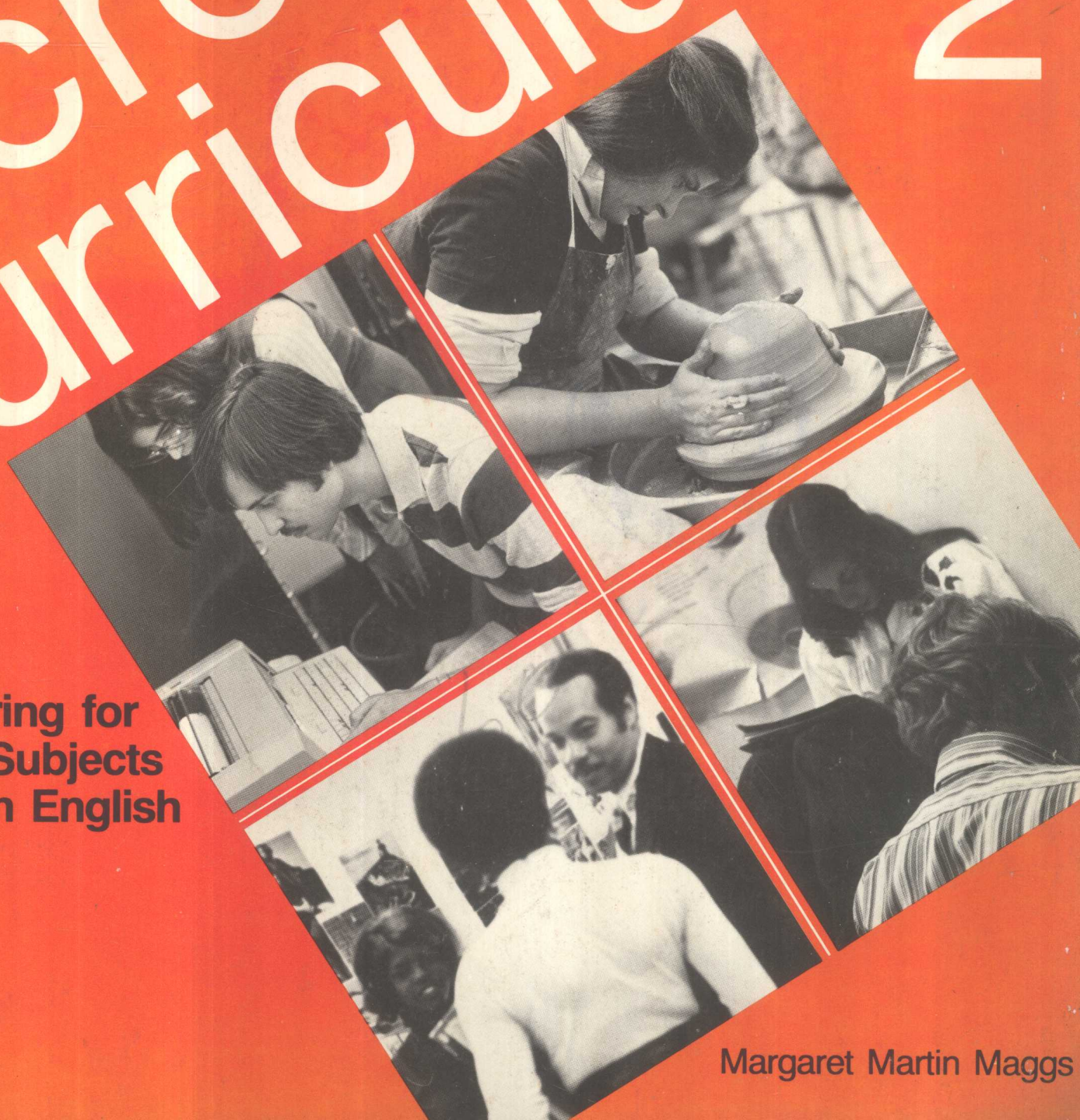


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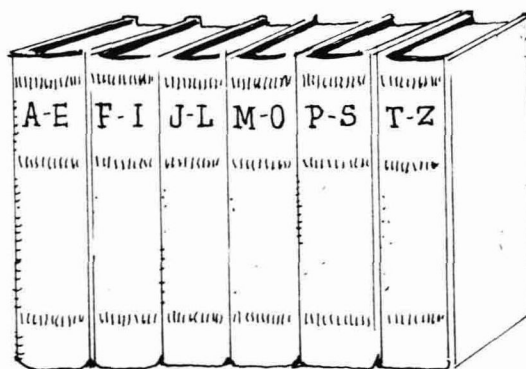
What do you know about alphabetical order?

There are twenty-six letters in the English alphabet. Every English student should know the alphabet. The letters are:

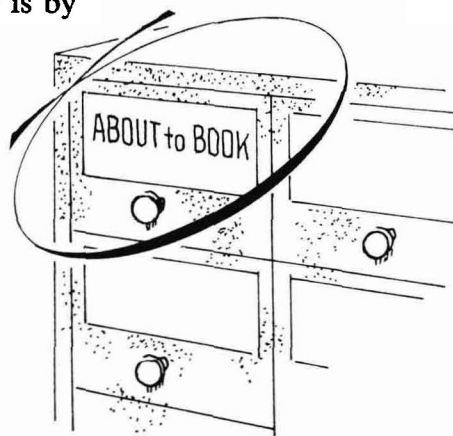


It is important to know the order of the alphabet. It is used to organize books and parts of books, many times. It helps you find words in a dictionary, for example. It helps you find which book to use in an encyclopedia of many books.

Sometimes alphabetical order uses only the letters, like this:



Sometimes, especially in a library, alphabetical order is by the first letter of names or words.



What do you know about alphabetical order?

A Put the letters in alphabetical order.

EXAMPLE: B, C, A A, B, C

- | | | | |
|------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| 1. O, N, M | _____ | 8. V, W, U | _____ |
| 2. T, U, S | _____ | 9. B, D, C | _____ |
| 3. D, F, E | _____ | 10. N, P, O | _____ |
| 4. Y, Z, X | _____ | 11. H, J, I | _____ |
| 5. J, L, K | _____ | 12. X, Y, W | _____ |
| 6. P, R, Q | _____ | 13. F, E, G | _____ |
| 7. I, H, G | _____ | 14. U, V, T | _____ |
-

B Put the words in alphabetical order.

- | | | | |
|----------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. job | <u>apple</u> | 8. reference | _____ |
| 2. can | _____ | 9. song | _____ |
| 3. zebra | _____ | 10. plant | _____ |
| 4. man | _____ | 11. bank | _____ |
| 5. apple | _____ | 12. look | _____ |
| 6. woman | _____ | 13. television | _____ |
| 7. girl | _____ | 14. ugly | _____ |
-

What do you know about alphabetical order?

In alphabetical order, sometimes there are two words that begin with the same letter. An example of this is **and** and **apple**. What do you do then? You use the second letter to help you alphabetize (put in alphabetical order). In the word **and** the second letter is N. In the word **apple** the second letter is P. N is before P in the alphabet. The word **and** is before **apple** in alphabetical order.

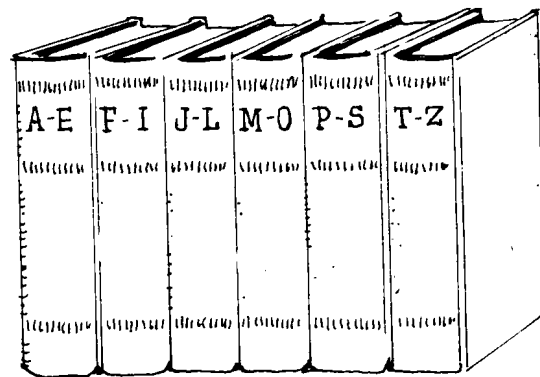
Here are some more examples:

<u>Science</u>	comes before	<u>Social Studies</u>
<u>little</u>	comes before	<u>love</u>
<u>man</u>	comes before	<u>me</u>

What do you do when the second letter is the same? An example of this is **boy** and **box**. You use the third letter to help you alphabetize. In the word **boy** the third letter is Y. In the word **box** the third letter is X. X is before Y in the alphabet. The word **box** is before **boy** in alphabetical order.

Here are some more examples:

<u>sing</u>	comes before	<u>six</u>
<u>woman</u>	comes before	<u>wood</u>
<u>tree</u>	comes before	<u>try</u>



What do you know about alphabetical order?

A Put the words in alphabetical order.

- | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. eleven, easy | <u>easy, eleven</u> | 6. love, like | _____ |
| 2. dark, dry | _____ | 7. play, part | _____ |
| 3. round, right | _____ | 8. no, nice | _____ |
| 4. sing, song | _____ | 9. book, bank | _____ |
| 5. go, green | _____ | 10. emergency, excellent | _____ |
-

B Put these words in alphabetical order:

- | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1. tame, take | <u>take, tame</u> | 6. had, have | _____ |
| 2. open, opaque | _____ | 7. love, look | _____ |
| 3. name, nail | _____ | 8. student, stand | _____ |
| 4. fan, fat | _____ | 9. find, fill | _____ |
| 5. three, this | _____ | 10. think, they | _____ |
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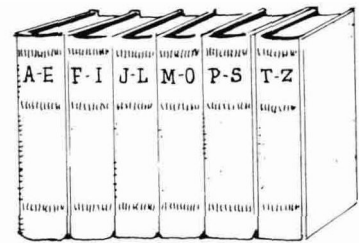
C Put these words in alphabetical order:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. like, lemon, linen | <u>lemon, like, linen</u> | 6. stop, slow, student | _____ |
| 2. chance, cheer, car | _____ | 7. bill, bank, book | _____ |
| 3. vowel, very, veil | _____ | 8. eat, every, emergency | _____ |
| 4. more, mess, moon | _____ | | _____ |
| 5. have, has, hat | _____ | 9. the, too, thing | _____ |
| | | 10. do, dear, dead | _____ |
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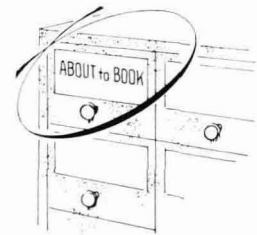
What words do you know in the library?

Our school has a library. We went there with our teacher.
Words that we used were: alphabetical order, reference,
catalog, card, title and author.

In the library the books are in alphabetical order. There are many different reference books we can use.



When we want a book, we look in the catalog to see where it is.



We can look at the catalog card under the title.

Court Wits of the Restoration, the
820.903 Wilson, John Harold, 1900--
W54 The Court Wits of the Restoration:
An Introduction / John Harold Wilson.

We can also look at the catalog card under the author's last name.

820.903 Wilson, John Harold, 1900--
W54 The Court Wits of the Restoration:
An Introduction / John Harold Wilson.
Princeton: Princeton University Press,

Library

Our teacher took the class to the school library yesterday.
We looked for books to read. We looked in the card
catalog. The cards have the title of the book and the
author's name. The cards are in alphabetical order.

What words do you know in the library?

A Draw a line from the picture to the word.

WORDS

alphabetical order

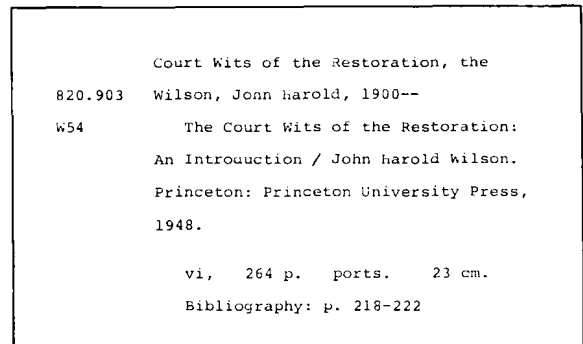
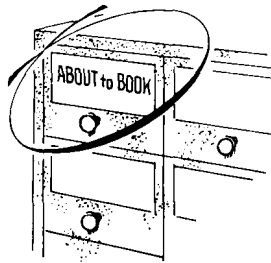
reference book

card catalog

card

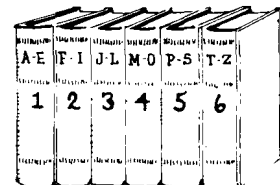
title

author



John Harold Wilson

The Court Wits of the Restoration



B What letter do you use in the card catalog for a book:

1. with the title "All About Plants"

A

2. by John Milne

M

3. about karate

4. with the title "Patsy and her Friends"

5. by Louise Ross

6. with the title "Singing in the Rain"

7. by Ernest Hemingway

8. about music

9. with the title "Under the Lilacs"

10. by Jack London

11. about dogs

12. with the title "Street Fair"

13. by Aristotle

14. with the title "Zebras can be Funny"

15. about biology

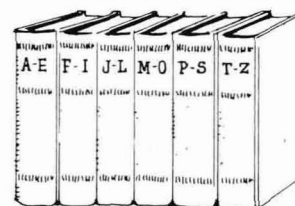
What words do you know in the library?

We learned more words in the library. We learned:
dictionary, encyclopedia, biography, fiction and non-fiction.

One of the reference books in the library is the dictionary. It tells us about words.

sub-ject |səb'jɛkt| —*noun, plural subjects* 1. Something that is thought about, discussed, or is the object of an action. 2. A course or area of study. 3. A person or thing that is used as the object of a special study. 4. Someone who is under the control of or owes allegiance to a government or ruler. 5. A word or group of words in a sentence that does or receives the action of the verb. In the sentences *Jimmy threw the ball*, *Jill and I went to the movies*, and *The cake tastes good*, the subjects are *Jimmy*, *Jill and I*, and *The cake*.

One of the reference books is the encyclopedia. It tells us about people, places and things.



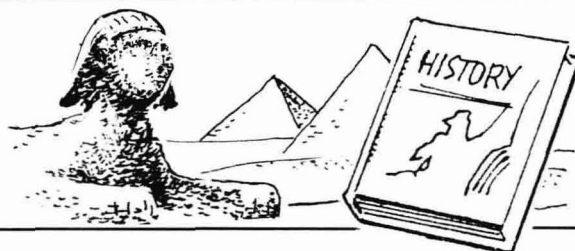
A biography is a book about someone. This is a book about Pél  .



Fiction books are story books. They tell a story.



Non-fiction books are not stories. They are true.



Library

Our teacher took the class to the library and said, "I want you to get a book to read." Iliana said, "I want a biography." Chan said, "I like fiction." I wanted to read a non-fiction book. We walked around the library and looked for books. We saw reference books, too. They were the encyclopedia and the dictionary.

What words do you know in the library?

A What kind of book is it?

biography dictionary encyclopedia fiction non-fiction

1. A book that is true is _____.
2. A book that tells us about words is a _____.
3. A book that tells stories is _____.
4. A book that tells us about people, places and things is an
_____.
5. A book about someone is a _____.

B Go to the library. Find two examples of each book. Write the titles of the books you found.

1. dictionary _____

 2. biography _____

 3. fiction _____

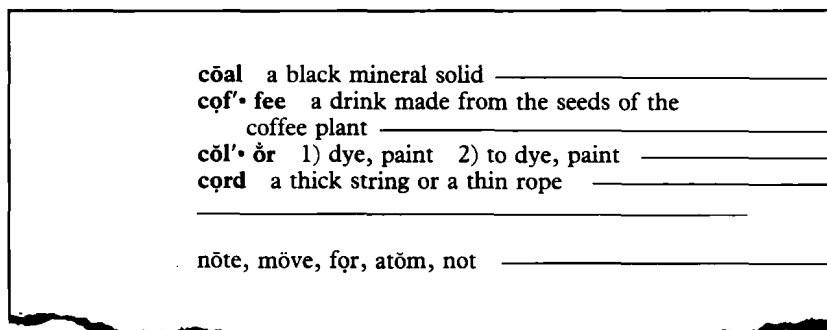
 4. non-fiction _____

 5. encyclopedia _____

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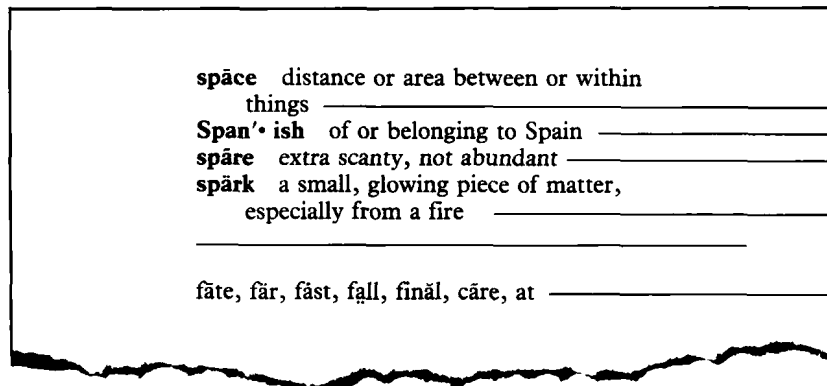
What is in the dictionary?

The dictionary is a book that tells us about words. It tells us what a word means, its definition. It tells us how to say the word, its pronunciation.



The definitions

Examples of how to
pronounce the letter O in
different words



The definitions

Examples of how to
pronounce the letter A in
different words

What is in the dictionary?

A Look at the dictionary page and answer the questions.

pāge one side of a leaf of a book

pālm a tropical tree

pan a dish used for cooking

fāte, fār, fāst, fāl, fināl, cāre, at

1. What is the definition of page?

2. What word has an A pronounced like the A in far?

3. What is the definition of palm?

4. What word has an A pronounced like the A in at?

B Look at the dictionary page and answer the questions.

bōss an employer

bōwl a dish open at the top

bōy a male child

nōte, mōve, fōr, atōm, not

1. What word has an O pronounced like the O in for?

2. What is the definition of boy?

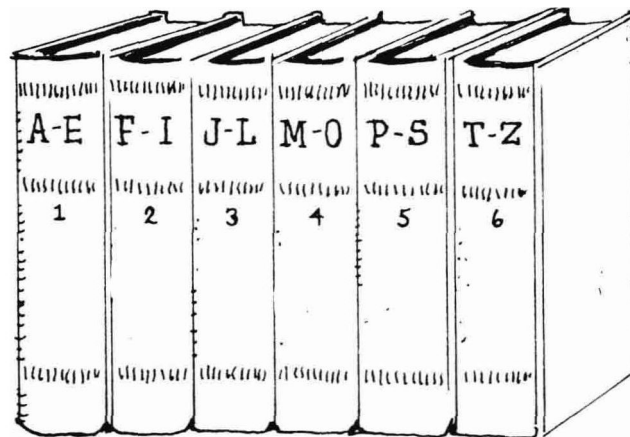
3. What word has an O pronounced like the O in note?

4. What is the definition of boss?

What is in the encyclopedia?

One of the reference books in the library is the encyclopedia. It gives us information. It tells us about people, places and things. Some encyclopedias have many books or volumes. Like the dictionary, the encyclopedia has the information in alphabetical order.

This encyclopedia has six volumes.



Colombia a country in the northwestern part of South America. The area is 439,920 square miles. The population is 23,331,000. The capital is Bogota.

Columbus, Christopher The discoverer of America (1492). Born in Genoa (1446?), died in Spain (1506). With the help of the Spanish royal family, led an expedition of three ships (Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria) that arrived at land on October 12, 1492.

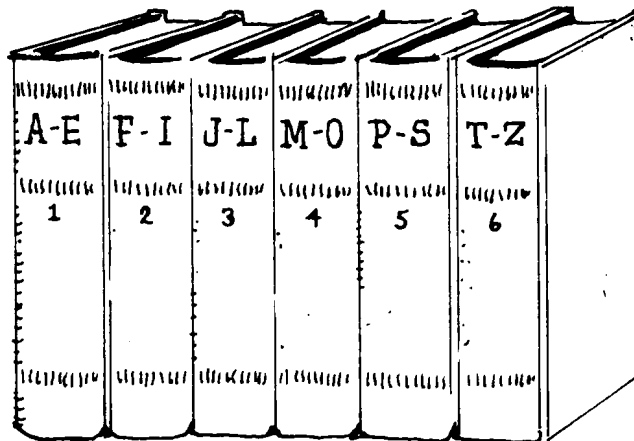
Coma A kind of deep sleep, usually caused by an accident or illness. The longest coma known is that of Elaine Esposito, who lived in a coma for 37 years, 111 days.



What is in the encyclopedia?

A Where do you look for information on

- | | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. money? | Volume <u> 4 </u> |
| 2. night? | Volume <u> </u> |
| 3. credit? | Volume <u> </u> |
| 4. time? | Volume <u> </u> |
| 5. elevators? | Volume <u> </u> |
| 6. love? | Volume <u> </u> |
| 7. biology? | Volume <u> </u> |
| 8. England? | Volume <u> </u> |
| 9. war? | Volume <u> </u> |
| 10. maps? | Volume <u> </u> |



B Where do you look for information?

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Volume <u> 1 </u> | I live in Chicago, and I want to learn about it. |
| 2. Volume <u> </u> | My Science teacher said to find out about electricity. |
| 3. Volume <u> </u> | My Shop teacher said to write a report about wood. |
| 4. Volume <u> </u> | My Music teacher said to read about the guitar. |
| 5. Volume <u> </u> | My Social Studies teacher said to write a paper about China. |
| 6. Volume <u> </u> | I am going to California, and I want to find out about it. |
| 7. Volume <u> </u> | My Math teacher said to learn all about the meaning of <u>pi</u> . |
| 8. Volume <u> </u> | My Home Economics teacher said to write a report on clothing. |
| 9. Volume <u> </u> | I need to know something about telephones and their history. |
| 10. Volume <u> </u> | My English teacher wants a report about languages. |

What is a Table of Contents, and how do you use it?

You will find a Table of Contents in the front of many books. Like the index, it shows where to find information in the book. It is not in alphabetical order. It gives the information in the order that it comes in in the book. The first part of the Table of Contents has the information on the first part of the book. For example, here is part of the Table of Contents for a spelling book:

CONTENTS		
1.	We meet	1
2.	At Home	5
3.	At School	9
4.	At the Store	13
5.	In the Family	17
6.	Days and Months	21
7.	Taking a Ride	25

Some fiction books have Tables of Contents, too. Here is an example:

CONTENTS		
	A Strange Man	1
	Why I Ran Away	18
	A New Friend	25
	Our Adventures	36
	Home at Last	59