Guide words

At the very top of each page in your dictionary you will see guide words. These are the first and last words on the page. You can use them to find out if the word you are looking up is on that page.

a) Arrange the following words into alphabetical order.

**baulk**   **beaver**     **basil**   **bauxite**  **beauty**  **barramundi**  
**basilica**           **bedspread**      **beam**     **bated**      **bath**       **beaker**

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b) The following words appear between the guide words ‘jaded’ and ‘jaundice’. Put them into alphabetical order.

**jasper**  **jangle**  **japonica**     **jargon**      **jasmine**  
**jar**    **jaguar**    **janitor**  **jamboree**      **jagged**

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How many did you get right?

10 = novice  15 = EXPERT  20 = MAESTRO