

# Using the Dictionary

The diagram shows a dictionary page with two columns. The left column contains the word **pay** and its entry. The right column contains the words **ped-i-ment** and **ped-o-met-er** with their definitions. Labels A through F are placed around the page with arrows pointing to specific parts:

- A** (red circle) points to the word **pay** at the top left and **penitent** at the top right.
- B** (blue circle) points to the word **pay** in the entry.
- C** (green circle) points to the pronunciation **(pā)**.
- D** (yellow circle) points to the part of speech **v.**
- E** (purple circle) points to the first definition: **1. To give a person what is due for a debt, purchase, or work completed.**
- F** (orange circle) points to the second definition: **2. To compensate. 3. To suffer the consequences.**

- A.** **Guide word:** a word that shows the first or last item on that page.
- B.** **Entry word:** a word that is the subject for an entry in a dictionary.
- C.** **Pronunciation:** The way in which to speak the word.
- D.** **Part of speech:** a category to which a word is assigned - **n.** (noun), **v.** (verb), **adj.** (adjective) **adv.** (adverb), **pron.** (pronoun), **conj.** (conjunction), **prep.** (preposition), and **interj.** (interjection).
- E.** **Definition:** The meaning of the word.
- F.** **Alternative definition:** Another definition; some words can have more than one meaning.

## Test your knowledge

Use the example dictionary entry below to answer the questions.

<b>hatter</b>	<b>hearing</b>
<p><b>head-ing</b> (hed íng) <i>n.</i> 1. A title or caption that acts as a front, beginning, or upper part of anything. 2. The direction or course of a ship or aircraft.</p>	



1. What are the guide words for the page? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the entry word? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What part of speech is the entry word? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many syllables does the word have? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Write the definition that matches the meaning of the word "heading" in the sentence below.  
*The captain went into his cabin to plot the **heading** for the ship.*  
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