## 1. Using a dictionary

The **Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary** gives you a lot of important information about words: their definitions, how to use the words in natural sounding English, parts of speech, pronunciation and much more. It is important that you learn how to use your dictionary to get the maximum benefit from it.

## A. Read the dictionary definition of partial and answer the questions.

- 1. What are the three guidewords in the definition?
- 2. What is the most common use of partial?
- 3. What part of speech is **partial**?
- 4. What does the 'A' mean after the first guideword?
- 5. What is the opposite of **partial**?

been FERTILIZED (= united with the male sexual cells) partial /pa:: J<sup>\*</sup>I/ @ /pa::-/ adjective NOT COMPLETED 1 @ not complete: The general has ordered a partial withdrawal of troops from the area. UNFAIRO 2 influenced by your personal preference for or approval of something, so that you do not judge fairly: The reporting in the papers is entirely partial and makes no attempt to be objective. DOpposite impartial LIKINGO 3 [AFTER VERS] OLD-FASHIONED OR FORMAL having a liking for something: I'm rather partial to red wine.

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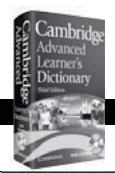
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- **B.** Dictionary quiz. Look up the words in **bold** in your dictionary to find out if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).
- **1. Absentee** is a countable noun.
- 2. Background is a noun and an adjective.
- 3. Dietetics is the scientific study of what people drink and its effect on their health.
- 4. One of the example sentences for farther as an adverb is: How much farther is it to the airport?
- 5. The two guidewords for outstanding are excellent and finished.
- 6. A ploughman's lunch is a small meal made of bread, cheese and pickle.
- 7. Out of *sight*, out of mind is a saying which emphasizes that when something or someone cannot be seen, it is easy to remember them.
- 8. There are three important advanced words to learn in the dictionary entry for terminal.

## **C.** Find a word in the dictionary which has one of the following features and write it down.

- 1. A word which has a Word Partner box.
- 2. A dictionary definition which includes a picture.
- 3. A word which has a Common Mistakes box.
- 4. A word which has an Other Ways of Saying box.
- 5. A dictionary entry which includes both British English and American English spelling.
- 6. A dictionary definition which includes some idioms.



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