

# Alike – but different

Some words have very similar *meanings*. You can use a dictionary to discover how they differ.

- a On a separate sheet of paper, say how the words in each box are alike. Then say what is different about each one.

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| hill   | mountain | peak   |          |
|        | river    | stream | canal    |
| street | path     | road   | lane     |
|        | country  | county | district |
| fear   | fright   | terror | horror   |

- b Some words are easier to understand if you give an example of the way they are used:

In the entry for **spot**, which is the *meaning* and which is the *example*?

How does the dictionary show which is which?

**spot** *verb* (**spots**, **spotting**, **spotted**)

**1** to spot someone or something is to notice them or see them *I suddenly spotted my friend Alex in the crowd.* **2** to be spotted is to be marked with spots

- c Think of a short example of the way these words are used:

**snort**    **whine**    **roar**    **croak**    **bellow**

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