

How to use a Dictionary?

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

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

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

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

merry / messy

message [mes·sage] | [məs'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.)

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

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

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

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

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