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Finding the words

- ▶ **1** Put these words into alphabetical order:
- a ruby • diamond • sapphire • emerald
diamond emerald ruby sapphire
- b turquoise • scarlet • maroon • crimson • beige

- c beech • willow • maple • carob • yew • ash

- d firewall • database • RAM • spreadsheet • DVD • microchip

- ▶ **2** Now find the words in your dictionary. What can you say about each group?
- a _____
- b _____
- c _____
- d _____

- ▶ **3** Number these words so that they are in alphabetical order, for example:
- castle 5 cashier 2 cast 4 case 1 cashmere 3
- a land _____ lamb _____ lament _____ lake _____ lamp _____
- b rich _____ ricochet _____ rice _____ ribbon _____ rib _____
- c vegetable _____ vegan _____ vehicle _____ veal _____ vehement _____
- d path _____ paste _____ patch _____ patio _____ past _____



Tip: If you need help, your dictionary has the alphabet printed down the side of the page

▶ **4** Put the words in each line into alphabetical order so that they make a sentence.

- a Betty every comes Friday Aunt Aunt Betty comes every Friday.
- b Edward did test his fail? _____
- c favourite Ella's pizza is food _____
- d can tea come Chloe for? _____
- e work to Donna drive does? _____
- f much maths like doesn't Alex _____



Remember to put a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop or a question mark at the end of the sentence.

▶ **5** Look at the words in the box. Decide whether each of them comes before or after the word **map** in the dictionary. Write them before or after it here.

_____ **map** _____

look see hear listen taste smell

▶ **6** Look at the words at the top of the pages of your dictionary. They will help you to find the words that are on that page.

a Which of these words will you find on the page **whichever-whistle**?

whiff _____ where _____ white _____

while _____ whirlpool _____ whisk _____

b Which of these words will you find on the page **elderly-elementary school**?

eldest _____ electrify _____ either _____

electric _____ elastic _____ elegant _____