

Unit 4 What does *serendipity* mean?

LOGGIN ON

1. GOALS

At the end of this unit you will know
How to talk about using a dictionary.

You will practice
Singular and plural nouns

2. Vocabulary

Scan pages in which the following words appear in a dictionary and create a link to such pages so that students look them up by themselves. Later the Spanish words appear on the screen and students make a match.

Dictionary

Bilingual

Word / term

Entry

Pronunciation / phonetic symbols

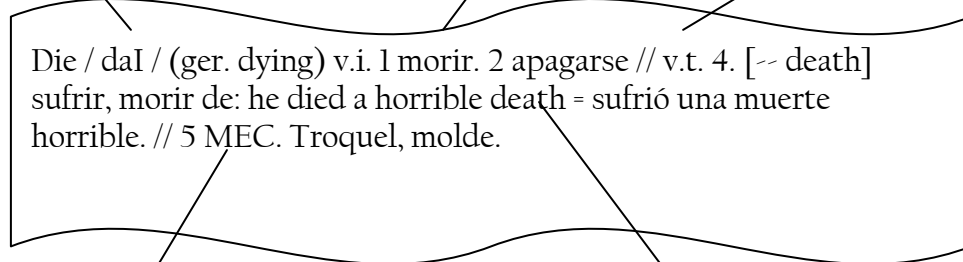
Abbreviation

Dictionary 'dɪkʃənərɪ s. diccionario de un idioma o especialidad)

Pronunciation

Translation

Part of speech



Die / daɪ / (ger. dying) v.i. 1 morir. 2 apagarse // v.t. 4. [--- death] sufrir, morir de: he died a horrible death = sufrió una muerte horrible. // 5 MEC. Troquel, molde.

Other disciplines

Example

3. WARM UP

From the pages scanned, find the parts of speech for these words: (words scanned.....)

Write noun, verb, adjective, adverb, preposition, etc.

From the pages scanned find words with more than one meaning.

Present pictures of different objects and ask students to find the translation.

curita maletín tajador pañuelo cordón de zapato

(Match words in Spanish with those in English)

4. YOUR TURN

Find objects in your classroom whose words in English you don't know. Look them up in the dictionary.

B TURN IT UP

1. Pre-listening

Look up the word *serendipity* in your Spanish-English dictionary. What does it mean?

2. Listen and practice.

Look at this word. Se-ren-dipity. What does it mean?

I don't know. Teacher. What is the meaning of serendipity?

Do you have a dictionary, María?

Yes, I do.

Then, look it up!

OK, teacher.

S. Ser. Here it is.

What does it mean, María?

It says here... it is a non-count noun, the pronunciation is here

Yes, but what is serendipity?

It says here..."hallazgo afortunado".

I like that word.

Click on the correct definition

Look it up means

- To find a word in a dictionary
- To translate a word to Spanish
- To see a word in a book

The word serendipity is

- a count noun
- a non-count noun

- c. a verb

Serendipity means

- a. a lucky finding
- b. a lost object
- c. a found and lost office

3. Post-Listening

Look up some other words and play hangman with your classmates.
(Include a hangman game here)

4. Pronunciation

A bilingual dictionary has different phonetic symbols that can help you pronounce the words. With your teacher, identify the different phonetic symbols in your dictionary and practice them.

Example. (Listening)



SYSTEM TOOLS

PARTS OF SPEECH			
NOUNS	VERBS	ADJECTIVES	ADVERBS
Computer	walk	pretty	usually
Mouse	type	beautiful	fast
Bicycle	ride	colorful	always

What is the plural forms of the following nouns?

- Car
- House
- Box

Irregular forms

- Man
- Woman
- Child

Pronunciation of plural -s

-S	-Z	-IZ
Tests	Cars	Churches

Include the following words in the correct column.

Books
Pencils
Beaches
Windows
Kisses
Caps



1. Pre-reading

What are dictionaries for?
On what occasions do you use dictionaries?
Are they useful?

2. Reading

Longman

Dictionary of
English
Language
and
Culture...

The most comprehensive ELT
dictionary
available.

All the words teachers and
advanced
students of English need to
look up,
including 15,000 encyclopedic
and
culturally significant words
from
Afghanistan to CIS, Lake
Wobegon to

Led Zepellin.

Language

- 80,000 words and phrases: all the words you need to read English books and newspapers
- Clear, direct definitions using the Longman 2000-word Defining Vocabulary
- Natural, helpful examples based on real texts
- Equal coverage of British and American vocabulary

And Culture

- Over 15,000 cultural and encyclopedic entries
- More than 400 Cultural notes at entries such as *Declaration of Independence* and *lawyer*

- Fully illustrated, including 32 pages of colour photos, maps, and drawings, which bring the world of English to life

Source: Longman Dictionary of English Language and Culture

Scanning a text means looking at the text rapidly to find some information. Scan the text and complete the following phrases

1. The Longman dictionary includes words and _____. (culture)
2. The dictionary has _____ (15000) encyclopedic and culturally significant words.
3. In total, there are _____ (80000) words.
4. There are American and _____ (British) words in the dictionary.
5. There are more than _____ (400) Cultural notes and entries.
6. The dictionary contains _____ (32) pages of photos, maps and drawings.

3. Post-Reading

Check if your dictionary has the same aspects mentioned in the previous reading. Discuss your findings with a partner.



TYPE IT UP

1. Pre-writing

Find five words that you do not understand from this unit. Look up the words in the dictionary and write their meaning.

2. Writing

Write a sentence for each of the five words that you looked up in the dictionary.

3. Post-writing

Share your definitions and sentences with two other classmates.



LOGGING OFF

TEAM PROJECT

OBJECTIVE:

To learn how to use a dictionary

PRODUCT

A small dictionary

DISSEMINATION

A booklet

Roles	Job Description	Student's Name
Student 1 Leader	Sees that everybody uses English Sees that everybody participates	
Student 2 Secretary	Writes information about project	
Student 3 Designer	Decides on the design of the booklet	
Student 4 Assistant	Helps secretary and designer with their work	

Students are going to create their own dictionary by selecting at least ten words, illustrating them, writing an approximate pronunciation and a translation of the words.

2. SURFING THE NET

Search the web on the following topic: Dictionaries

Go to <http://www.dictionary.com>



Culture note:

When travelling, the use of a phrase dictionary is an invaluable resource, especially if you do not speak the language well. There are different kinds of dictionaries such as monolingual dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, traveller's dictionaries, etc, but remember that studying the language and being able to speak it is the best resource.