

First Learner's French Dictionary online resources

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The dictionary activities are grouped broadly into two sections - Finding your Way around the Dictionary and Using your Dictionary. Each topic has two activities, a Challenge and a Super Challenge.

Finding your Way around the Dictionary

- 1 Why use a dictionary? (different uses of a bilingual dictionary)
- 2 What's in your dictionary? (different sections/use of colour)
- 3 What's on a page? (typical dictionary page + abbreviations + numbering)
- 4 It's as easy as ABC (importance of knowing alphabetical order)
- 5 Know your alphabet (alphabetical order practice)
- 6 Top Tips (making use of guide words)
- 7 Did you know? (info boxes, colour-coding)

Using your Dictionary

French-English side

- 8 Look it up! (finding a meaning of a headword)
- 9 Work it out! (finding a meaning of a word when it is not a headword)
- 10 Does it really mean that? (words with more than one meaning)
- 11 Top speller! (checking spelling)
- 12 Masculine or feminine (finding a gender)
- 13 Word classes (finding parts of speech)
- 14 Word power! (vocabulary building)
- 15 Word families (vocabulary building)
- 16 True or false? (faux-amis)
- 17 Recipe for plurals (irregular plurals)

English-French side

- 18 Label it! (finding the equivalent word [1])
- 19 Crack the code! (finding the equivalent word [2])
- 20 Spell-check (checking spellings)
- 21 How many meanings? (words with more than one meaning)
- 22 Noun, verb, or adjective? (choosing the right part of speech)
- 23 His and hers (getting gender right)
- 24 Plural puzzle (English plural words that translate as singular in French, and vice versa)
- 25 All about animals (vocabulary building [1])
- 26 At the seaside (vocabulary building [2])
- 27 Follow the example! (example sentences from the dictionary)

Work on the centre section of the dictionary

- 28 Crazy colours! (vocabulary building - colours)
29 Good enough to eat! (vocabulary building - food)
30 Making friends (useful phrases - conversation)
31 How do you feel? (useful phrases - phrases with *être* and *avoir*)
32 Fun with verbs (verb tables - introducing infinitive and subject pronouns)