

Get it right: using the grammar information in the dictionary

▶ **1** In your dictionary you will find lots of notes which will help you with common problems in English. Use the notes in the entries for the words in **bold type** in these sentences to correct the mistakes.

- a I am looking for an **accommodation**. _____
- b **Measles** are a potentially dangerous disease. _____
- c **Most** of students passed the exam. _____
- d Have you got an **own** room? _____
- e The **police** is looking for a gang of thieves aged between 17 and 20.

- f They have lived here **since** five years. _____
- g Are you **smelling** gas? I think there's a leak. _____
- h You shouldn't judge a book by **it's** cover. _____

▶ **2 Phrasal Verbs**

Read Appendix 3 in the back of your dictionary and do the practice tasks. Now look at the phrasal verbs in the entries for **go** and **get** and fill in the words which go with them to make these meanings.

go

- return **b** _____
- explode **o** _____
- take place after planning **a** _____
- stop being fashionable **o** _____

get

- fail to do something on time **b** _____
- speak/write to sb about sth **o** _____
- say unkind things **a** _____
- recover from an illness **o** _____

▶ **3 Grammar information in the entries**

If a word is irregular, for example if a noun has a plural that is not formed by adding **-s** or **-es**, or if a verb does not make its past tense and past participle by adding **-ed**, the dictionary tells you this information when you look up the word.

potato /pə'tetəʊ/ *noun* [C,U] (*pl. potatoes*) a round vegetable with a brown, yellow or red skin. Potatoes are white or yellow inside. They grow under the ground on the roots of the potato plant: *mashed potato* ◦ *potatoes baked in their jackets* ◦ *roast potatoes* (= cooked in fat in the oven) ◦ *Linda peeled the potatoes for supper.*
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Answer the following questions. Check the entries for the words in **bold type** if you are not sure.

- a What is the plural of **potato**? And **macro**? _____
- b What can you say about the plural of **library** and **nursery**?

- c What is the plural of **brother-in-law**? _____
- d What is the singular of **calves**? _____
- e What is the past tense of the verb **diversify**? _____
- f What is the past participle of **mislead**? _____
- g What happens to **repel** and **enrol** in the past tense?

- h Is the infinitive **read** pronounced the same as the past tense **read**?

- i What is the comparative form of **spicy**? _____
- j Complete this sentence: 'It has been a very **wet** winter, and February has been the _____ month since records began.'