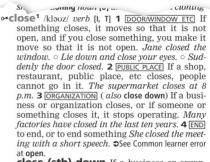
How to use the dictionary

The *Cambridge Learner's Dictionary* gives you lots of important information about words: their definitions, natural-sounding examples of how to use the words, the correct grammatical way to use the words, the most important words to learn and much more. So it is very important that you know how to use your dictionary to get the most out of it!

A. Read the dictionary definition shown here and then answer the questions.

- 1. What does the symbol (O→) before the headword *close* mean?
- 2. Words which have several meanings have GUIDEWORDS to help you find the meaning you are looking for. What are the four different 'guidewords' for close?
- 3. What does [I, T] stand for?
- **4.** What is the example sentence for the meaning of the verb *close* in relation to a public place?
- 5. What is the meaning of the verb *close* in relation to an organization?



close (sth) down If a business or organization closes down, or if someone or something closes it down, it stops operating.

closed. • Her eyes were clos <u>IDEAS</u>] not wanting to accept customs, etc a closed mind error at open.

closed-circuit 'televisi system of hidden cameras t people in public places, us crime

close-knit /,kləos'nɪt/ adj group of people is one in wh and supports each other. a community

closely /'kloosli/ adverb 1 [A] at or listen to something clo or listen to it very carefu two things are closely con they are very similar to e

B. Use the dictionary to complete the guiz questions below.

- 1. Which word comes first in the dictionary: function or functional?
- 2. What is the meaning of away in its adjective form?
- 3. Are there any other words formed from the main word in the dictionary entry for foolish? If so, what are these words?
- **4.** What is the most frequent meaning of *little*?
- 5. What are the three other guidewords for little?
- 6. What is the example sentence given for obey?
- 7. What is the part of speech of the following words: effectively, interruption, scary and undo?
- 8. What does [C] stand for at the entry for lane?
- 9. Complete the gap in this phrasal verb. It comes at the entry for make: make off sth
- 10. Is *mike* a formal or informal noun?

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

- 1. A word which has 'guidewords' to help you find the meaning you want
- 2. A keyword (a frequently used word)
- 3. A word which is used formally
- 4. A definition with an example sentence
- 5. A word with more than one part of speech (e.g. noun and verb) having the same spelling

For more help with understanding and getting the most out of your dictionary, see the 'How to use this dictionary' section which starts on page viii at the front of the *Cambridge Learner's Dictionary*.

