

## Collins First School Dictionary

### Word classes and meanings: Teacher Notes

#### Suggested activities:

- In pairs, ask pupils to use the dictionary to find as many words belonging to one word class as they can in a certain amount of time.
- Play a version of 'stop the bus' with pupils – they need to find a word in the dictionary beginning with a certain letter for each word class; 2 points for a word that nobody else has written down; 1 point for a word that others have chosen.
- Give pupils some common words that have more than one meaning or word class (eg *fly*, *cold*, *orange*) and ask pupils to explain the difference – can they think of others?
- Silly sentences – pupils should use the dictionary to make up nonsense sentences using different word classes: Adjective Noun Verb Adverb, for example, *A kind mouse hopped slowly.*
- Pupil worksheets available separately for download.

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### Word classes

**Find a word in the dictionary that is:**

noun \_\_\_\_\_

verb \_\_\_\_\_

adjective \_\_\_\_\_

adverb \_\_\_\_\_

**Find a word that is used as both:**

adjective and noun (*page 77*) \_\_\_\_\_

verb and noun (*page 30*) \_\_\_\_\_

verb and adjective (*page 33*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Look up these words and write down the word classes in which they are used:**

text (*page 143*) \_\_\_\_\_

cold (*page 34*) \_\_\_\_\_



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### Meanings

Look up these words and write down how many meanings each one has:

new (page 96) \_\_\_\_\_

calf (page 27) \_\_\_\_\_

keep (page 76) \_\_\_\_\_



Look at the entry for 'card':

#### **card** *noun*

##### **cards**

- 1 **Card** is stiff paper.
- 2 A **card** is a folded piece of stiff paper that has a picture on the front and a message inside.
- 3 **Cards** are pieces of stiff paper with numbers or pictures on them that you use for playing games.

Write down the meaning number for each example:

*I gave the teacher a thank-you **card**.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Cut the **card** in half.* \_\_\_\_\_

*Let's have a game of **cards**.* \_\_\_\_\_