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Oxford First Dictionary helps you enjoy and discover the meanings of words and shows you how to spell them.

It also tells you whether the word is a noun, a verb, an adjective or a different word class and gives you other forms of the word, for example the plural or the past tense. The pictures help you to remember the meanings and the example sentences show you how the words are used in speaking and writing.

The words in this dictionary are in alphabetical order. When you want to look up a word, you look at the letter the word begins with. You can use the alphabet down the side of every page and the catch words at the top to guide you to the correct place.

At the back of this book you can also explore more words to do with days, months, colours, numbers, shapes and time. You can get help with spelling and grammar and have fun with the activities to help you remember the words you have learned.

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gale *NOUN* (plural *gales*)
A gale is a very strong wind.

game *NOUN* (plural *games*)
A game is something you play that has rules. Football, chess and hide-and-seek are games.



gap *NOUN* (plural *gaps*)
A gap is a space between two things.
• We climbed through a **gap** in the fence.

garage *NOUN* (plural *garages*)
• A garage is a building where you keep a car.
• Can I leave my bike in the **garage**?
• A garage is also a place that sells petrol or repairs cars.
• We took our car to a **garage** to get it fixed.

garden *NOUN* (plural *gardens*)
A garden is a piece of ground where people can grow flowers and vegetables. Someone's garden is usually next to their house.

gas *NOUN* (plural *gases*)
A gas is anything like air, which is not solid or liquid. Some gases have strong smells. Some gases burn easily and are used for heating and cooking.

gate *NOUN* (plural *gates*)
A gate is a kind of door in a wall, fence or hedge.

gave *VERB* (past tense of *give*)
• Grandpa **gave** me a football for my birthday.
• The lake was full of **geese**.

geese *NOUN* (plural of *goose*)
• The lake was full of **geese**.

genie *NOUN* (plural *genies*)
In stories, a genie obeys the person who makes it appear and can make their wishes come true.
• Aladdin rubbed the magic lamp and a **genie** appeared.

gentle *ADJECTIVE* *gentler, gentlest*
If you are gentle, you touch something in a kind and careful way and are not rough.

get *VERB* *gets, getting, got*
• If you get something, someone gives it to you and it becomes yours.
• What did you **get** for your birthday?
• To get something also means to go to where it is and bring it back.
• I'll just **get** my coat.

ghost *NOUN* (plural *ghosts*)
A ghost is the shape of a dead person that some people believe they have seen.

giant *NOUN* (plural *giants*)
A giant is a huge person in stories.

giraffe *NOUN* (plural *giraffes*)
A giraffe is a very tall animal with a long neck and long, thin legs.

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able ADJECTIVE

If you are able to do something, you know how to do it.

- Miki is **able** to ride a bike.

about PREPOSITION

- 1 About means to do with.

- I am reading a book **about** birds.

- 2 About also means almost but not exactly.

- There are **about** twenty-five children in my class.

above PREPOSITION

Above means higher up.

- Yasmin painted a yellow sun **above** the house.

accident NOUN (plural **accidents**)

An accident is something nasty that was not meant to happen.

ache VERB **aches, aching, ached**

If part of your body aches, it keeps on hurting.

- My feet are **aching**.

acorn NOUN (plural **acorns**)

An acorn is the egg-shaped seed of an oak tree.

across PREPOSITION

Across means from one side to the other.

- We walked **across** the road.

act VERB **acts, acting, acted**

If you act, you pretend to be someone else in a play, show or film.

- She loves **acting** and singing.



active ADJECTIVE

If you are active, you are busy doing things.

- My dog used to be very **active** but now she sleeps most of the time.

actually ADVERB

Actually means really.

- I thought I saw Ben but it was **actually** his brother Tom.

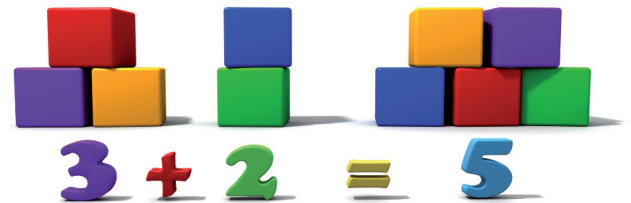
add VERB **adds, adding, added**

- 1 When you add something, you put it with something else.

- Mix the eggs and sugar. Then **add** flour.

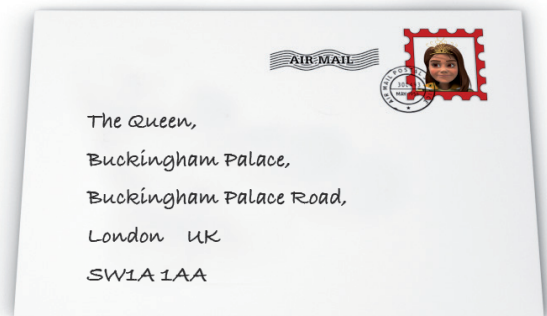
- 2 When you add numbers, you work out how many you get when you put them together.

- Three **add** two equals five.



address NOUN (plural **addresses**)

Your address is the number of your house, and the name of the street and town where you live.



admire VERB **admires, admiring, admired**

If you admire something, you like it and think that it is very good.

- We stood back to **admire** our painting.

adopt VERB *adopts, adopting, adopted*

When people adopt a child, they take the child into their own family and become the child's parents.

- My uncle and aunt **adopted** a little girl last year.

adult NOUN (plural *adults*)

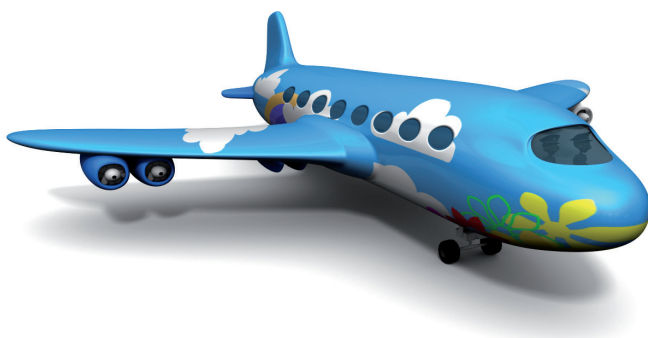
An adult is a person or animal that has grown up.

adventure NOUN (plural *adventures*)

An adventure is something exciting that happens to you.

aeroplane NOUN (plural *aeroplanes*)

An aeroplane is a flying machine with wings, and usually one or more engines.



afraid ADJECTIVE

Someone who is afraid thinks something bad might happen to them.

- Bella is **afraid** of the dark.

after PREPOSITION

- 1 After means later than something.

- We went to the beach **after** lunch.

- 2 After also means following or chasing someone.

- The dog ran **after** me.

afternoon NOUN (plural *afternoons*)

The afternoon is the time from the middle of the day until about six o'clock.

again ADVERB

Again means once more.

- Let's try **again**!

against PREPOSITION

- 1 If you are against somebody, you are on the opposite side to them.

- We played a game of football, children **against** grown-ups.

- 2 If one thing is against another thing, it is next to it and touching it.

- A ladder was leaning **against** the wall.

age NOUN (plural *ages*)

Your age is how old you are.

ago ADVERB

Ago means in the past.

- I started collecting shells two years **ago**.

agree VERB *agrees, agreeing, agreed*

If you agree with someone, you think the same as they do.

- My brother says this book is boring, but I don't **agree** with him.

ahead ADVERB

If you are ahead of someone, you are in front of them.

- Ryan ran on **ahead** to open the gate.

air NOUN

Air is what everyone breathes. It is made of gases that we cannot see.

aircraft NOUN (plural *aircraft*)

An aircraft is an aeroplane or a helicopter.

- I like making model **aircraft**.

airport NOUN (plural *airports*)

An airport is a place where aeroplanes land and take off.

alarm NOUN (plural *alarms*)

An alarm is a loud sound that warns people of danger.

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life NOUN (plural lives)

Your life is the time when you are alive.

- The old man had lived in the village all his **life**.

lifeboat NOUN (plural lifeboats)

A lifeboat is a boat that goes out to sea to rescue people who are in danger.

lift VERB lifts, lifting, lifted

If you lift something, you pick it up and move it upwards.

- Sam **lifted** his balloon model proudly above his head.



light NOUN (plural lights)

① Light is what lets you see. It comes from the sun, flames and lamps.

- Bright **light** was shining through the window.

② A light is something like a lamp or bulb that gives out light.

- I'll switch the **light** on.

light VERB lights, lighting, lit

If you light something, like a fire or a candle, you start it burning.

light ADJECTIVE lighter, lightest

① Things that are light are easy to lift or carry.

- Feathers are very **light**.

② Colours that are light are pale.

- I have some **light** blue jeans.

lightning NOUN

Lightning is the bright light that flashes in the sky during some storms.



like ADJECTIVE

Something that is like something else is nearly the same.

- That girl has a hat **like** mine.

like VERB likes, liking, liked

If you like somebody or something, you think they are nice or good.

- I really **like** drawing.

line NOUN (plural lines)

① A line is a long, thin mark.

- Draw a **line** at the top of the page.

② A line is also a row of people or things.

③ A railway line is the set of metal rails that a train moves on.

lion NOUN (plural lions)

A lion is a large, wild cat. A male lion has a circle of long fur around its head.



lip NOUN (plural lips)

Your lips are the outside edges of your mouth.

liquid NOUN (plural liquids)

A liquid is anything that pours easily, like water, milk or oil.

list NOUN (plural lists)

A list is a group of things or names that you write down one after the other.

listen VERB listens, listening, listened

When you listen, you pay attention so that you can hear something.

- Yasmin was in her room, **listening** to music.

lit VERB (past tense of light)

- It was cold, so we **lit** the fire.

litter NOUN

Litter is paper, empty packets, bottles and other rubbish that people drop or leave behind.



little ADJECTIVE littler, littlest

① Something that is little is smaller than other things like it.

② If you have a little of something, you do not have very much.

- There's only a **little** juice left.

live VERB lives, living, lived

① If something is living, it is alive.

② If you live in a place, that is where your home is.

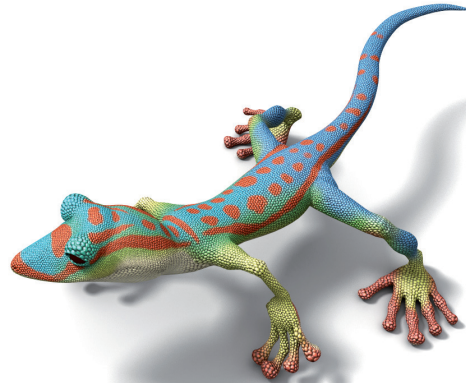
- Where do you **live**?

lives NOUN (plural of life)

- It was the happiest day of their **lives**.

lizard NOUN (plural lizards)

A lizard is an animal with a long body, four legs and a long tail. Lizards are reptiles.



load NOUN (plural loads)

A load is a lot of heavy things to carry.

- The lorry was carrying a **load** of rocks.

loaf NOUN (plural loaves)

A loaf is a large lump of bread that you cut into slices.

lock NOUN (plural locks)

A lock is used to keep things like doors or cases shut. You cannot open a lock without the right key or set of numbers.



log NOUN (plural logs)

A log is a thick piece of wood from a tree. You can burn logs on a fire.

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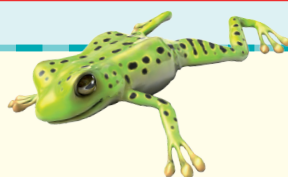
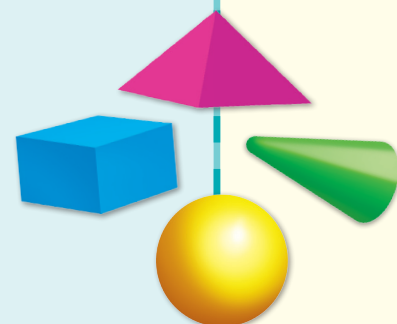
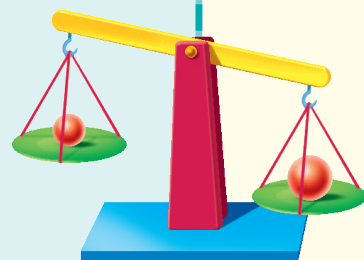
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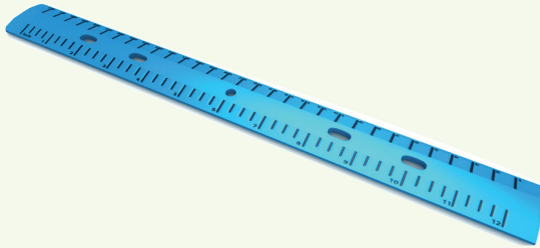
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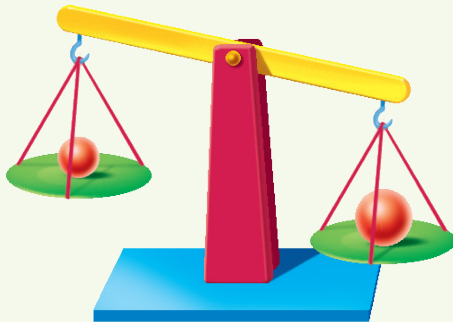
length / height

100 centimetres → 1 metre



mass / weight

1000 grams → 1 kilogram



capacity / volume

1000 millilitres → 1 litre



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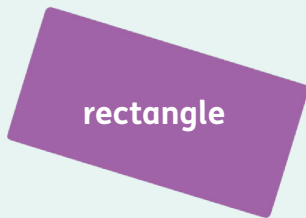
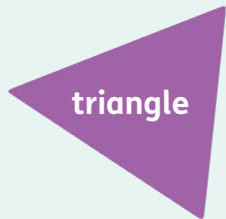
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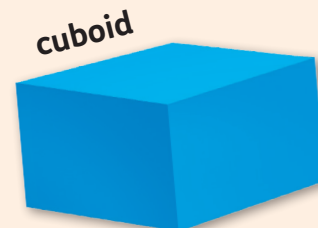
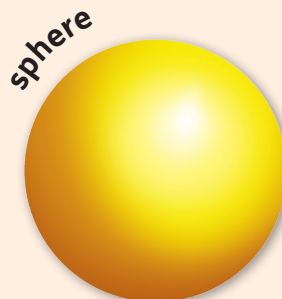
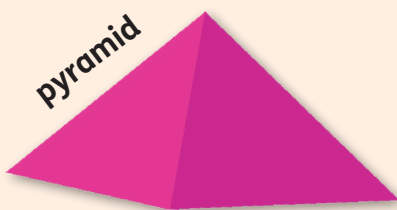
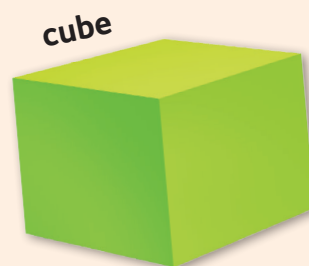
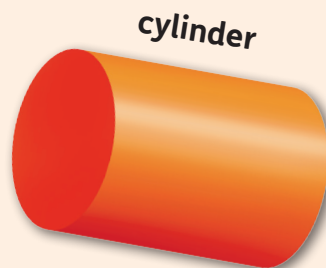
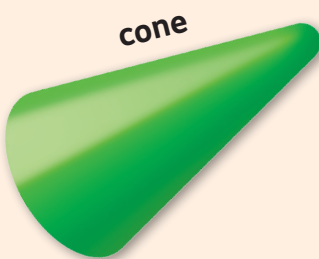
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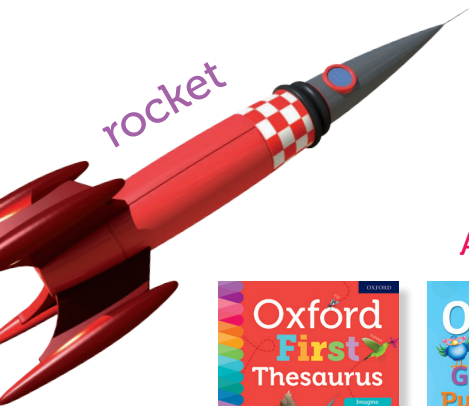


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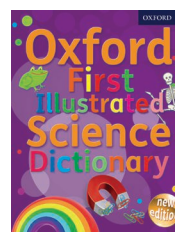
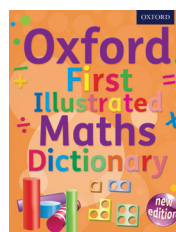
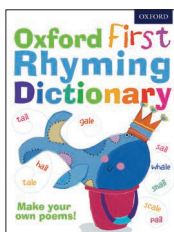
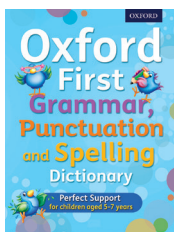


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