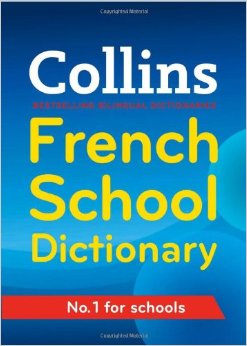
[](http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwj8s4iE-pzLAhWBPBQKHV6XBUgQjRwIBw&url=http://www.amazon.co.uk/Collins-French-School-Dictionary/dp/0007367856&psig=AFQjCNE_w59_5U-5_YGg5RsOIP1W5pmWyA&ust=1456834622881013)**Dictionary skills**

**Activity A: Often you won't need to use your dictionary! :-D**

**What do these words mean in English?**

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| *Français* |  | *English* |  |
| 1. le théâtre |  |  |  |
| 1. la guitar |  |  |  |
| 1. l'imagination |  |  | Did you find this activity A:   * easy ☺ * ok * difficult ☹ |
| 1. le hamster |  |  |  |
| 1. la nationalité |  |  |  |
| 1. la lampe |  |  |  |
| 1. confortable |  |  |  |
| 1. négatif |  |  |  |
| 1. émotionnel |  |  |  |
| 1. maximum |  |  |  |
| 1. délicieux |  |  |  |
| 1. authentique |  |  | MC900434411[1] |
| 1. le restaurant |  |  |  |
| 1. le piano |  |  |  |
| 1. les mathématiques |  |  |  |

**Activity B: Can you work out what the following words mean? (Use your dictionary to check, if necessary.)**

Did you find this activity B:

* easy ☺
* ok
* difficult ☹



1. A text is about 'les reptiles' and mentions 'un lézard'.
   * “un lézard” = …………………………………
2. A text about 'le transport' talks about 'les passagers'.
   * “un passager” = …………………………………
3. An article about war refers to 'la bataille'.
   * “une bataille” = …………………………………
4. A pupil is talking about 'les maths' and in particular 'l'algèbre'.
   * “l’algèbre” = …………………………………
5. A teacher is talking about ‘l’écosystème’ and in particular ‘l’habitat’.
   * “l’habitat” = …………………………………

The words below all have more than one meaning. Use the dictionary to choose the English translation which best fits the description.

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| **French word** | **description** | **English translation** |
| Lentilles | You can cook with them |  |
| Café | You can drink it |  |
| Pêches | They grow on trees |  |
| Chaîne | You can play music on this |  |
| Pièce | You would see one at the theatre |  |
| Glace | You can see yourself in this |  |
| Pension | You could stay here |  |
| Glace | You would reserve one for a concert |  |

These French words all look like English words. Write down your guess of the meaning, then look up the word to find out what the real meaning is.

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|  | **My guess** | **Real meaning** |  | **My guess** | **Real meaning** |
| car |  |  | cousin |  |  |
| vent |  |  | travailler |  |  |
| journée |  |  | veste |  |  |
| baskets |  |  | bond |  |  |
| blouse |  |  | prune |  |  |

The contents of a jewellery box, a tool box and a dressing-up box have all got mixed up. Use the dictionary to help you decide which item belongs in which box.

casquette chemisier montre marteau collant manteau clou

tournevis bague gilet perceuse alliance médaillon scie

collier foulard veston broche

Dressing-up box

Tool box

Jewellery box