

How to use this book

The words in dark blue are called **headwords**. They are shown in the same order as the letters of the alphabet. This order is called alphabetical order.

The black words under a headword are called **definitions**. They tell you what the word means.

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 **picture** helps you to understand the headword.

This word changes when it describes more than one thing. The **plural** is given to help you. The plural is in dark blue, but it does not stand out as much as the headword. Sometimes a plural is given because the picture shows more than one thing.

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 collage shows several pages from the dictionary. Key features highlighted include:

- Page 80:** The word 'lightning' is circled in red. A definition 'a flash of light that you sometimes see in the sky during a storm' is also circled. The word 'like' is circled, with its definition '1 to be fond of 2 the same or almost the same as' circled. The word 'lily' is circled, with its definition 'a measure of liquid (equal to 1000 millilitres)' circled. The word 'lily' is circled, with its definition 'a large wild animal of the cat family' circled. The word 'lip' is circled, with its definition 'one of the outer edges of the mouth' circled. The word 'lily' is circled, with its definition 'a large wild animal of the cat family' circled.
- Page 81:** The word 'lollipop (lolly)' is circled in red. A definition 'a sweet on the end of a stick (see also lolly)' is also circled. The word 'lonely' is circled, with its definition 'feeling sad and alone; without friends' circled. The word 'long' is circled, with its definition '1 of great length; not short 2 to wish for something very much' circled. The word 'look' is circled, with its definition '1 to try to see 2 look after to care for; to make sure that another living thing has all that it needs' circled. The word 'lose' is circled, with its definition '1 not to be able to find something 2 to be beaten; not to win' circled. The word 'loud' is circled, with its definition 'making a lot of noise' circled. The word 'love' is circled, with its definition 'to like very much' circled.

Sometimes you see 'say' or 'sounds like' after a dark blue headword. This tells you **how to say the word**.

There is a **short way** of saying this word. The shorter word is in dark blue print, inside brackets.

This is a special headword. It has a special meaning when used with another word.

Here is an extra headword. You can look it up in another part of this book.

Some words have **more than one meaning**. Each meaning is given a bright blue number.

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

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