

Words in Use

The meaning of a word is not always clear from the definition alone. It is often helpful to see how a word is *used* in a sentence or phrase.

Examples of use in the *Oxford English Dictionary for Schools* are given in italics.

bore *NOUN* bores
a dull and uninteresting person or thing
♦ *Doing the dishes is such a bore.*
▷ **boredom** *NOUN*

1 Look up each of these words in the dictionary and write one of the examples of its use:

definite

other *adjective*

virtual

zoom

2 Why do some entries need more than one example?

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3 Here are five words, each with a definition. Write a short example for each one which helps to show how it is used. Then compare your example with the one given in the dictionary.

absent *ADJECTIVE*

not in the place you should be; not present

mayhem *NOUN*

violent confusion or damage.... ..

organize *VERB* (**organizes, organizing, organized**)

1 to plan and prepare something

delicacy *NOUN* delicacies

1 tact and sensitivity..... ..