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**Who is the project aimed at?**
The Dictionary 4 Life is aimed principally – but not solely - at Year 6 Primary School leavers as a leaving gift or a “rite of passage” to Secondary education.

**How will it Benefit a Child?**
By using dictionaries efficiently children explore spellings, meanings and derivations for example by using alphabetical order, abbreviations and definitions with understanding.

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This leaflet is a sampler of the Dictionary 4 Life. If gives full page random extracts of some of the pages from the Rotary edition Usborne Illustrated Dictionary. It is the same size as the Dictionary on similar quality paper. The cover sheet is replicating the book cover which is plasticised durable material. We hope it gives you a very realistic appreciation of this excellent Dictionary.

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WRITING ENGLISH: SOME HINTS AND GUIDELINES

These two pages give some help with spelling and punctuation. You should find them useful to refer to when you are writing.

Spelling English
It is sometimes hard to spell English correctly because it is a mixture of so many languages (see pages 6-7). Here are some patterns to follow and spellings to remember, but watch out for exceptions and use a dictionary to check your spelling.

Making plurals
Most nouns simply gain an s to become plural.

dinosaur - dinosaurs
book - books
apple - apples

Some words, however, change differently. Here are some word groups for you to remember.

If a word ends in ch, sh, s, ss, x or z, add es
arch - arches
match - matches
dish - dishes
bus - buses

If a word ends in y and the letter before the y is not a, e, i, o or u, replace the y with i and e.
berry - berries
tiny - tinies
party - parties
pony - ponies

Many words ending in f drop their final f and gain ves.
leaf - leaves
doof - doves

Many words ending in o gain es.
buffalo - buffaloes
cargo - cargoes

even numbers such as seize, weir, weir.

Odd plurals
Some words change their spelling dramatically when they become plural. These plurals need to be learnt.
woman - women
man - men
child - children

Letter pairs
qu - is always followed by u
gh - When g and h are written together, g always comes before h.
l and e - It is very easy to get these two letters the wrong way round, but this rule should help you.

Punctuation
Without punctuation to break them up, your sentences would be impossible to read. These guidelines will help you to use some tricky punctuation marks.

Double or single I?
It is sometimes hard to know whether words have a single or a double I. The following words have only one.
already
careful
till
awful
welcome

Remember - when full is added to a word, it drops its final I.
Whenever I see a spider, I am full of fear.

Colons and semi-colons
You can manage without colons and semi-colons in your writing, but they can be very useful. Here are some ways to use them.

Colons can be used to introduce a statement or a list.
At last Harry revealed the secret of his success: three raw carrots every day.

Semi-colons are useful for breaking up lists when the items in the list are long and complicated.
We visited the zoo and saw: two grizzlies, an elephant with a baby, some performing seals, and a very mischievous monkey.

Inverted commas
You use inverted commas, or speech marks, to show that someone is speaking. Always start someone’s spoken words with a capital letter and use a comma to separate speech from the rest of the sentence.

"The view is amazing," said the astronaut.

The astronaut said, "The view is amazing."

"The view," said the astronaut, "is amazing."

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radius (ray-dee-us) radiates or radii
1 (n) a straight line drawn from the centre of a circle to its outer edge. See circle.
2 (n) a bone in your lower arm. See skeleton.
3 (n) a circular area around a thing or a place. Most of my friends live within a radius of a mile from my house.
raffle (n) a way of raising money, by selling tickets and then giving prizes to people with winning tickets. raffle (v).
raffle rafted
1 (n) a floating platform, often made from logs tied together.
2 (v) to travel by raft. rafting (n).
3 (n) an inflatable rubber craft with a flat bottom. The picture shows an inflatable raft travelling through fast-moving water.

rag
1 (n) a piece of old cloth.
2 rags (plural) very old, torn clothing.
rage raging raged
1 (v) to be violent or noisy. The wind raged around the house.
ragged (ragged) (adj) old, torn, and scruffy. raggedly (adv).
raid (n)
1 (n) a sudden attack on a place. raider (n), raid (v).
2 (n) a sudden visit by the police to search for criminals, drugs, etc. raid (v).
rail
1 (n) a fixed bar or metal track.
2 (n) the railway. Thomas loves travelling by rail. rail (adj).
railing (n) a metal bar that is part of a fence.
railway
1 (n) a train track.
2 (n) a system of transport using trains.
rain raining rained
1 (n) water that falls from clouds. rain (v), rainy (adj).
2 (v) to fall like rain.
rainbow (n) an arch of different colours caused by sunlight shining through raindrops. See spectrum.
rainfall (n) the amount of rain that falls in one place in a certain time.

rainforest (n) a thick, tropical forest where a lot of rain falls. The map shows the main rainforests of the world, and is surrounded by examples of rainforest wildlife.

raffle raffles
1 (n) a large meeting. A political rally.
2 (n) in racket games, such as tennis, a rally is a long exchange of shots.
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