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Dictionary Guide Words: Learn and Practice

Use guide words to find a word fast

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Guide Words

- Guide words are at the top of a dictionary page.
- The left one is the first word on the page and the right one is the last word.
- A word is on the page if it comes between them in ABC order.
- Guide words cat and cave: catch is on this page.

1 🧣 Guide words: sand and seal. Which word is on this page?

A. sun B. sail C. seed D. scarf

2 ⚾ Guide words: bag and bat. Which word is on this page?

A. apple B. bed C. ball D. bus

3 🐷 Guide words: pen and pick. Which word is NOT on this page?

A. pepper B. pet C. phone D. pig

4 🆘 Guide words: hat and hill. Which word is on this page?

A. ham B. hut C. help D. home

5 What does the first guide word tell you?

A. the first word on the page B. the longest word

C. the last word on the page D. the hardest word

6 📖 Where are guide words found on a dictionary page?

A. at the top B. at the bottom C. on the cover

D. in the middle

7 Guide words: lamp and leaf. Which word is on this page?

A. lamb B. lazy C. lion D. leg

8 🚪 Guide words: dog and duck. Which word is on this page?

A. day B. door C. dust D. egg

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for dictionary guide words and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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Scarf starts with sc, which comes after sa and before se.

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A. apple B. bed **C. ball** D. bus

Ball starts with ba, and l comes between g and t in ABC order.

3 🐷 Guide words: pen and pick. Which word is NOT on this page?

A. pepper B. pet C. phone **D. pig**

Pig comes after pick, because g comes after c in the third letter.

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Help starts with he, which falls between ha and hi.

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The first guide word matches the first entry on that page.

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Guide words sit at the top of each page so you can scan quickly.

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Lazy comes after lamp because z comes after m, and before leaf because a comes before e.

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Door comes after dog because o comes after g, and before duck because o comes before u.