How to use a Dictionary?

**Guide Words:**
Indicate the first and the last word entries on that page.

**Entry Word:**
The word that is defined. Words in a dictionary are listed alphabetically from A to Z.

**Part of Speech:**
Tells the word class; noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun, preposition, conjunction, and interjection.

**Pronunciation:**
Phonetic transcription of the word to show pronunciation and stressed syllables. The ‘ specifies the stressed syllable.

**Syllables:**
It shows the syllabic divisions or the parts into which a word can be separated.

**Plural form:**
Shows the plural form of the entry word.

**Definition:**
A statement defining the word or the phrase. Multiple meanings are listed numerically.

**Origin:**
Shows the language from which the word has originated.

**Page number:**
Indicates the number of that page in the dictionary.

**Message [mes·age] [mĕs′ij] n.**
1. A statement made or read before a gathering: *a retiring coach's farewell message.*
2. A basic thesis or lesson; a moral: *a play with a message.*

*plural messages* (Middle English, from Old French, from Medieval Latin missāticum, from Latin missus, past participle of mittere, to send.)

*message,* plural *messages*