

Collins First School Dictionary

Alphabetical order: Teacher Notes

Suggested activities:

- Ask pupils to find the first word in the dictionary and the last word in the dictionary – what letter does each word begin with? What does this tell them about the words in the dictionary?
- Give the pupils coloured strips of paper and ask them to divide the dictionary into 4 sections ie A-E, F-L, M-Q, R-Z. Give them words to look up – which section would the word be in; how quickly can they find it using the coloured strips?
- Ask pupils to use the alphabet tabs at the side of the page to find a certain letter in the dictionary and write down any word beginning with that letter, and the page number that the words can be found on.
- Challenge pupils to find the letter break pages (where the letter starts) for different letters.
- Working in pairs or individually, ask pupils to order objects (pencil case contents, coloured counters etc) in alphabetical order.
- Pupil worksheets available separately for download.

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Alphabetical Order (1)

Write these words in alphabetical order:

car

ant

zoo

man

tap

pen

dog

sun

egg



a
b
c
d
e
f
g
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v
w
x
y
z

Collins First School Dictionary Alphabetical Order (2)

- Look at the picture at the top of pages 24 to 25.
- Write down the words you can see in the picture that begin with 'b'.

- Now write those words in alphabetical order.
- Remember to look at the second letter.



a
b
c
d
e
f
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j
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v
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x
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