



# Writer's HANDBOOK

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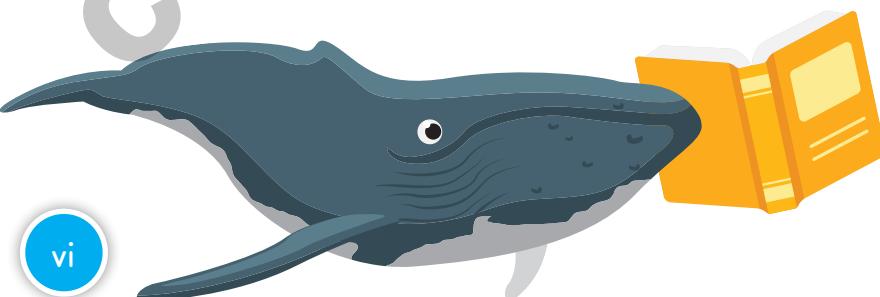
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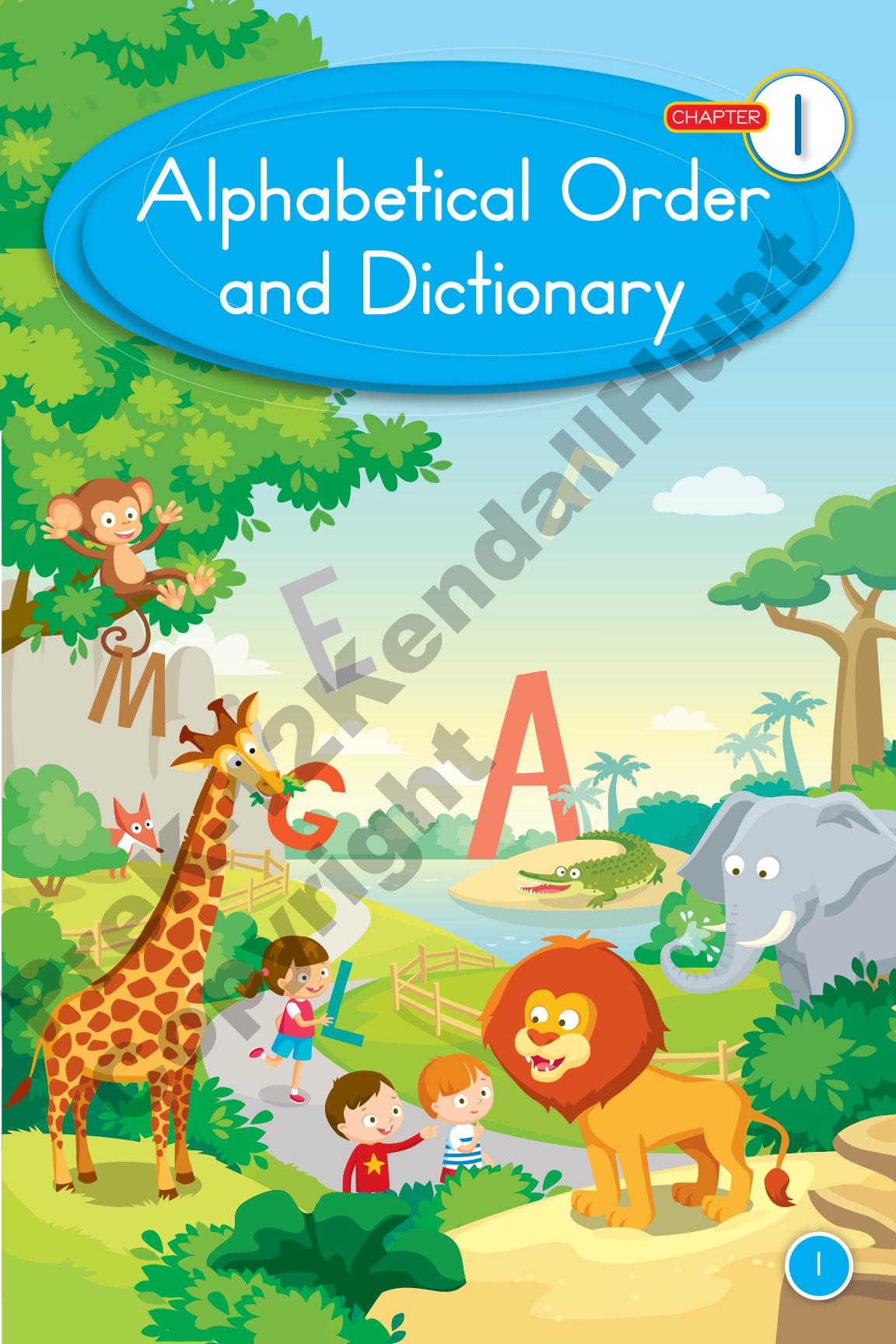
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# Alphabetical Order and Dictionary



# Alphabetical Order

The order of letters from A to Z is called **alphabetical order** (ABC order). Alphabetical order always stays the same. The following lists show the letters of the alphabet, both lowercase and uppercase, in alphabetical order. The use of an alphabet list or chart can be helpful in placing mixed letters in alphabetical order.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z  
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Mixed Letters	Alphabetical Order
b a c	a b c
e f d	d e f
t r s	r s t
x z y	x y z



Words can be put in alphabetical order. Words in the dictionary are in alphabetical order. Use the first letter of each word to put it in alphabetical order.

The following words are listed in alphabetical order:

ant	fin	let	rat
bug	goat	man	sun
cat	happy	net	tree

When words begin with the same letter, use the second letter to put them in alphabetical order. If the first two letters are the same, use the third letter to put them in alphabetical order. The following words are in alphabetical order:

gate	leg	roar	slam
gift	limb	robot	sleep
grandpa	long	room	slick
guide	lunch	row	slump

# Dictionary

A **dictionary** is an alphabetical list of words with their meanings and information about how to use them.

You may use a dictionary to check your spelling. You use it to find the meaning of a word. Sometimes the dictionary words also have a picture.

Entry words are the words explained in the dictionary.

Example sentence shows how to use a word.

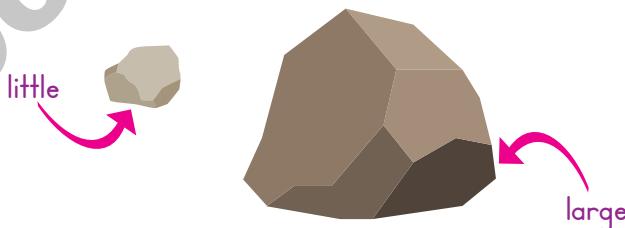
Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.

Definition is the meaning of a word.

Synonyms have the same or almost the same meaning as the entry word.

**little** 1. Small in size or amount:  
A pebble is a **little** stone.  
2. A small amount: I wasn't hungry, so I ate only a **little**.  
**SYNONYMS:** small, tiny;  
**ANTONYMS:** big, huge, large.

The diagram illustrates the definition of the word 'little'. It shows a blue vertical line representing the word in a dictionary entry. To the left of the line, a bracket groups 'Entry words' and 'Definition is the meaning of a word'. To the right, another bracket groups 'Definition is the meaning of a word' and 'Synonyms have the same or almost the same meaning as the entry word'. Below the line, two examples are provided: 'A pebble is a little stone.' and 'I ate only a little.' A bracket underlines the word 'little' in both examples. Below these examples, boxes list 'SYNONYMS: small, tiny;' and 'ANTONYMS: big, huge, large.' Arrows point from the text labels to their corresponding definitions and examples.



# Sentences

