

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.

In a dictionary, examples showing how a word is used are often given in *italics*.

bound³ *adjective*
going towards something, *We are bound for Spain.*

1 Look up each of these words in the dictionary and write an example of its use:

definite

makeshift

volume

virtual

2 Why do some entries need more than one example?

3 Here are four 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.

power *noun*

3 the ability to do something.....

flow *verb* (**flows, flowing, flowed**)

3 hang loosely.....

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

1 plan and prepare something

deluge *noun* (*plural deluges*)

3 something coming in great numbers