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Guide words

Learning objective: *to use the dictionary and other alphabetically-based reference books more efficiently through understanding and using guide words*

Before you start

- Revise guide words and their purpose.
- To complete question 2, children will need watches or clocks to time themselves in seconds.

Answers

1. a) digital 97   b) detached 95   c) destiny 94
   d) dirt 98   e) describe 94   f) differ 97
   g) deodorant 93   h) detective 95   i) dingo 98
   j) deputy 93

2. Check the pages in whichever dictionary you are using.

More to do

- Discuss and use the guide words in other reference books, such as telephone directories, larger dictionaries and encyclopedias.

Name: _____

Guide words

1. The first box contains the **guide words** from the top of some pages in a dictionary. Use them to work out on which page you would find the words in the second box. Do not use your dictionary!

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dentist to **descant** page 93

descend to **destroy** page 94

destructive to **devious** page 95

devise to **die** page 96

diet to **din** page 97

dine to **disagreeable** page 98

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2. Find the words below using the guide words in a dictionary. Write down the page number for each. Record how many seconds it took.

a) python page ____ ____ seconds   b) bird page ____ ____ seconds

c) tiger page ____ ____ seconds   d) uphill page ____ ____ seconds

e) wax page ____ ____ seconds   f) goblin page ____ ____ seconds

g) sauce page ____ ____ seconds   h) food page ____ ____ seconds

i) otter page ____ ____ seconds   j) milk page ____ ____ seconds

3. Now try again to see if you can find the words faster.

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