

# Worksheet

## Finding your way around in the dictionary

Some words in the dictionary have more than one entry. This is because one word can belong to two or more word classes (e.g. noun, verb, adjective, etc). In this example you can see that *delay* has two entries: *delay*<sup>1</sup>, which is a noun, and *delay*<sup>2</sup>, which is a verb. Notice the small numbers <sup>1</sup> and <sup>2</sup>, which tell you that there are two entries.

**delay**<sup>1</sup> /dɪ'leɪ/ noun [C/U] ★★ a situation in which something happens later or more slowly than you expected: *After a long delay, the plane finally took off.* ♦ **delay in doing sth** *Who is responsible for the delay in reaching an agreement?*

**delay**<sup>2</sup> /dɪ'leɪ/ verb ★

**1** [I/T] to do something later than is planned or expected: *They delayed the decision for as long as possible.*

**2** [T] to make someone or something late, or to slow them down: *His plane was delayed for five hours.*

### ► Activity 1

How many entries does each of these words have?  
Which word classes do they belong to?

word	entries	word classes
a delay	<u>2</u>	<u>noun, verb</u>
b delight	_____	_____
c demand	_____	_____
d diet	_____	_____
e dilute	_____	_____
f direct	_____	_____
g dirty	_____	_____
h display	_____	_____
i double	_____	_____
j drop	_____	_____

### ► Activity 2

Find the entries for the words and answer the questions.

#### 1 demand

a How many meanings are given for the noun *demand*?

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b Which meaning has the example:

*Demand for organic food is increasing.* \_\_\_\_\_

c How many meanings are given for the verb *demand*?

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d Which meaning has the example:

*The panel demanded that the report be made public.* \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2 diet

a How many meanings are given for the noun *diet*?

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b Which meaning has the example:

*Try to eat a balanced diet.* \_\_\_\_\_

c How many meanings are given for the verb *diet*?

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d How many meanings are given for the adjective *diet*?

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#### 3 direct

a How many meanings are given for the adjective *direct*?

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b Which meaning has the example:

*direct flights from Scotland to North America* \_\_\_\_\_

c How many meanings are given for the verb *direct*?

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d Which meaning has the example:

*Could you direct me to the bus station?* \_\_\_\_\_

e How many meanings are given for the adverb *direct*?

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f Which meaning has the example:

*You can buy direct from the manufacturer.* \_\_\_\_\_