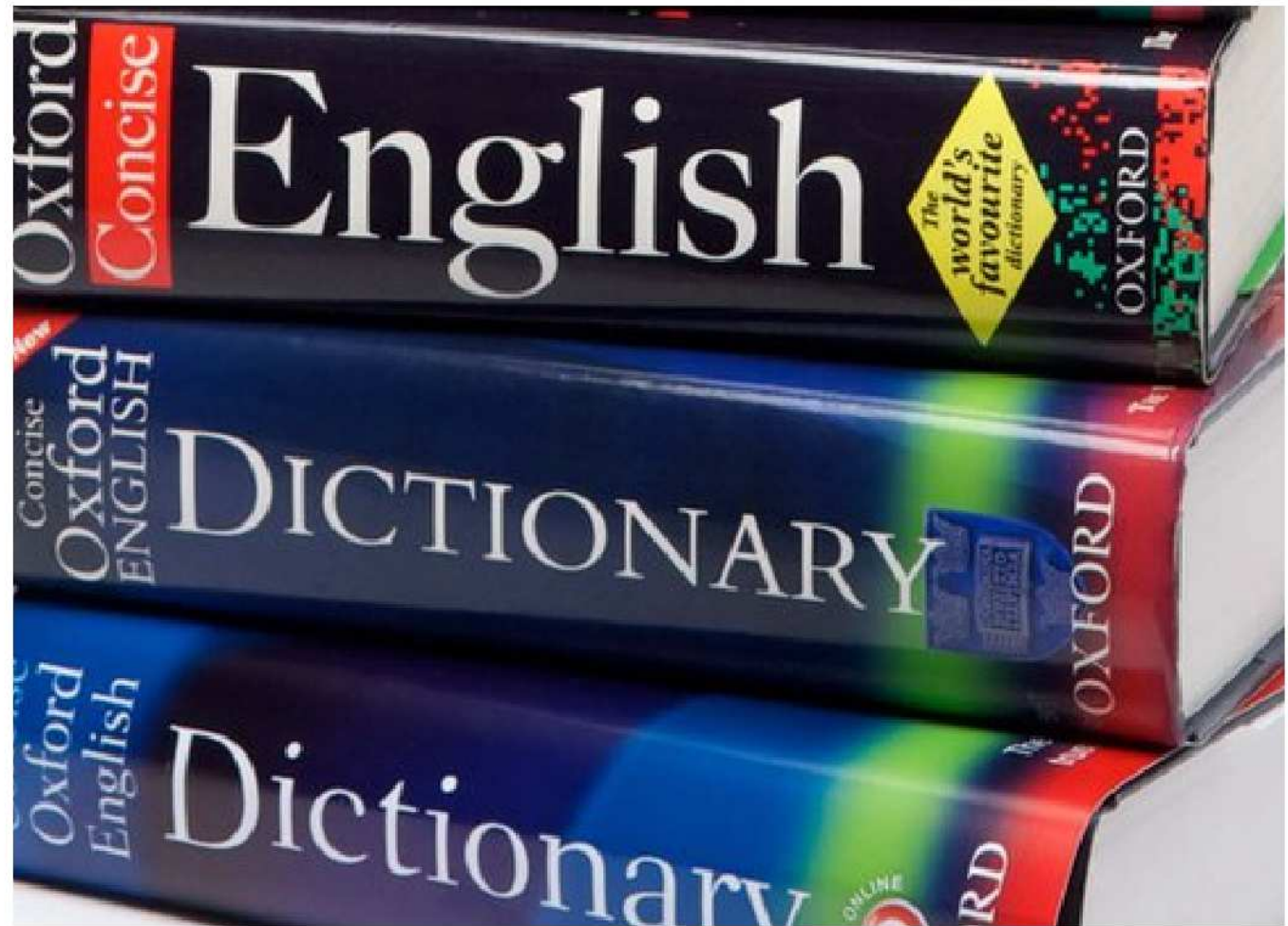


Dictionary Entries



Dictionary

A book that contains a list of words in alphabetical order and that explains their meanings



Dictionary Entry

A separate piece of information that is recorded in a dictionary.



Guide Words

A guide word is a word printed at the top of a page indicating the first or last word entry on that page.

amputate

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ancient

am-pli-fy (am'plə fī') □verb amplified, amplifying, amplifies

amputate verb To cut off part of: *amputated a finger.*

am-pu-tate (am'pyoo tāt') □verb amputated, amputating, amputates

amuse verb 1. To hold someone's attention in a pleasant or agreeable way: *She amused us with adventure stories.* 2. To cause to laugh or smile: *The new toy amused the child.*

a-muse (ə myōōz') □verb amused, amusing, amuses

SYNONYMS: amuse, divert, entertain

These verbs mean to hold someone's attention in a pleasant or agreeable way: *The visit to the zoo*

analysis noun The separation of something into its basic parts to find out what it contains or is made of: *An analysis of the water showed that it contained chemical pollutants.*

a-nal-y-sis (ə nal'i sis) □noun, plural **a-nal-y-ses** (ə nal'i sēz')

analyze verb 1. To separate something into its basic parts to find out what it contains or is made of: *They analyzed the ore and found iron in it.* 2. To examine in detail: *We analyzed our plan to see why it had failed.*

an-a-lyze (an'ə līz') □verb analyzed, analyzing, analyzes

anatomy noun 1. The scientific study of the structure of animals and plants. 2. The structure of an animal or plant: *We studied the anatomy of the butterfly in science class.*

Head Word

The usual spelling of a word is given as the headword at the top of its entry.

def·i·ni·tion

Pronunciation

The pronunciations given represent the standard accent of English as spoken in the south of England (sometimes called Received Pronunciation or RP).

fidget (say fij-ət) *verb*


1 to move about restlessly

fidget *noun*

2 someone who fidgets 3 **the fidgets**
restlessness because you're bored or nervous.

Parts of Speech

Each word is organized into one or more parts of speech (e.g. noun, verb, adjective, etc.). If a word has more than one part of speech the primary one is listed first.



pedal (peɪˈl) n. {from Latin, *pedis*, “foot”} 1. a foot device for powering a bicycle or other machine. 2. a foot-operated device of a musical instrument

pedal vb pedaled *also* pedalled; pedaling pedalling 1. to use or work the pedals of something 2. to ride a bicycle

Origin

The origin section gives the etymology or history of a word – the language from which it was brought into English.

pirate (pīrət), *n.* c.1300 from Latin *pirata* “sailor, corsair, sea robber” (source of Spanish, Italian *pirata*, Dutch *pira*at, German *Pirat*), literally “one who attacks (ships),” from Greek *peirates* “brigand, pirate,” literally “one who attacks,” from *peiran* “to attack, make a hostile attempt on”

Definition

The definition gives the meaning of the word or phrase.

in·dus·tri·ous (in dus'trē əs), *adj.* 1. hard-working
gent. 2. *Obs.* skillful. [*< L industrius, OL indostru*
disputed origin] —**in·dus'tri·ous·ly**, *adv.* —**in·du**
ous·ness, *n.* —**Syn.** 1. assiduous, sedulous, energeti
busy. —**Ant.** 1. lazy, indolent.

in·dus·try (in'də strē), *n., pl. -tries* for 1, 2. 1. the
gate of manufacturing or technically productive enter
in a particular field, often named after its principal pr
2. any general business field. 3. trade or manufact
general. 4. owners and managers of industry. 5. syste
work or labor. 6. assiduous activity at any work or
diligence. [*ME industrie < L industrius* *of fem.*
industrius **INDUSTRIOUS**] —**Syn.** 6. effort, *dev*

In'dus val'ley civiliza'tion, an ancient civiliza
that flourished in the Indus River valley in
1500 B.C. Also called **Indus civilization**.

Homonyms

A dictionary entry may contain more than one homonym – words that are spelled the same, but which have different meanings.

saw₁ [verb], *past tense of see.*

saw₂ [noun], *cutting instrument.*

} *Homonyms*

Line Breaks

In some dictionaries words have line break information included, showing editors where best to break these words at the end of lines.

Definition of *atavistic* in English:

atavistic

Line breaks: at|av|is|tic

