

Dictionary Skills

Part A

Understanding alphabetical order makes it easier to find words in a dictionary. Put these groups of words from 'How to Skin a Bear' into alphabetical order.

E.g.

| | | |
|----------|---|----------|
| reassure | | reassure |
| ruffle | | relief |
| ritual | → | ritual |
| rock | | river |
| river | | rock |
| relief | | ruffle |

1.

| | |
|----------|--|
| twitch | |
| tunic | |
| tribe | |
| tangled | |
| terrible | |
| twisted | |

2.

| | |
|-----------|--|
| brother | |
| beckoning | |
| branches | |
| build | |
| boring | |
| blazing | |

3.

| | |
|--------------|--|
| aurochs | |
| agreement | |
| anthill | |
| ancestors | |
| accidentally | |
| absolutely | |

4.

| | |
|-------------|--|
| purpose | |
| prance | |
| pelt | |
| pandemonium | |
| passage | |
| plunge | |

Choose any four words from any of the boxes above and look them up in the dictionary. Write down the words and their meanings here.

| Word | Meaning |
|------|---------|
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |

Part B

Understanding alphabetical order makes it easier to find words in a dictionary. Put these groups of words from 'How to Skin a Bear' into alphabetical order.

E.g.

| | | |
|----------|---|----------|
| ruffle | | reassure |
| reassure | | relief |
| ritual | → | ritual |
| relief | | ruffle |

1.

| | |
|-------------|--|
| chief | |
| ceremonies | |
| chuckling | |
| cluster | |
| crawling | |
| carcass | |
| confusion | |
| cunning | |
| clamber | |
| consolingly | |
| commotion | |

Look up these words in a dictionary and write their definitions here.

| Word | Meaning |
|-----------|---------|
| carcass | |
| cunning | |
| commotion | |

2.

| | |
|-------------|--|
| survive | |
| swamped | |
| scrumptious | |
| sneakily | |
| starve | |
| structure | |
| sneer | |
| shadow | |
| slimy | |
| slushy | |
| swipe | |
| strangled | |
| stealthily | |

Look up these words in a dictionary and write their definitions here.

| Word | Meaning |
|-------------|---------|
| scrumptious | |
| structure | |
| sneer | |

Challenge Task

Write a list of six words which all start with the same letter in alphabetical order.
