

Finding your way: Challenge 1

The *Oxford First Dictionary* has lots of useful features to help you enjoy and discover the meanings of words and show you how to spell them. Here is a list of some of them.

alphabet

show where letters are

picture

helps to understand words

new letter

shows where words starting with the same letter begin

catch word

helps find which page a word is on

word

helps find information about a word and how to spell it

meaning or definition

helps you understand what a word means

beginning letter

first letter of a word, used to put the words in alphabetical order

page number

help you to find words and meanings

Use this list of useful features to label the dictionary pages below.

Diagram illustrating the layout of a dictionary page (Oxford First Dictionary) with labels for various features:

The page is divided into two main sections: **autumn to balance** (left) and **ball to basket** (right).

Left Section (autumn to balance):

- alphabet**: A vertical list of letters A through Z on the left margin.
- autumn**: A word entry with a picture of a tree and the definition: "Autumn is the part of the year when it gets colder, and leaves fall from the trees. It is the season between summer and winter."
- awake**: A word entry with a picture of a person and the definition: "When you are awake, you are not asleep."
- Bb**: A large letter entry for 'B' and 'b'.
- baby**: A word entry with the definition: "A baby is a very young child."
- back**: A word entry with the definition: "1 The back of something is the part opposite the front. 2 Your back is the back part of your body."
- bad**: A word entry with the definition: "Things that are bad are not good."
- bag**: A word entry with the definition: "A bag is used to hold or carry things."
- bake**: A word entry with the definition: "When you bake something, you cook it in an oven."
- balance**: A word entry with the definition: "When you balance something, you keep it steady and stop it from falling over."

Right Section (ball to basket):

- ball**: A word entry with a picture of a ball and the definition: "A ball is round and is used in games and sports."
- balloon**: A word entry with a picture of balloons and the definition: "A balloon is a rubber bag that you can blow into and make bigger."
- banana**: A word entry with a picture of a banana and the definition: "A banana is a long, curved fruit with a thick, yellow skin."
- band**: A word entry with a picture of a band and the definition: "1 A band is a group of people who play musical instruments together. 2 A band can also be a piece of material round something."
- bank**: A word entry with the definition: "1 A bank is the ground along the side of a river or lake. 2 A bank is also a place that looks after money for people."
- bar**: A word entry with the definition: "1 A bar is a long, thin piece of wood or metal. 2 A bar is also a block of chocolate or soap."
- bare**: A word entry with the definition: "1 If part of someone's body is bare, it is not covered with anything. 2 A room or cupboard that is bare has nothing in it."
- bark**: A word entry with the definition: "Bark is the hard covering round the trunk and branches of a tree."
- bark**: A word entry with the definition: "When dogs bark, they make a sudden, loud sound."
- basket**: A word entry with a picture of baskets and the definition: "A basket is for holding or carrying things. Baskets are made of things like straw, small branches, or wires."

Labels for features are placed in boxes around the page, with lines pointing to the corresponding features:

- alphabet** points to the letter list on the left.
- picture** points to the tree in the 'autumn' entry.
- new letter** points to the large 'Bb' entry.
- catch word** points to the 'ball to basket' header.
- word** points to the 'bank' entry.
- meaning or definition** points to the definition of 'autumn'.
- beginning letter** points to the 'Bb' entry.
- page number** points to the page number '8' at the bottom left.