

Parts of a Dictionary Entry

Diagram illustrating the parts of a dictionary entry for the word **system**:

- 1: **system** / **systematically** (Headword)
- 2: **system** [sys·tem] | [sɪs'təm] (Pronunciation)
- 3: *n.* (Part of speech)
- 4: **1.** (Numbered definition)
- 5: *A group of physiologically or anatomically related organs or parts: the excretory system; a root system.* (Definition text)
- 6: **822** (Page number)



A) Mention what each part of the entry means.

- 1) _____
- 3) _____
- 5) _____

B) Match each part of the entry with its meaning.

- 1) Part of speech
- 2) Page number
- 3) Definition
- 4) Entry word
- 5) Guide words
- 6) Pronunciation

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Explanation.

Entry word. Numbered,

words on each page.

Headword to show pronunciation and stressed syllables.

- This abbreviation tells you what part of speech the defined word belongs to.
- The number assigned to every page in the dictionary.
- A word or term often set in a distinctive type, and serves as the heading for an entry in a dictionary: headword.

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2 1 3 4 5 6

syntax / systematically

system [sys·tem] | [sɪs'təm] *n.* **1.** A group of physiologically or anatomically related organs or parts: *the excretory system; a root system.*

2. A group of interacting mechanical or electrical components: *the building's heating system.*

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A) Mention what each part of the entry is called.

- 1) _____ **Guide** words
- 3) _____ **Syllabic** pronunciation
- 5) _____ **Defin**ition

B) Match each part of the entry to its description.

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