1 READING

a Look at the dictionary definition. What do you think the missing word is?

> _____ a person who puts metal in your mouth and takes coins out of your pocket.

b Read the text once. Where is the definition from?

A *different* kind of dictionary

AMBROSE BIERCE was a19th-century American author and journalist. His most popular book is probably the *Devil's Dictionary*, written between 1881 and 1887. Bierce's dictionary does not contain normal definitions – his definitions are funny and cynical. For example, in a normal dictionary, the definition of dentist is 'a kind of doctor who looks after people's teeth'. But in the *Devil's Dictionary*, the definition of a dentist is 'a person who puts metal in your mouth and takes coins out of your pocket'. Today on the Internet you can find many websites with more modern versions of the *Devil's Dictionary*.

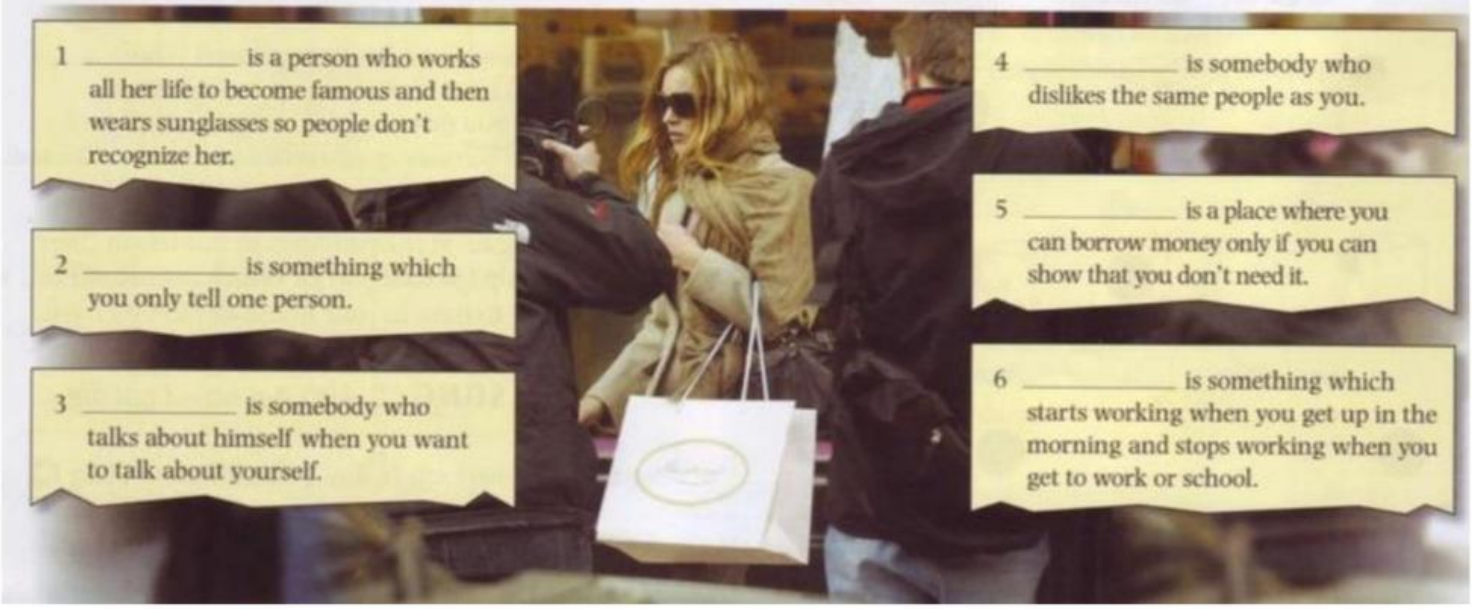
c Read the text again and answer the questions.

1 Who was Ambrose Bierce?
2 What is the normal definition of 'dentist'?
3 Where can you find modern versions of the *Devil's Dictionary*?

d In pairs, think of **normal** definitions for these words or phrases.

a bank a boring person the brain a star a friend a secret

e Now match the words / phrases in **d** to these **cynical** definitions.



1 _____ is a person who works all her life to become famous and then wears sunglasses so people don't recognize her.

2 _____ is something which you only tell one person.

3 _____ is somebody who talks about himself when you want to talk about yourself.

4 _____ is somebody who dislikes the same people as you.

5 _____ is a place where you can borrow money only if you can show that you don't need it.

6 _____ is something which starts working when you get up in the morning and stops working when you get to work or school.

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c Tell a partner about **three** of the things below. Say why.

- a person who is very important to you
- a famous person who you like a lot
- something which you couldn't live without
- a thing which you often lose
- a place where you'd like to go for a special evening
- a place where you were very happy when you were a child

PRONUNCIATION using a dictionary

Look at the two dictionary extracts. How do you pronounce the words?

busy /'bɪzi/ adj *ocupé*

guitar /gi'tɑ:/ n a musical instrument with strings

The apostrophe(') shows stress. The stressed syllable is the one after the apostrophe.

Look carefully at the pronunciation of the words below. Practise saying them correctly.

laugh /lɑ:f/ **eyes** /aɪz/ **example** /ɪg'zɑ:mpl/
keys /ki:z/ **kind** /kaɪnd/ **eighteen** /eɪ'ti:n/

The **Sound Bank** on p.156 can help you use your dictionary better.

3 LISTENING

a 1.10 Listen to the introduction to a TV game show, *What's the word?* How do you play the game?

b 1.11 Now listen to the show. Write down the six answers.

1 _____ 4 _____
2 _____ 5 _____
3 _____ 6 _____

c 1.12 Listen and check your answers.

4 VOCABULARY paraphrasing

a What's the best thing to do if you're talking to someone in English and you don't know a word that you need?

a Panic and stop talking.
b Try to mime the word.
c Try to explain what you mean using other words you know.

b 1.13 Complete the **useful expressions** with these words. Then listen and check.

example how kind like opposite person
place similar somebody thing

Useful expressions
explaining a word that you don't know

1 It's _____ who works in a restaurant.
2 It's the _____ who takes the food from the kitchen to the tables.
3 It's a _____ where you go when you want to buy something.
4 It's a _____ which you use to talk.
5 It's a _____ of machine.
6 It's the _____ of fat.
7 It's _____ thin, but it means thin and attractive.
8 It's _____ to worried.
9 It's _____ you feel when you have a lot of things to do.
10 For _____, you do this with the TV.

c Complete the definitions for these words.

1 **a tourist** *It's somebody…*
2 **a sports centre** *It's a place…*
3 **a key** *It's a thing…*
4 **worried** *It's how you feel…*
5 **laugh** *You do this …*

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1D Crossword **Student A**

a Ask B for the definitions of your missing words. Guess the words and complete your crossword.

What's 1 across?

What's 3 down?

b Give definitions of the words B asks for.

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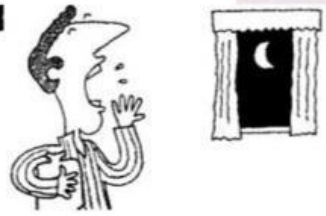

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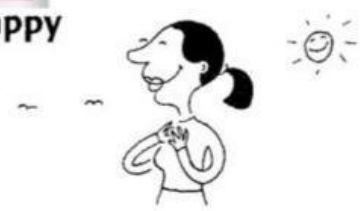
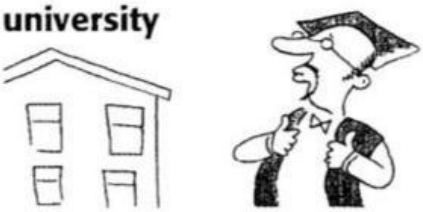


have a shower

go on holiday

go shopping

university



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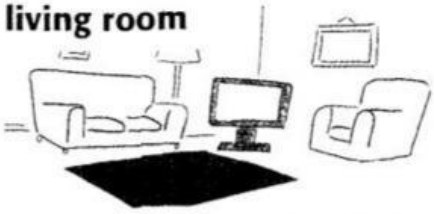

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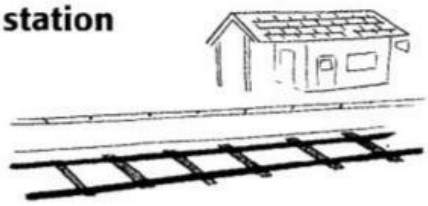

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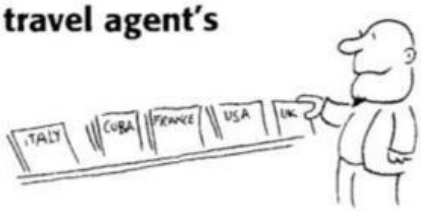

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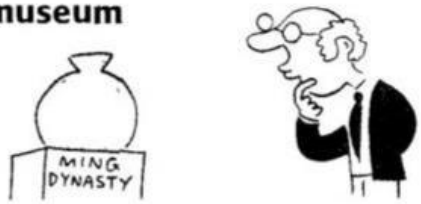

supermarket

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