

DICTIONARY SKILLS

What Is a Dictionary?

A dictionary is a useful tool in the study of words. Words are listed alphabetically in a dictionary so that they are easy to find. We look up words in a dictionary to find out about the word, including how to use it, what it means, and other important attributes of the word.

What Can We Learn from a Dictionary?

How to divide a word into syllables.....seg/men/ta/tion
 The part of speech of a word.....opera, n. (noun)
 The etymology (history) of a word.....pumpkin, from the French word *pompon* (melon)

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PREVIEW

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- 1] These cannon
- a] true
- b] false

- 2] What do the letters **adj** mean after a dictionary entry for a word.
- a] adjourn
- b] adjoin
- c] adjunct
- d] adjective

- 3] Special symbols above vowels that tell you how to pronounce them are called **diacritical marks**.
- a] true
- b] false

- 4] **i vād'** shows the pronunciation of what word?
- a] evade
- b] avoid
- c] invade
- d] evaded