

7. Using Alphabetical Order

Discuss

If you want to find the correct spelling of a word, the best place to look is the **dictionary**. Words in a dictionary are listed in **alphabetical order**.

Capital letters:	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
Lower-case letters:	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

What letter or letters are missing in each group below? Write the missing letters, then read aloud the whole group.

A B ___ D	d ___ ___ g	p q ___ s	___ ___ Q ___
e f ___ h	K ___ ___ N	___ g h ___	O ___ ___ R
I J ___ L	T ___ ___ W	___ h ___ j	M ___ ___ P

Writing Practice

Rewrite each group below so that the words are in alphabetical order.

1. hand enter ill grow fall

2. ever dandy candy gun fun

3. many kick open never low

4. time see very run under

5. next play jam box van

Use what you've learned.

Writing on Your Own

Find the following words in a dictionary. Each word has more than one meaning. Write one of the meanings for the word. Then use the word in a sentence of your own.

1. stop

Meaning: _____

My sentence: _____

2. stoop

Meaning: _____

My sentence: _____

3. cape

Meaning: _____

My sentence: _____

4. cap

Meaning: _____

My sentence: _____

5. fine

Meaning: _____

My sentence: _____

6. find

Meaning: _____

My sentence: _____

Partner Work

1. With your partner, go over your **Writing Practice** work. Make any corrections that are needed.

2. If words begin with the same letter or letters, you must look at the next letters to put the words in alphabetical order.

Examples: cake cheese (a comes before h)

 coffee cola (f comes before l)

 cream crew (a comes before w)

With your partner, put each list below in alphabetical order.

pear potato pound pint

strange stretch stuff straight

meat market melt meant

fright frost from fight

tax tale tall tape

7. band

Meaning: _____

My sentence: _____

8. ban

Meaning: _____

My sentence: _____

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Writing Practice

1. enter, fall, grow, hand, ill
2. candy, dandy, ever, fun, gun
3. kick, low, many, never, open
4. run, see, time, under, very
5. box, jam, next, play, van

Partner Work

2. pear, pint, potato, pound
straight, strange, stretch, stuff
market, meant, meat, melt
fight, fright, from, frost
tale, tall, tape, tax

Writing on Your Own

Answers will vary.