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Confidence and dictionary skills-building activities

This chapter has a range of activities to help learners understand how monolingual learner dictionaries work. The idea is to help them get used to the features of good learner dictionaries so that they can get the most out of them.

Many of the activities are aimed at lower-intermediate learners, who may be less familiar with how dictionaries work and need more help with basics like alphabetical order.

There are also activities which are suitable for learners with a higher language level such as 1.13 Navigating the dictionary: Using guidewords and signposts 2, and 1.14 Locating multi-word items.

The main thing is to try to get learners using dictionaries happily and comfortably. A little dictionary work, and often, is the key to learner independence.

