

Dictionary Quiz

What can you find out from a dictionary?

Use your *Oxford English Dictionary for Schools* to answer the questions in the quiz.

- 1 What is **saffron** used for in cooking?
- 2 What language does the word **safari** come from?
- 3 What do the letters of the word **derv** stand for?
- 4 Whereabouts is a horse's **fetlock**?
- 5 Around what date is the winter **solstice**?
- 6 What does an **osteopath** do for a living?
- 7 Would you be wise to drink something **noxious**?
- 8 What colour are the flowers on a **magnolia** tree?
- 9 What do the two halves of the word **dinosaur** mean, and what ancient language do they come from?
- 10 How many players can take part in a game of **mah-jong**?
- 11 How does a **Catherine wheel** get its name?
- 12 In the word **longevity**, how is the *g* pronounced?
 - i* as in *long*
 - ii* as in *orange*
- 13 Underline the word that is incorrectly used in the sentence
'Good food will insure good health.' What is the correct word?
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- 14 What is the connection between the month of **September** and the number **seven**?
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- 15 Who was Friday named after?
- 16 In which countries are these languages spoken:
 - i* **Oriya**?
 - ii* **Tagalog**?
 - iii* **Amharic**?