



**Course: English Composition 1**

**Course Code: ENGL101**

**Topic: The dictionary**

**Skill: Use of Dictionary**

How to use a dictionary effectively

**Examples:**

Reasons for using a dictionary

A dictionary is a very important tool for anyone who is learning a new language. With a good dictionary you can do the following:

1. Look up the meaning of an English word you see or hear
2. Find the English translation of a word in your language
3. Check the spelling of a word
4. Check the plural of a noun or past tense of a verb
5. Find out other grammatical information about a word
6. Find the synonym or antonym of a word
7. Look up the collocations of a word
8. Check the part of speech of a word
9. Find out how to say a word
10. Find out about the register of a word
11. Find examples of the use of a word in natural language

El uso de un diccionario amerita tomar mejores decisiones en que palabras utilizar ya que en el inglés se expresa la misma oración de varias formas

Knowing which dictionary to use

Electronic dictionaries are the best choice for ESL students. Most of them contain native-language equivalents and explanations, as well as definitions and example sentences in English. They can speak the English word to you, and they are easy to carry around.

**Exercises:** In this exercises use the following links on web resources to use them and do the 11 step process to search for the following words.

1. Dreams
2. Goals
3. Studies
4. Family
5. School

**References:**

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[www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/)

**Web Resource:**

<http://www.ldoceonline.com/>

[www.thefreedictionary.com/](http://www.thefreedictionary.com/)

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