

## DICTIONARY ASSIGNMENT

A good dictionary is an important tool for writing. You need to use your dictionary whenever you are unsure about the meaning, pronunciation, spelling or proper use of a word.

Recommended Dictionaries: *The Random House College Dictionary* or *The American Heritage Dictionary* (College Edition) or *Webster's New Collegiate*. These are "desk" dictionaries and are hardback books.

### *Library Tasks*

1. Locate and look at one of the above dictionaries in your college library.
  - a) Read what this dictionary has to say about "inflections" or "inflected forms." This will be located in the front or back of the book in a section probably called "Guide to the Dictionary."
  - b) Make some notes about things that you learn in reading this section. Write down any questions about anything unclear or confusing.
2. Use this dictionary for the following:
  - a) Write out your own short definition (guess if you must) for each of the words below and tell what part of speech you believe it is. Then check your definitions in the desk dictionary and write down what definition and part(s) of speech you find.

bilious

jibe

chink

schmuck

- b) Find out which of the following words can be used as **verbs**. Use each word as a verb in a sentence. If possible, write another sentence using the word as a noun. The dictionary should tell you what you need to know if you read it carefully.

bash

groan

labor

rush