

ALPHABET MAGIC VISUAL

Knowing the alphabet can help you find names and subjects in all sorts of books and online reference tools.



Use alphabetical order to write the letter that comes before and after each of the letters below.

○ J ___ M ○ C ___ ○

○ F ___ W ___ ○

Record the circled letters, from left to right, in the spaces below.

Like magic, you will reveal a reference tool that relies on alphabetical order to organize its information.

Hint: The definition for this word is, *An alphabetized listing of names, places, and subjects found in nonfiction books.* The page numbers on which the topic can be found are included.

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ACTIVITY 1

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— S ○ — I — ○ F — —

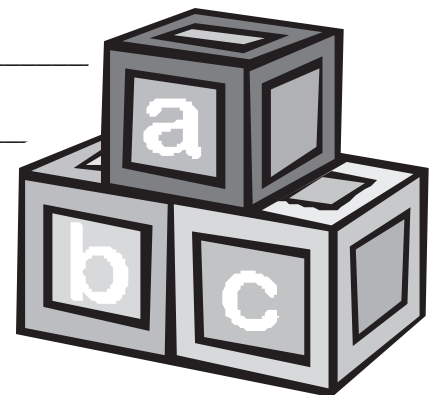
○ T — — ○ B — — ○ V — —

— Q ○ — — T ○ R — — ○

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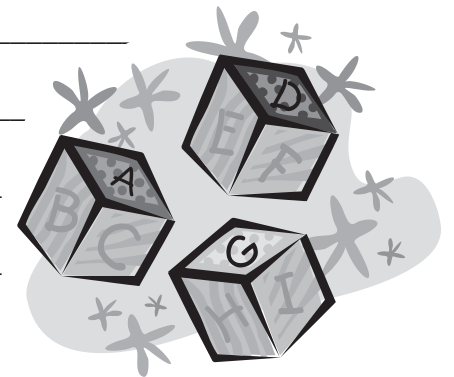
___ X ○ ○ D (M) ___

○ P ___ ○ Q ___ D ○

○ E ___ ___ H ○ (B) ___

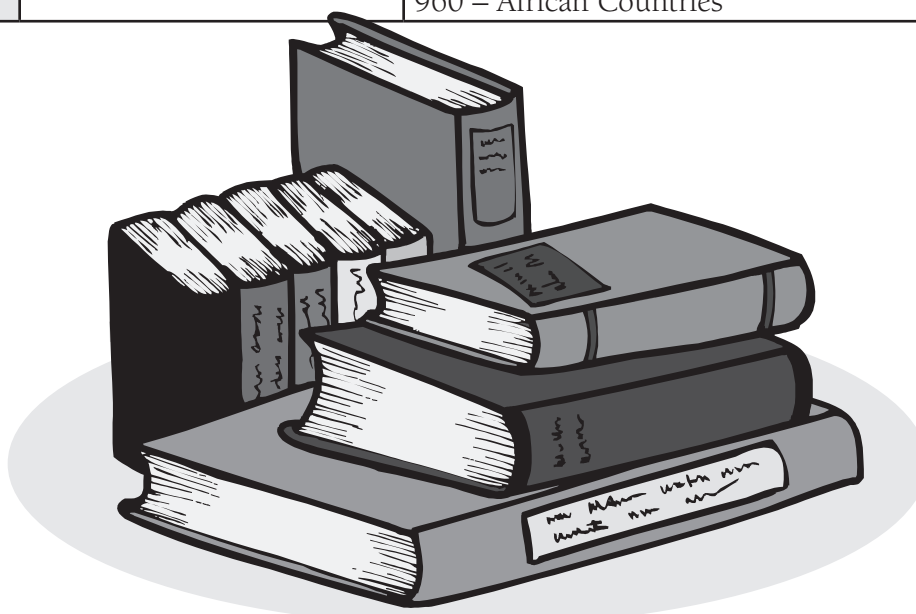
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THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM

Numbers	Group Name	Sample Categories
000-099	General Works	000 – Unexplained Mysteries (UFOs, Bigfoot, Stonehenge, etc) 030 – World Records
100-199	Philosophy	130 – Supernatural (Ghosts, Witches, ESP, etc.) 150 – Optical Illusions 170 – Animal Rights, Ethics, Emotions
200-299	Religion	220 – Bible Stories 290 – Mythology (Greek, Roman, Norse, etc.)
300-399	Social Science	330 – Working, Jobs, Money 390 – Folklore and Fairytales
400-499	Languages	410 – Sign Language 420 – Dictionaries 490 – Hieroglyphics
500-599	Science & Math	520- Astronomy 590 - Insects & Animals
600-699	Technology (People Using Science)	600 – Inventions 630 – Pets 660 – Cookbooks
700-799	Arts & Recreation	730 – Sculpture 780 – Music 790 – Games, Magic, and Sports
800-899	Literature	810 – Poetry, Plays, and Jokes 820 – Shakespeare
900-999	Geography & History	910 – Explorers 950 – Asian Countries 960 – African Countries



THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM TO THE RESCUE

Help the characters in *The Magician's Elephant* find helpful information by writing down the Group Name and Dewey Decimal Number for some of the books they are searching for.

1. The nun at the Sisters of Perpetual Light is looking for a book of Bible stories to read to the orphans. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should she look?

2. The magician wishes to discover if the bright light in the sky he sees from his jail cell is a planet or a star. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should he look?

3. The policeman wants to know more about the continent the elephant came from. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should he look?

4. The stonecutter would like to find out if any of the gargoyles he carved are in a new book about unusual sculptures in Baltese. Under what Dewey Decimal Number should he look?

5. The countess would like to read a play by William Shakespeare. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should she look?

6. The baker needs help with a new pastry he would like to create. He wants it to be sweet and look like an elephant's ear. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should he look?

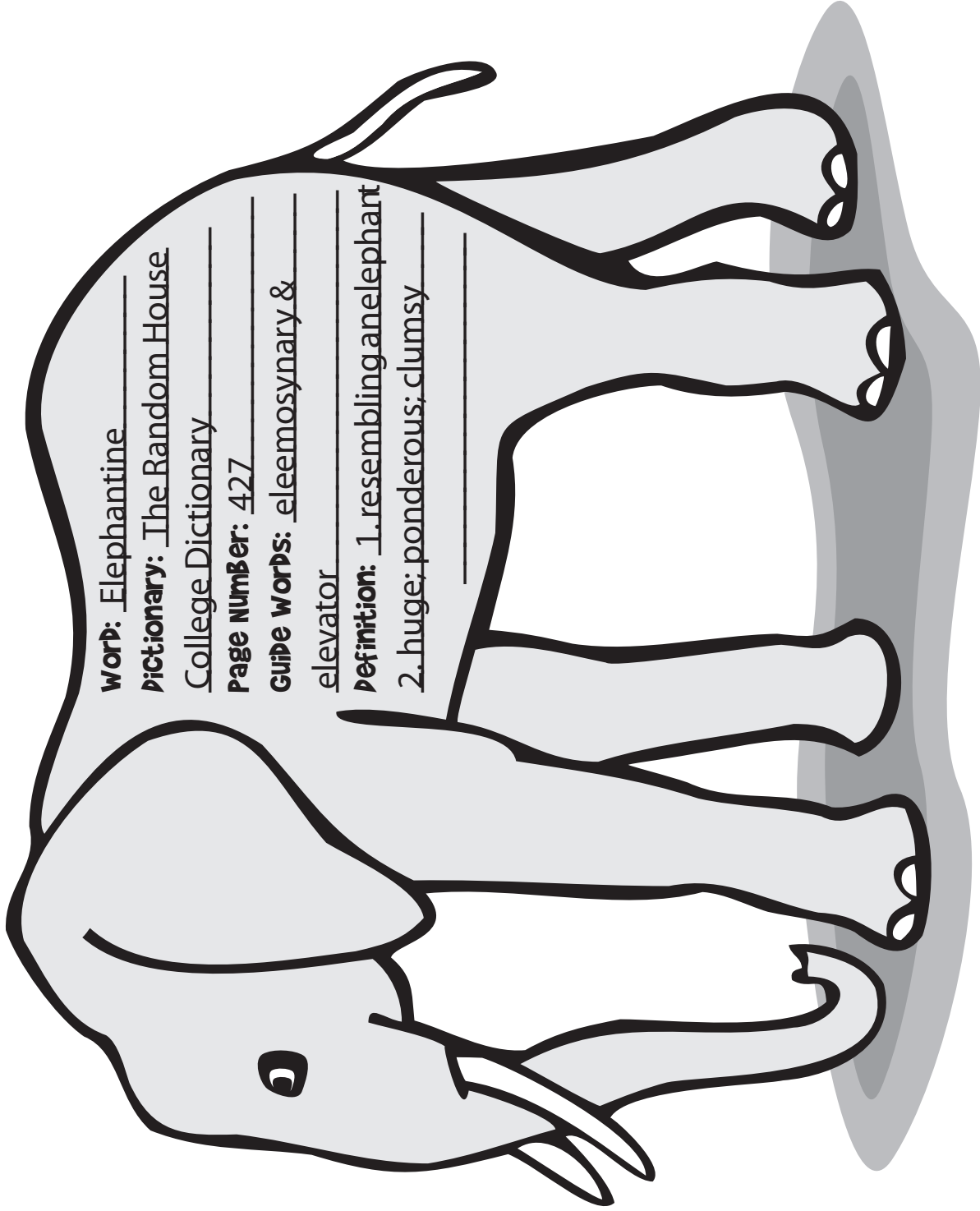
7. The fisherman thinks he saw a large monster in the lake. He would like help with this mystery. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should he look?

8. The mayor wants to make sure that the elephant is treated fairly and is not abused. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should he look?

9. The street vendor wants learn how to communicate with his customers who are deaf. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should he look?

10. The beggar wants to research how to find a job and make more money. Under what Group Name and Dewey Decimal Numbers should he look?

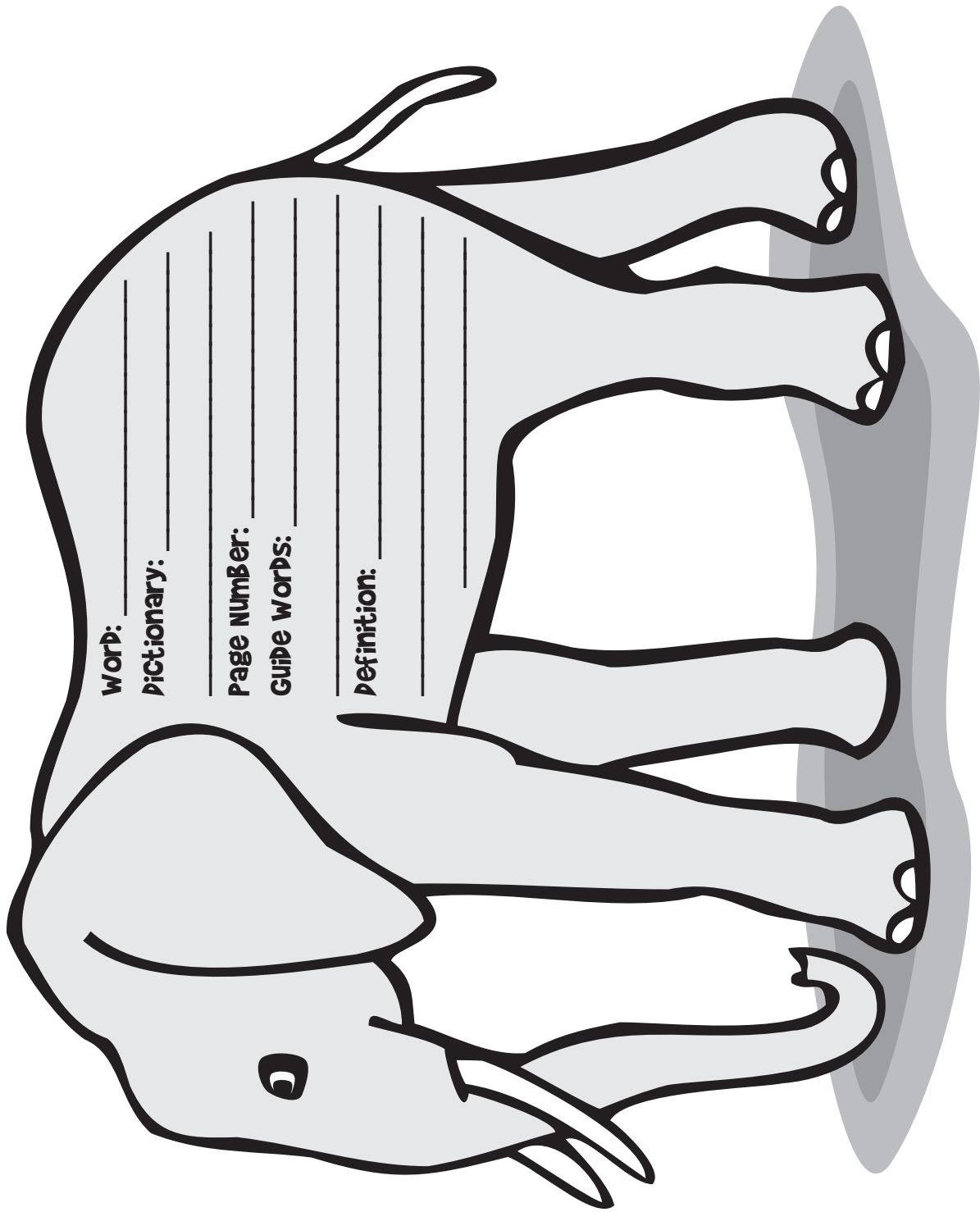
Elephantine words Visual



Use this word in a sentence. You get extra credit for using either the word *elephant* or *magician* in your sentence.

The elephantine magician was so big and awkward that when he dropped his top hat, he was unable to pick it up.

Elephantine Words Activity



Word: _____

Dictionary: _____

Page Number: _____

Guide Words: _____

Definition: _____

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