

YOUR DICTIONARY: A USER'S GUIDE

This dictionary contains over ten thousand entries and over a thousand pictures, many of them surrounded by picture labels. Here is the entry for "satellite" with its labelled picture.

Finding a word

Entries are listed in alphabetical order. Make a guess at the first few letters of your word, for example, for "satellite", find "sat", then try different ways of spelling the next part.

If you can't find a word

You may have chosen the wrong first letter. Try some alternative spellings and look out for spelling guides at the bottom of the page. You may be able to find a related word. For example, you would find the word "slightly" under "slant". The word you want may be a picture label. Look for it in the Index of picture labels at the back of the dictionary.

Looking at pages

Guide words help you to find the right page.

Guide letters help you to find the right letter section.

Parts of speech identify what a word does in a sentence (see page 3).

Numbers indicate a separate sense word.

Spelling guides help you to find tricky words by suggesting other spellings.

Weight, measure, number, day, month, countries and nationalities are listed on page 284.

Looking up entries

Headwords show how a word is spelled.

Pronunciation guides explain what a word sounds like.

Definitions explain what a word means.

Related words introduce words from the same family.

Changing forms show how words change their spelling when they are used in different ways.

Example sentences show how a word is used.

sloth (rhymes with both)
1 (n) a very slow-moving South American mammal with a shaggy coat.
2 (n) laziness; slothful (adj).
slouch slouching, slouched
1 (v) to sit, stand or walk in a lazy way, with your shoulders and head drooping.
2 (n) (slang) a slow and lazy person. Dan's no slouch at football.

adjective (adj) Adjectives are descriptive words which tell you more about a person or thing. They are used with nouns and pronouns.

conjunction (conj)
Conjunctions are linking words, but cannot fly. They breed on land and hunt in water.

Note Some words in this dictionary are not given a part of speech. This is because they are used with other words or in a phrase.

satellite (n)
A satellite is a man-made object that moves in orbit around a planet. See Moon.

2. a moon or other natural object that moves in orbit around a planet. See Moon.

communications satellite

parts of speech: THE PARTS THAT WORDS PLAY

Each word plays a different part in a sentence, depending on its part of speech. If you know a word's part of speech, you can work out how to use it. This sentence contains all eight parts of speech.

interjection "Crumbs!"
verb cried
the' the knight
adjective cowardly
noun saw a dragon
conjunction as
pronoun he
verb swoop swiftly
adverb to earth.
preposition (prep)
Prepositions show where people or things are, or what they have to each other.

A Chinese dragon weaves through the sheets. People are dancing under the dragon.

noun (n) Nouns give the name of a person, animal, or thing. They tell you who or what a sentence is about. Bob is jumping. Practice is essential.

verb (v) Verbs are action words. They say what someone or something does, thinks, or feels. All sentences need verbs to tell you what is happening.

Spike loves his motorcycle. It goes really fast.

pronoun (pronoun)
Pronouns take the place of a person or thing without naming it. They act like nouns.

Annie is very good at skiing. She is very good at skiing. (The weather is extremely cold.) It is extremely cold.

adverb (adv) Adverbs tell you how, when, where, or why something happens. They are used with verbs.

The horse is bucking wildly. Its rider may soon fall off.

interjection (insect)
Interjections are used to show surprise, delight or pain, or to get attention.

"Wow!" cried the crowd at the baseball player hit the ball. "Yipeee!" yelled the fielder as he caught it.



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point along a scale from one amount, weight, distance, etc to another: từ một điểm nào đó trên thang bắc (một số lượng, trọng lượng, khoảng cách, v.v.) đến (một điểm khác).

beverage [ˈbevrɪdʒ] (n) any type of drink except water, e.g. tea, wine, beer; đồ uống (không phải nước như sôa, trà, rượu, bia).

beyond [bɪˈyond] (prep) 1 at or to the further side of sth: ở hoặc tới một điểm xa hơn (cái gì); 2 later than a specified time: sau một thời gian nhất định (như: sau đó), 3 more than sth: apart from sth: ngoại trừ (cái gì); ngoài ra; 4 without the possibility of sth: không nắm trong phim vi (cái gì); vượt qua ngoài giới hạn.

bible [ˈbɪbəl] (n) 1 the sacred writings of the Christian Church, consisting of the Old Testament and the New Testament: kinh thánh (gồm cả Cự Uớc và Tân Uớc). (b) any book that a person reads with great uses; quyền sách có giá trị, có uy tín: biblical (adj).

bibliography [bɪbliˈɔgrəfi] (n) a list of books or articles about a particular subject or by a particular author, thường là the study of the history of books and their production: ngành nghiên cứu lịch sử về các tác phẩm sách, bibliographer (n), bibliographical (adj).

bicycle [baɪsɪkl] (n) a vehicle with two wheels on which a person rides, using pedals to drive it along: xe đạp, xe (gắn) máy.

bikini [bɪˈkɪni] (n) a costume with two pieces worn by women for swimming and lying in the sun: áo tắm hai mảnh.

bile [baɪl] (n) 1 the bitter yellow liquid produced by the liver to help the body to digest fats: mật, 2 bad temper, tâm trạng bức bối; tinh cảm gắt.

bilingual [baɪˈlɪŋgwəl] (adj) expressed or written in two languages: song ngữ.

bill [bɪl] (v) 1 to offer a price in order to buy sth, esp at an auction: trả giá, đấu giá, đấu thầu.

bidet [bɪdeɪt] (n) a low bowl for washing the bottom and genitalia: chậu rửa.

biennial [baɪˈenɪəl] (adj) happening every second year: xảy ra hai năm một lần, biennial (n).

bill² [bɪl] (n) 1 a bird's beak: mỏ chim, 2 (esp in place-names): a narrow piece of land going out into the sea: (nhất là nói các tên địa lý) mũi đất hép.

billow [ˈbɪluː] (n) 1 a large wave: sóng to, sóng cuộn, 2 a moving mass of smoke, steam etc like a wave: cuộn (khói, hơi nước).

binary [baɪnəri] (adj) of or involving a pair or pairs: đôi.

bind [baɪnd] (v) to tie or fasten sb/sth, eg with rope: trói, buộc; gân bỗ, kết hợp, thống nhất: kết dính, kết.

binder [ˈbɪndər] (n) a cover for holding sheets of paper, magazines, etc together: sơ mi bìa, kèp giấy, tấp chí, v.v. lai với nhau, 2 a person who puts covers on books: a bookseller; người đóng sách, 3 a machine that binds cloth into sheaves after cutting it: máy buộc lúa thành捆 bò, thành từng kiện sau khi cắt, binding (n).

bingo [ˈbɪngəʊ] (n) a gambling game in which players cover numbers on individual cards as the numbers are called out in a special order: trò cờ bingo.

binoculars [baɪnəkjʊləz] (n) an instrument with a lens for each eye, making distant objects seem nearer: ống nhòm.

biography [baɪɔgrəfɪ] (n) 1 the story of a person's life, written by sb else: tiểu sử, (b) such writing as a part of literature: thể loại văn viết tiểu sử, biographic, -ical (adj), [bind']

biology [baɪəˈɒlədʒɪ] (n) the scientific study of the life and structure of plants and animals: sinh vật học, biologist (n).

biplane [baɪpleɪn] (n) an early type of aircraft with two sets of wings: one above the other: loại máy bay thời xưa có hai cánh, cánh trên cánh dưới.

bird [baɪrd] (n) a creature covered with feathers and with two wings and two legs: Most birds can fly: chim, loài chim.

birth [bɪrθ] (n) 1 the coming of young from out of the mother's body: the process of being born: sự sinh sản, 2 the beginning of sth: the start/beginning of sth: ra đời, bắt đầu, a family origin: dòng dõi.

birthday [ˈbɪrθdeɪ] (n) the anniversary of the day of a person's birth: sinh nhật.

biscuit [bɪskɪt] (n) a small flat thin piece of pastry baked until it is crisp: bánh bích quy.

bisect [baɪˈsekt] (v) (Vn) to divide sth into two (usu, equal) parts: chia làm hai phần (thường bằng nhau), bisection (n).



