Not in the dictionary? Oh yes it is!

Use Your Dictionary

Look up English words in the second half of the dictionary, after the blue pages. Your dictionary lists nouns in their singular forms.

- You won’t find the word loaves. Instead, look up loaf noun le pain masc.
- You won’t find the word women. Instead, look up woman noun la femme fem.

Three steps to arrive at French plural words

Write
a) the singular word in English
b) the singular word in French (you’ll find it in your dictionary)
c) the French word in the plural (remember the plural ‘s‘)

Example:

lorries

a) lorry
b) le camion
c) les camions

Your dictionary lists verbs in their infinitive forms. For example:

- For flies, look up fly verb see fly noun (birds, bees, planes) voler [1]
- For drank, look up drink verb see drink noun boire [22]

To think of the infinitive, complete the phrase “I’m going to...”. For example: I’m going to drink.

Identifying the right verbs

Read the sentences. Then write the infinitive a) in English and b) in French.

1 Have you finished? We’re finishing our work.
   a) anglais: finish
   b) français: finir

2 Our team is losing. I’ve lost my money.
   a) anglais:
   b) français:

3 I did my homework. He’s doing well.
   a) anglais:
   b) français:

4 Sarah saw the new film. Have you seen it too?
   a) anglais:
   b) français: