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Order, order...

Words in a dictionary are arranged in alphabetical order, but thousands of words begin with the same letter – so we use the 2nd, 3rd or 4th letter to choose where to put each one.



► Put the following list of words into alphabetical order:

kite	match	mattress	apple	joyful
join	sandwich	kick	kitchen	appear
argue	kind	jam	sausage	

► Beside each one, put (in brackets) the abbreviation *v* for a verb, *n* for a noun or *adj* for an adjective.

► Finally, write a definition for each of your words. Make it short and clear. Check your definitions in a dictionary.

Try these challenges:

Can you think of a word beginning with **c** that would come after castle in a dictionary?

c_____

How about a word beginning with **do** that would come before donkey?

do_____

Now try finding a word beginning with **cri** that would come after cricket.

cri_____

How about a word beginning with **spl** that would come after split?

spl_____

Make up some more challenges of your own. Try them out on a partner.

