

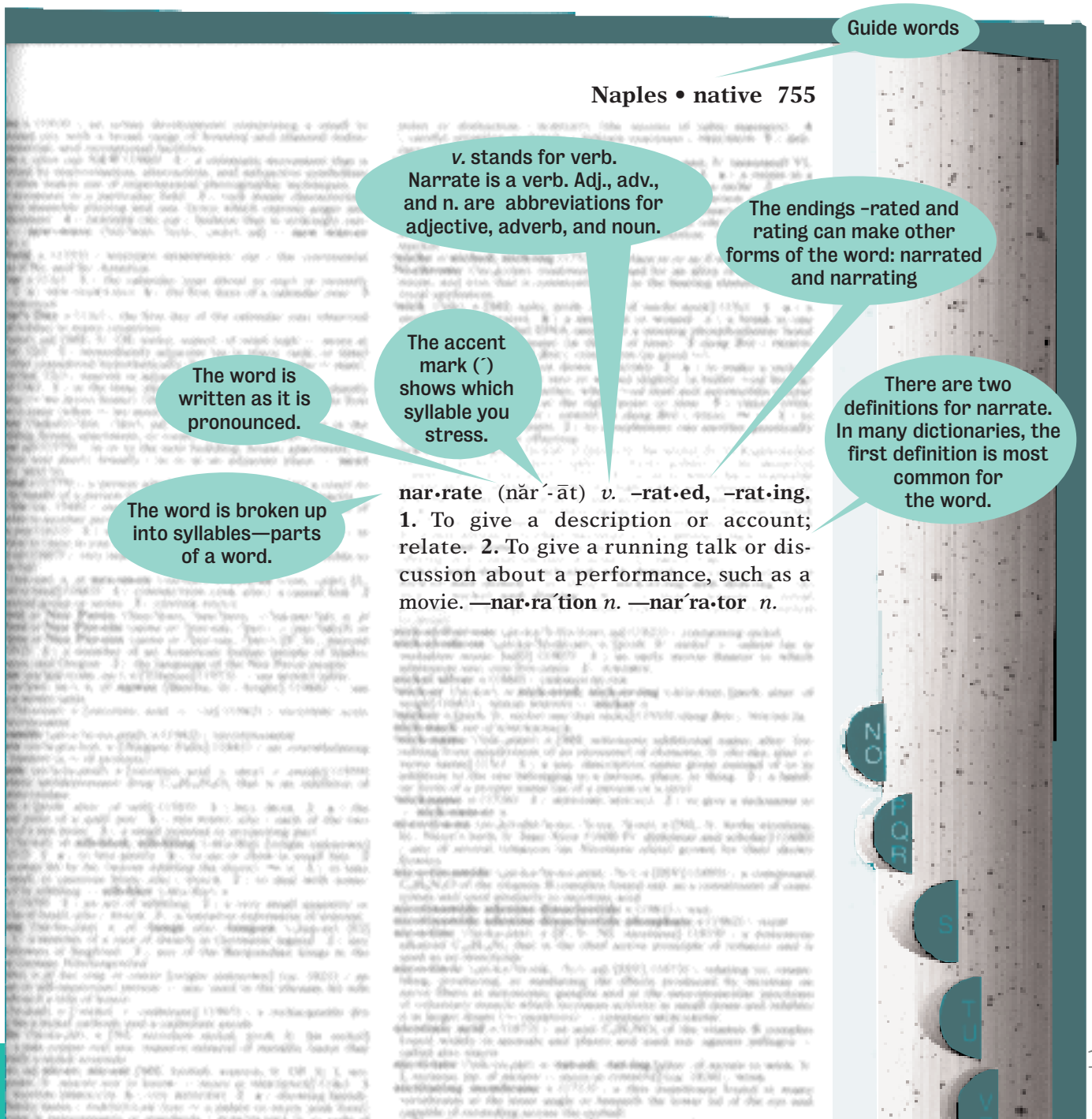
Dic·tion·ar·y

On these pages, we'll take some of the mystery out of the dictionary. You'll get an idea of how to look up words and how to make the dictionary a valuable tool to unlock the mysteries of word meanings and spellings.

All dictionaries are in alphabetical order. The two words in **dark type** at the top of the page are called **guide words**. They indicate the first and last word on that page. **Guide words help you to**

locate the word you are looking up.

On this page, you would find the word *narrate*. Here is what narrate means, and how it would appear in a dictionary.



Guide words

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v. stands for verb. Narrate is a verb. Adj., adv., and n. are abbreviations for adjective, adverb, and noun.

The endings -rated and rating can make other forms of the word: narrated and narrating

The word is written as it is pronounced.

The accent mark (´) shows which syllable you stress.

The word is broken up into syllables—parts of a word.

There are two definitions for narrate. In many dictionaries, the first definition is most common for the word.

nar·rate (nă-r'āt) *v.* **-rat·ed, -rat·ing.**
1. To give a description or account; relate. 2. To give a running talk or discussion about a performance, such as a movie. —**nar·ra·tion** *n.* —**nar·ra·tor** *n.*

EXPAND YOUR VOCABULARY

1. Make up a sentence using the word **narrate**.

2. Write a sentence using the word **narrator**.

3. Remember, a dictionary has words listed in alphabetical order. Use the guide words at the top of the page. Between which guide words would you find the word **lime**?

Between the guide words: **like and limp**, or **lark and lawyer**?

(The answer is at the bottom of the page)

4. Find the words **impostor**, **oxymoron**, **dyslexia** in the dictionary. Read the definitions. On the lines below, use each of the words in a sentence. Some words have more than one definition. You can pick just one or write different sentences using the different definitions. **Enter these words in your personal dictionary. By the way, isn't "jumbo shrimp" an oxymoron?**

IMPOSTOR

OXYMORON

DYSLEXIA

There are many kinds of dictionaries. Some give the complete history or origin of a word. Others are meant for children and give very simple meanings. Others are medical dictionaries used by doctors. Attorneys and judges use legal dictionaries. If you visit a library or bookstore, check out the dictionaries that are around. You may find some new words that will amaze you!

Answer: Lime goes between like and limp.

