

# Dictionary Skills

## Task one

Below is a list of incorrectly spelt words. You need to use a dictionary to correct the spellings.

1. attractive \_\_\_\_\_
2. teecher \_\_\_\_\_
3. stewdant \_\_\_\_\_
4. beutiful \_\_\_\_\_
5. undagrownd \_\_\_\_\_
6. unyusuwal \_\_\_\_\_
7. elektrisitie \_\_\_\_\_

## Task two

Now you have corrected the words, write down the page number the word was on and the dictionary definition of each word. Fill in the table.

Word	Page number	Definition

### Task Three

Put these lists into alphabetical order.

#### List One

rugby  
football  
hockey  
tennis  
swimming

#### List Two

dog  
digger  
dance  
duck  
diet

#### List Three

caterpillar  
car  
cat  
cabbage  
cabin

#### List One

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

#### List Two

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

#### List Three

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### Task Four

Some words have very similar meanings. You can use a dictionary to discover how they are different.

Look up the words below in a dictionary and write down what is slightly different about them.

1. hill peak mountain fell
2. street path lane road
3. horror fright terror fear

Write the meaning below.

1. hill    peak    mountain    fell

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2. street    path    lane    road

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3. horror    fright    terror    fear

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### Task five

A dictionary tells you what type of word you have looked up. It tells you whether it is a noun, adjective, verb etc.

Look up the words below and write what kind of word they are.

lorry \_\_\_\_\_

heavy \_\_\_\_\_

slowly \_\_\_\_\_

monkey \_\_\_\_\_

bear \_\_\_\_\_  
tall \_\_\_\_\_  
flat \_\_\_\_\_  
quickly \_\_\_\_\_  
awkwardly \_\_\_\_\_

# Dictionary Skills Answer Sheet

## Task One

1. attractive
2. teacher
3. student
4. beautiful
5. underground
6. unusual
7. electricity

## Task Two

Page number answers will vary depending on the dictionary used to gain answers. Definitions may also vary slightly.

Word	Page Number	Definition
attractive		pleasing or appealing to the senses
teacher		someone whose occupation is teaching
student		a scholar or learner
beautiful		pleasing to the senses or mind aesthetically
underground		beneath the surface of the earth
unusual		Uncommon or rare
electricity		the phenomena due to the flow or accumulation of positively and negatively charged particles (e.g. protons and electrons)

## Task Three

List One	List Two	List Three
football	dance	cabbage
hockey	diet	cabin
swimming	digger	car
rugby	dog	cat
tennis	duck	caterpillar

# Dictionary Skills Answer Sheet

## Task Four

### 1. hill peak mountain fell

Definitions:

hill - a naturally raised area of land, which is not as high or craggy as a mountain.

peak - the pointed top of a mountain.

mountain - a large natural elevation of the earth's surface rising abruptly from the surrounding level; a large steep hill.

fell - a high and barren landscape feature, such as a mountain range or moor-covered hillside.

### 2. street path lane road

Definitions:

street - public thoroughfare (usually paved) in a built-up environment.

path - a way or track laid down for walking or cycling.

lane - a narrow road.

road - a thoroughfare leading from one place to another, especially one with a specially prepared surface which vehicles can use.

### 3. horror fright terror fear

Definitions:

horror - an intense feeling of fear, shock, or disgust.

fright - a sudden intense feeling of fear.

terror - extreme fear.

fear - an unpleasant emotion caused by the threat of danger, pain or harm.

## Task Five

lorry	noun
heavy	adjective
slowly	adverb
monkey	noun (animal), verb (to act in a mischievous manner)
bear	noun (animal), verb (to carry)
tall	adjective
flat	noun (self-contained set of rooms) adjective (spread out)
quickly	adverb
awkwardly	adverb