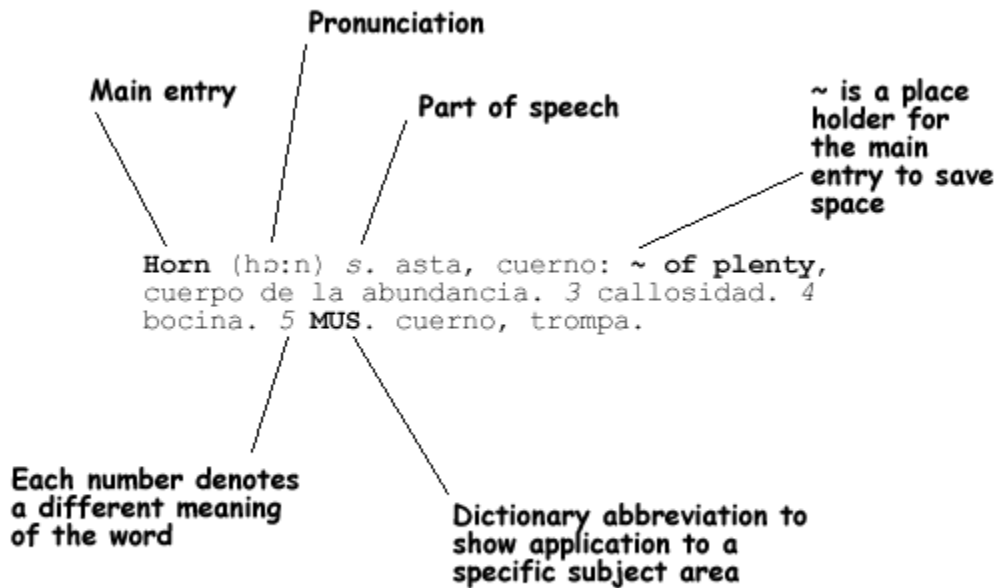


Dictionary Study Guide



How to Find the Right Word

1. Rephrase any slang into proper English.
2. Decide what part of speech your word is.
3. Look the word up in the dictionary! Find the entries that match the right part of speech by using the dictionary abbreviations. (Use the key for any abbreviations you don't understand.) Take note of any other abbreviations or clues the dictionary gives you. Using what you've learned, eliminate any entries that don't work.
4. Cross-check the remaining entries by looking them up on the other side of the dictionary until you find the best match for what you want to say.

Hint:

When looking up words in Spanish remember that the alphabet is different! This means that the way words are alphabetized changes. In traditional dictionaries, there are three extra letters in the Spanish alphabet - ch which comes after c, ll which comes after l, and ñ which comes after n. Each extra letter has its own section in the dictionary. Modern dictionaries alphabetize the same as English except for the ñ which still comes after the n and still has its own section!