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The letters given above are in an order. But when we make words, we change the order of the letters. Some come in the beginning, some in the middle, some at the end or some may be repeated.

But if we have to put words in an alphabetical order what should we do?

- We look at the **first letter of every word**, then, the second letter, and then, the third and so on, to arrange them in an order.
- ***Have you seen how your teacher calls out the names from the attendance sheet?*** *Your names are in an alphabetical order. The person whose name begins with A is usually the first one in the list.*

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Let us see which letter comes first in these words.

house net axe bottle coin jug zebra kite parrot elephant

The order of the first letters are: h, n, a, b, c, j, z, k, p, e

If we put them in alphabetical order, they will be: a, b, c, e, h, j, k, n, p, z

So, the alphabetical order of words will be:

axe, bottle, coin, elephant, house, jug, kite, net, parrot, zebra

If you have to look up the meaning of a word, you have to use a dictionary.

The words in a dictionary are arranged in an alphabetical order.



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What happens when the words in a list start with the same letter?

If all the words begin with the same letter, then look at the second letter and follow the alphabetical order. If they are same, look at the third letter and so on.

Example: hat, heat, hill, house, hut



Your Turn

Arrange each group of words in an alphabetical order.

1. flag salty beach apple tree coffee
2. giraffe goat give game god gas
3. shave shine shift shoe shut
4. time trim tent till tan trip
5. well why what who where

