



## Dictionaries

If you want to look up a word in the dictionary, you'll find the words listed in alphabetical order:

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

### Finding the right page

At the top of the page, in each corner, are guide words that help you find the page you want.

If you see the guide words JAB JAGUAR at the top of a page, you'll know that the first word on the page is 'jab' and the last word on the page is 'jaguar'; so all the rest of the words on the page will lie between 'jab' and 'jaguar'. For example, 'jacket', 'jade', 'jagged' and 'javelin' will be on that page. 'Jam-jar', 'jaw', 'jargon' and 'jay' will not. They may be on the next page, which could be headed JAIL JAZZ.

### Finding the word you want on the page

When you've found the right page for your word, scan the page for the word you want. If you're looking for the word 'jaundice', you know that it will be somewhere on the page between 'jail' and 'jazz'. However, all the words begin with 'j', so you need to look at the second letter to give you more clues. On this page all the words also begin with 'ja', so you need to turn to the third letter of your word: the word 'jaundice' has a 'u' as the third letter. 'U' is near the end of the alphabet so start looking towards the end of the list of 'ja' words. You will find 'jaundice' after 'jasmine' (begins 'jas') and before javelin (begins 'jav').