

What's in a word

This task is about understanding some of the key features found on a page in a dictionary.

Here are some entries from a dictionary page.

<p>rampant rampant /ræmpənt/. ADJ If a crime, feeling, or disease is rampant, it is growing or spreading in an uncontrolled way. .. <i>the abuses now rampant in the American legal system.</i></p> <p>ramshackle /ræmʃækəl/. ATTRIB ADJ A ramshackle building is badly made or in a very bad condition.<i>a ramshackle cottage.</i></p> <p>ran /ræn/. Ran is the past tense of run.</p> <p>rap /ræp/, raps, rapping, rapped. 1 VB WITH OR WITHOUT OBJ, WITH ADJUNCT If you rap on something or if you rap it, you hit it with a series of quick blows. <i>He rapped on the table and called for silence.</i> 2 COUNT N A rap is a quick hit or knock against something. <i>A light rap sounded at the door.</i></p> <p>PHRASES • If you receive a rap over the knuckles, you receive a warning or criticism. • If you take the rap, you are blamed or punished for something, even if it is not your fault; an informal use. <i>Lloyd will have to take the rap.</i></p> <p>rap out. PHR VB If you rap out an order or a question, you say it quickly and sharply. <i>'Is that the truth?' he suddenly rapped out.</i></p>	<p>rat race</p> <p>rash /ræʃ/, rashes. 1 ADJ If you or your behaviour is rash, you do foolish things because you act without thinking carefully first. <i>Don't do anything rash... Some rash promises were made.</i></p> <p>◆ rashly ADV <i>I'm not a man who does things rashly.</i> 2 COUNT N A rash is an area of red spots on your skin which appear when you are ill or have an allergy. ...<i>a man with a rash on one side of his neck.</i> 3 SING N A rash of events is a large number of them that all happen within a short period of time. <i>No one wishes to see a rash of strikes.</i></p> <p>rasher /ræʃə/, rashers. COUNT N A rasher of bacon is a thin slice of it.</p> <p>rasp /rɑ:sp/, rasps, rasping, rasped. VB To rasp means to make a harsh unpleasant sound. <i>Crickets rasped loudly. ...a dry rasping voice.</i> Also SING N ...<i>the rasp of sandpaper on wood.</i></p> <p>rat race. SING N If you describe a situation as a rat race, you mean that the people in it are all competing fiercely with each other; used showing disapproval. <i>I was determined to get out of the rat race.</i></p>
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a) Write down the two guide words that appear on this page.

b) Write down two head-words that are on this page. _____

c) Some head-words have more than one syllable. Write down one of these words.

d) There are several different types of font used in the dictionary extract.

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| i) UPPER CASE | A used when explaining the meaning of a word |
| ii) <i>italic</i> | B identifies the head-word in the entry |
| iii) bold | C used to give examples of words with opposite meanings |
| iv) normal type | D used to give some information about which parts of speech the word belongs to |
| | E used when giving an example of how the word is used |

e) In one sentence, explain how the dictionary shows which syllable of a word is stressed when it is spoken.

f) Write down one example of a word which can be used both as a noun and as a verb.

g) What do the following abbreviations from the dictionary extract mean?

i) ADJ _____

ii) SING N _____