

Using a Dictionary

This task is about using a dictionary.

Use the dictionary page below to answer the questions that follow.

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top ¹ (tɒp), 1. highest point or part; upper part. 2. the part of a plant above ground. 3. head. 4. pertaining to the top; highest; greatest. 5. put a top on. 6. be on top of; be the top of. 7. reach the top of; rise above. 8. be higher or greater than; do better than. 9. remove the top of. <i>n., adj., v., topped, topping.</i>	tor pe do (tɔr pɛˈdɔ), 1. underwater missile containing explosives. 2. attack or destroy with a torpedo. <i>n., pl. torpedoes, v., torpedoed, torpedoing.</i>
top ² (tɒp), toy that spins on a point. <i>n.</i>	tor pid (tɔrˈpɪd), 1. inactive; sluggish. 2. not moving or feeling. <i>adj.</i>
to paz (təˈpaz), a precious yellow stone. <i>n.</i>	tor toise (tɔrˈtɔɪs), turtle living on land. <i>n., pl. tortoises or tortoise.</i>
top ic (tɒpˈɪk), subject that people think, write, or talk about. <i>n.</i>	tor so (tɔrˈsɔ), 1. trunk or body of a statue without head, arms or legs. 2. trunk of the human body. <i>n., pl. torsos.</i>
top ple (tɒpˈlɪ), 1. fall forward; tumble down. 2. throw down; overturn. <i>v.</i>	tor tu ous (tɔrˈtuəs), full of twists and turns; twisting; winding; crooked. <i>adj.</i>
tore (tɔr), see tear ¹ . <i>pt. of tear.</i> ¹	tor ture (tɔrˈtʃər), 1. act of inflicting severe pain. 2. Severe pain. 3. cause severe pain to. 4. twist the meaning of. 5. twist or force out of its natural form. <i>n., v.</i>
tor ment (tɔrˈment) for 1 and 4, tɔrˈment for 2 and 3), 1. cause great pain to. 2. cause of great pain. 3. great pain. 4. worry or annoy very much. <i>v., n.</i>	to tal (təˈtæl), 1. whole; entire. 2. the whole amount. 3. Find the sum of; add. 4. reach an amount of; amount to. 5. complete. <i>adj., n., v., totalled, totalling.</i>
tor n (tɔrn), see tear ¹ . <i>pp. of tear.</i> ¹	to tal i tar i an (təˈtælˈɪtərˈiən), of or having to do with political control permitting no rival loyalties. <i>adj.</i>
tor na do (tɔrˈnɑːdɔ), destructive wind. <i>n., pl. tornadoes or tornados.</i>	

a) The guide word at the top left-hand side of this dictionary page is "Top".

Write down the guide word that should be written on the top right-hand side of this dictionary page.

b) How many meanings does the word "torpid" have?

c) Which of the meanings for the word "top" are used in this sentence: "Colin's fish story topped them all"? (Select one)

☐ Meaning 1

☐ Meaning 4

☐ Meaning 6

☐ Meaning 7

☐ Meaning 8

d) There is no definition given for the word "tore".

Write down how you would find the definition for "tore" in the dictionary.

e) Describe how this dictionary shows the number of syllables each word has.

f) In the entry for "topaz", what does the "n." tell us about the word topaz?

g) In the entry for the word "topic" there is a word in brackets (*top'ik*). What information does the word in brackets tell us?

h) What is the plural for the word torso?

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