

# Use of the Dictionary and Thesaurus

To use a dictionary or thesaurus  
you need to know your  
alphabetical order:  
**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz.**

# Challenge!

Can you put the following words into alphabetical order according to how you would find them in a dictionary or thesaurus?

acrobat, danger, gauge, juice,  
monsoon, behaviour, cymbal,  
Eskimo, hour, follow, livelihood,  
orange, nightmare, kite,  
interrogate

What happens when lots of words begin with the same letter?

acrobat, agent, advice, affection, appendix, applause

Yes!

You must look to the second letter to order the words:  
acrobat, advice, affection, agent, appendix, applause.

It can be even more difficult when there are lots of words beginning with the same two letters:  
acrobat, accordion, academy,  
accommodate.

Here, you have to go to the third letter and even the fourth:  
academy, accommodate,  
accordion, acrobat.

A thesaurus is used to find different ways of saying a particular word.

Like a dictionary, a thesaurus is in alphabetical order, which means that words can be found easily.

For example: glad, pleased or joyful can all be used instead of happy.

# Challenge!

Using a thesaurus, find five other words that mean:  
able, work, travel, method,  
home, say.