

How to use this book

The words in black are called **headwords**. They are shown in alphabetical order.

The dark blue words under the headwords are called **synonyms**. They mean the same or almost the same as the headword.

The **guide word** in this corner tells you the **first word** on this page.

The big red letters show the start of a **new section**.

The **guide word** in this corner tells you the **last word** on this page. The **guide words** help you to find your way round the book.

The image shows two pages from a thesaurus. The left page is titled 'dash' and the right page is titled 'device'. Both pages have a vertical alphabet strip on the left and right sides. The 'dash' page has a 'd D' guide word in the top right corner. The 'device' page has a 'd D' guide word in the top left corner. Red lines and circles highlight various features: the 'dash' and 'device' section headers, the 'd D' guide words in the corners, and the 'd D' section header in the middle. Red circles also highlight multiple meanings for the word 'dash' and the words 'desert' and 'desert'.

Some words have **more than one meaning**. Synonyms are given for each of the meanings. Each group of synonyms is given a bright green number.

Sometimes you see 'say' or 'sounds like' after a black headword. This tells you **how to say the word**. How you say the headword can make the meaning different. Synonyms are given for the word as it sounds when you read it aloud.

There is a **page number** at the bottom of every page.

This **alphabet strip** tells you that you are in the 'd' words. It shows you where 'd' comes in the alphabet.