

TIPS TO SEARCH IN THE GRAND DUC DICTIONARY

Mot à l'élève (p. XVII) : dernière ligne → Savoir utiliser un dictionnaire fait partie des compétences que tu dois acquérir dans ta formation scolaire.

4 SECTIONS in the DICTIONARY:


- 1- ESL (English Second Language) dictionary → white pages, biggest section
(de l'anglais au français)
- 2- French lexicon (du français à l'anglais) → yellow pages
- 3- Grammar (conjunctions, prepositions, pronouns, verbs) → blue pages
- 4- Thesaurus (bank of words by themes, synonyms, ideas) → white pages at the end

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING...

- know your A – B – C ... to avoid mistakes or wasting your time
- top left corner → first word on the left page
top right corner → last word on the right page

1-ESL (English Second Language) dictionary → white pages, biggest section

- pay attention to [pro-nun-cia-tion] ex.: extraordinary (p.213)
- verbs ex.: GROW (P. 274) → notice the past tense: grew – grown – growing
- many equivalents; don't STOP at the first equivalent you read; carefully read and choose
→ 1st sense, 2nd sense, type of words (verb, noun...),... ex.: SPRING (p.571)

- WORD BUILDER  : pay attention to the differences between words →
ex.: p. 272 GREAT – OUTSTANDING – SUPERB

- WRITING TIPS  : could be useful ex.: GOOD (p. 266-267) → good – better – best

- when you read a definition, the French equivalent is in **bold grey**

- **words like this** → also in Thesaurus :  + page number ex.: TREE (p.629)

- pictures → ex. : TREE  (p.253-255)

- "see" = look at ex. : GRAY (p.271) → look at GREY

2-French lexicon (du français à l'anglais) → yellow pages

Lexicon: ex.: *mauvais* (p.788) = bad, evil, ill, lean²(p.338), poor, wicked, wrong
→ check definition and context in ESL section

- context: read the full description ex.: "POSTE" (p. 811) → 12 possibilities

3-Grammar (conjunctions, prepositions, pronouns, verbs) → blue pages

- prepositions (p. 864)

- list of irregular verbs (p. 871)

- to HAVE, to BE (p. 876-877)

- complex verbs ex.: GET (p.882)

- possessive adjectives and pronouns (p.901- 904)

- WH words (p.906- 908)

- auxiliaries (p.910- 911)

- abbreviations (p.942- 943)

- contractions (p.944)

- homophones (p. 945)

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Thesaurus: p.954 (clothing) → p.1006 +
p.955 (school) → p.1057 +

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- get familiar with → pages XVIII – XIX – XX – XXI – XXV at the beginning

- can't find a word??? => think of another possible spelling
→ 99% of the times, you didn't look carefully
→ 1% of the times, it's not in this dictionary