

## Dictionary Lesson – Longman Słownik Współczesny

**Aim:** to develop students' dictionary skills

**Level** – pre-intermediate/intermediate

### Warm-up

Write on a piece of paper all the words that you associate with the word **DICTIONARY**. Think also about the kind of information that you would like to find in a good dictionary. Your teacher will write all the ideas on the board.

### Task 1

All the words below mean “**friend**”. Match the words with their definitions, the sentences below will help you guess the right meaning. Then use Longman Słownik Współczesny to check your answers.

1. **mate**
2. **buddy**
3. **acquaintance**
4. **pal**
5. **colleague**

- a. .... informal word meaning friend
- b. .... informal word meaning friend (in American English)
- c. .... someone you know from work who might also be your friend
- d. .... someone you know but not very well
- e. .... informal word meaning friend (in British English)

She always eats lunch with her colleagues at the work canteen.

I often go to clubs with my school mates.

He is an old pal of mine – I know him since we were 14.

Michael is our acquaintance from London, we don't know him very well.

Hey, buddy, let's go for a ride together!

**Speaking** – Talk to your partner for a few minutes – explain what the difference between a friend and an acquaintance is. Who is your real friend and who is just an acquaintance – discuss.

## Task 2

Write the opposite of these words in the table. Use your dictionary to help you.

Word	Opposite
dark	
early	
front	
inside	
increase	
win	
feminine	
top	
rural	
legal	
patient	

## Task 3

Are the following words American or British? Pay attention to the spelling of the given words and find the British or American equivalent of these words in the Longman Słownik Współczesny.

theater	AMERICAN / BRITISH
neighbor	AMERICAN / BRITISH
pavement	AMERICAN / BRITISH
lift	AMERICAN / BRITISH
pants	AMERICAN / BRITISH
toilet	AMERICAN / BRITISH
color	AMERICAN / BRITISH

## Task 4

Explain the real meaning of the following words, be careful as these words are so called *false friends*, they do not mean what you may think they mean ☹. Use a special section in Longman Słownik Współczesny to help you.

apartment	literate
carnation	ordinary
eventually	preservative
fatal	rent
hazard	caravan
closet	chalet

### Task 5

Are these sentences correct? If not, try to correct the wrong words with the help of your dictionary. Watch out for the underlined *false friends*.

1. Hazard is not good for you, as you may spend a lot of money on it.
2. Put these clothes into the closet.
3. My grandma is retired so she gets a small rent.
4. The doctor prescribed me a lot of receipts.
5. In summer I always go to my chalet for two weeks.
6. It's going to be an elegant party, so my husband will be wearing a smoking.
7. Actually I work in a fabric, not in the office. I lied to you...

### Summing up

Look at the list of things you wanted a dictionary to include. How many of these things can you find in Longman Słownik Współczesny?