

## NAVIGATING A DICTIONARY

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### SHORT REPORT:

1. Where are some of the best places to discover new words to add to your vocabulary?
2. What is the main drawback of electronic dictionaries?
3. What is a root word?
4. What is an inflected form of a word?
5. What is the *prefix* in the following word: **POSTGRADUATE?**
6. What is the *suffix* in the following word: **SUCCESSFUL?**
7. Where can you usually find a Pronunciation Key in the Dictionary?
8. List five parts of speech.

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### SHORT ESSAY ASSIGNMENT:

***Write 1-2 pages (at least 250 words) describing yourself as a reader. You may consider the following questions to get started. How much did you read in high school? Do you read for pleasure or for information? What do you read at work? How much and what kind of reading is required in your other classes? Do you read more online or from books and periodicals (newspapers and magazines)? What are specific titles of websites, books, or periodicals that you enjoy, and why?***

Your paper should be developed in three phases:

**PREWRITING:** Various techniques are presented in the class website, under Skills for the Writing Process. These techniques include outlining, clustering, listing, and brainstorming. Complete one of these forms of pre-writing before you begin drafting, and attach it to your final paper.

**DRAFTING:** Once you have a sense of your paper's focus and some of the supporting details and examples that you wish to include, begin writing. Don't get too hung up on a perfect introduction or format at this point, and feel free to draft by hand or on the computer.

**REVISING/EDITING:** Re-read your paper and meet with a tutor to determine areas to focus on as you edit. You may want to spend some of your homework time learning more about the errors you have made in the draft. Make corrections in your draft and then rewrite the paper again with all your revisions included. The final rewrite can be done by hand in ink or on the computer, but the first draft should be saved and attached to the final paper.

**IN GENERAL, WE PREFER YOUR FINAL PAPERS TYPED ON THE COMPUTER.** If you are a new computer user, this isn't required on the first paper, but we will help you learn basic word processing to type your other papers, which you can do in the lab or on your home computer.