

# How to use a Dictionary?

## Guide Words:

Indicate the first and the last word entries on that page.

**Syllables:** It shows the syllabic divisions or the parts into which a word can be separated.

## Pronunciation:

Phonetic transcription of the word to show pronunciation and stressed syllables. The ' specifies the stressed syllable.

**Part of Speech:** Tells the word class; noun, verb, adjective, adverb, pronoun, preposition, conjunction, and interjection.

**merry / messy**

**message** [ mes·sage ] [ | məs'ij ] *n.* **1.** A statement made or read before a gathering: *a retiring coach's farewell message.* **2.** A basic thesis or lesson; a moral: *a play with a message.*

**plural messages** ( Middle English, from Old French, from Medieval Latin missaticum, from Latin missus, past participle of mittere, to send.)

**Entry Word:** The word that is defined. Words in a dictionary are listed alphabetically from A to Z.

**Plural form:** Shows the plural form of the entry word.

**Origin:** Shows the language from which the word has originated.

**Definition:** A statement defining the word or the phrase. Multiple meanings are listed numerically.

**Page number:** Indicates the number of that page in the dictionary.