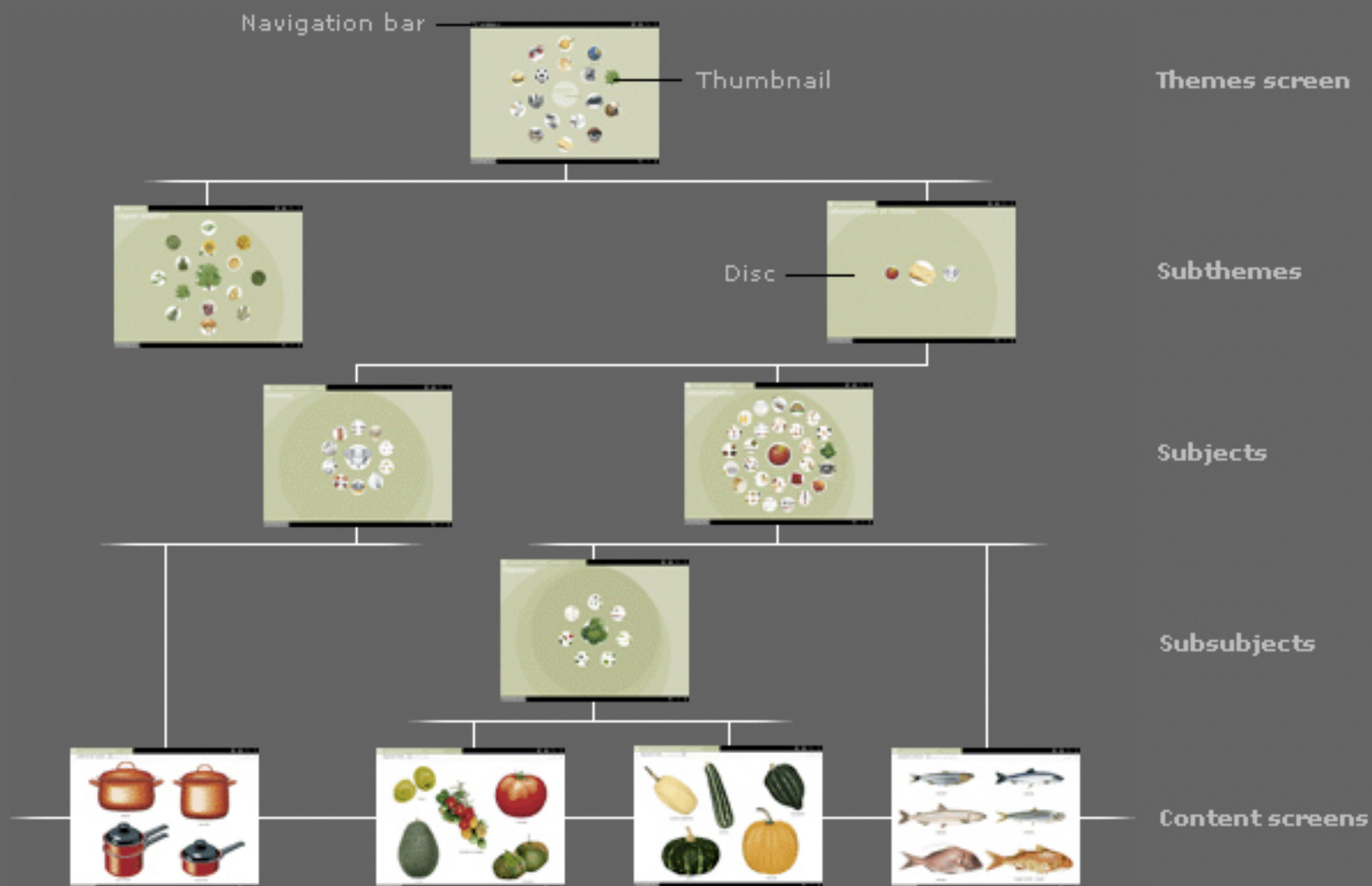


The Visual Multimedia 4th Edition is presented with a tree structure. The 17 themes at the top of the structure are divided into subthemes, then into subjects and subsubjects. These levels of increasing detail provide access to the some 2,300 content screens of the dictionary.

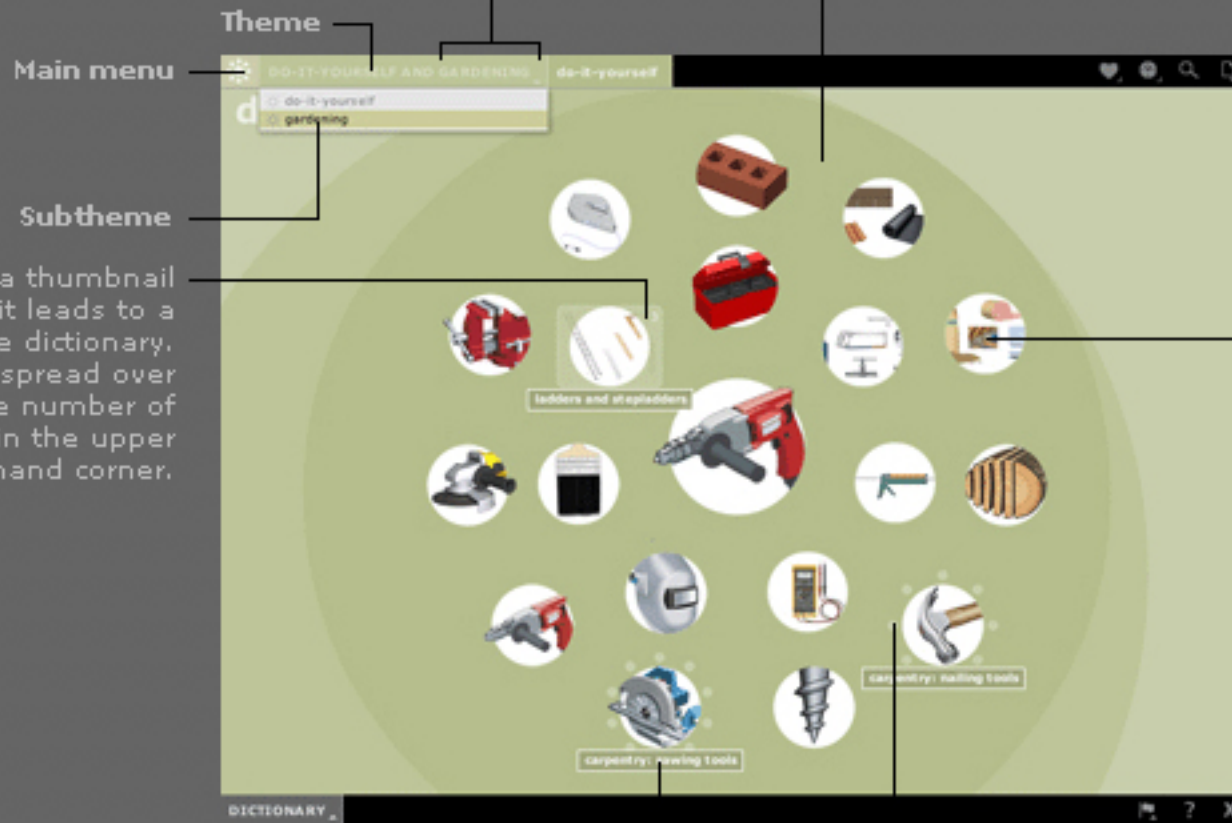


To move from one level of the tree to another, just click on a thumbnail, a disc, or another title in the navigation bar.

The themes, subthemes, subjects, and subsubjects in The Visual Multimedia 4th Edition are represented by thumbnails, which provide access to the content of the dictionary.

Levels of the tree
Click on the main menu or on a level title to access the table of contents for this level.

The levels of the tree are also represented by superimposed discs. A click on one of these discs provides access to the desired level.



A rectangle around a thumbnail indicates that it leads to a content screen in the dictionary. If this content is spread over several screens, the number of screens is given in the upper right-hand corner.

Thumbnail
You can navigate in the dictionary by clicking on the thumbnails.

Term
When you click on a term, its label, the information box associated with it, appears. To select a term in the index, click on it while holding down the [alt] key.

When there are small discs around a thumbnail, this means that it leads to another navigation level. The number of discs corresponds to the number of subdivisions of this level.

The navigation bars contain various buttons that let you move quickly from one screen to another and to access various software functions.

TOP BAR

Level titles

The level titles indicate the position in the dictionary structure.

History

Index

Favorites

Print / Export

Main menu

Click on a level title or on the main menu to access the table of contents for this level. If you click and hold, the table of contents will display as a pull-down menu.



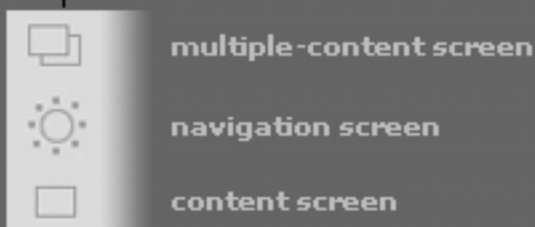
Forward and back

These buttons let you go forward or back one screen within the theme you are looking at.

Image zoom

This button appears when a zoom-in view of the illustration displayed on screen is available.

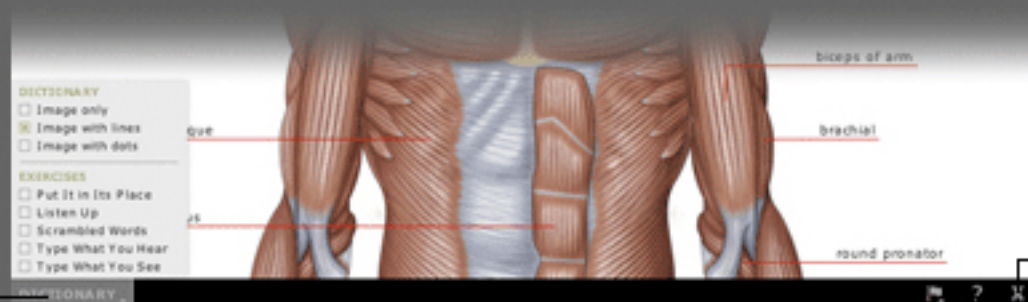
Three types of icons identify the destination screens:



BOTTOM BAR

Display options and exercises

Click on this button to open the display options and exercises menu.



Quit

Languages

Help

The Visual Multimedia 4th Edition offers some 2,300 content screens, through which users can view the dictionary's illustrations, as well as the associated vocabulary and definitions.

When a subject's content is spread over several screens, the screens are numbered. Click on one of these numbers to access the corresponding screen.

Screen name

Link

When you click on a link, a detailed illustration of the element you have pointed to displays.

Skip

A thumbnail appears at the bottom of the screen when another image shows the element illustrated from another point of view. Click on the thumbnail to access this image.

Term

When you click on a term, its label appears. When term used in Quebec is different from the one used in France, the Quebec term is presented in italics after the French term.

The [+] sign before or after a term indicates that there are links to associated subjects. These subjects may be accessed via the "See also" title in the label.

The screenshot shows a browser window titled 'ANIMAL KINGDOM' with the page 'morphology of a bird'. It features a central illustration of a bird with anatomical labels: 'beak', 'eye', 'ear', 'throat', 'wing coverts', 'breast', 'abdomen', 'tail coverts', 'upper tail coverts', 'tail feather', 'under tail coverts', 'neck', 'back', 'chick', 'wing', 'leg', 'inner toe', 'middle toe', 'outer toe', 'claw', 'tarsus', 'hock', 'thigh', 'femur', 'tibia', 'fibula', 'metatarsus', 'phalanx', 'unguis', 'unguiculus', 'unguiculus', 'unguiculus'. A callout box for 'bill +' shows a detailed view of the bird's beak. At the bottom, there are three thumbnails: a bird in flight, a bird from a different angle, and a close-up of a bird's head.

Label

The label supplies the translation of the term into the other languages, the term's definition, and a list of references to associated subjects.

Word gender

bill

bec^m

Formation cornée recouvrant les mâchoires dépourvues de dents, permettant à l'oiseau de se nourrir.

pico^m

+ See also

examples of bills

The screenshot shows a dictionary entry for 'bill'. It includes the French term 'bec^m' and the Quebec term 'pico^m' in italics. The definition is: 'Formation cornée recouvrant les mâchoires dépourvues de dents, permettant à l'oiseau de se nourrir.' Below the definition, there is a '+ See also' section and a checkbox for 'examples of bills'.

Pronunciation

Click on this button to hear how the term is pronounced. You may also hear the pronunciation of the active term by pressing the space bar.

The dictionary button, at the bottom of the screen, opens the display options and exercises menu. Use it to change the way the content is displayed and to access the Visual's five exercises.

Display options and exercises menu button
The display mode may be changed from a navigation or content screen.

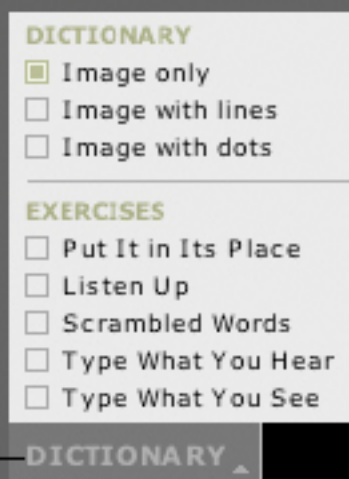
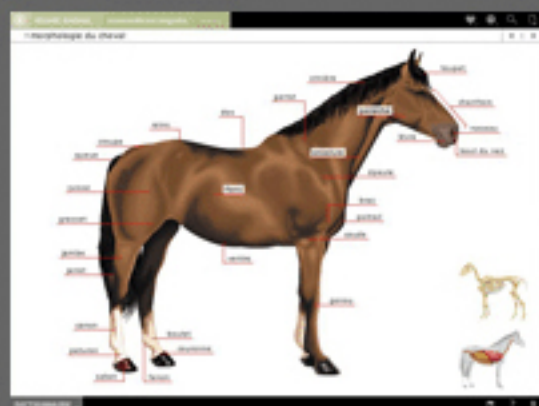


IMAGE ONLY MODE



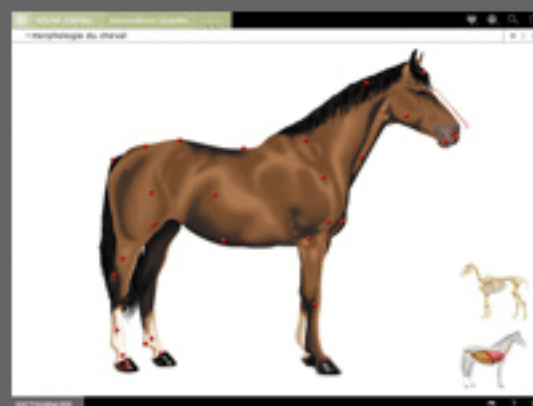
In "Image Only" mode, only the illustration appears, without vocabulary tags.

IMAGE WITH RULES MODE



In "Image with Rules" mode, the illustration appears with its vocabulary.

IMAGE WITH DOTS MODE



In "Image with Dots" mode, only the vocabulary tags appear. To show the term associated with a tag, simply slide the cursor over the tag. If the screen has several illustrations, slide the cursor over one illustration to show its name.



Vocabulary tags

The vocabulary tags look like dots, squares, or hooks.

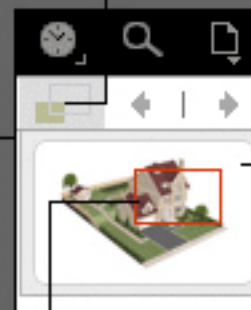
Click on the zoom button for an enlarged view of 100 illustrations in *The Visual Multimedia 4th Edition*.



Zoom button

The zoom button appears in the top navigation bar when an illustration can be enlarged. Click on this button to see a zoom-in view of a portion of the current illustration.

Click on the zoom button to return to normal view.



Thumbnail screen

A thumbnail view of the illustration lets you move the zoom frame.

Zoom frame

It surrounds the portion of the illustration that is enlarged on screen. To move the frame, click on it and slide it to the portion of the illustration that you would like to see.

The view returns to normal when you select an exercise.

The favorites window lets you keep up to 36 content or navigation screens in memory so you can return to them later.

Click on this button to delete all favorites.

Click on the "+" button to add the current screen to the favorites list.

Click on the "-" button to delete the selected favorite.

Slide the cursor over the thumbnail of a favorite and the name of the associated screen will appear.

To change the order of the favorites list, click on the thumbnail of a favorite and move it to the desired spot.

When a list is imported, its name is displayed at the top of the window. This name is erased when the list is modified.

Click on this button to save the favorites list on the hard disk.

Click on this button to open a list of favorites already saved on the hard disk.

Click on the thumbnail of a favorite to select it. Double-click on a thumbnail to close the favorites window and display the screen associated with this thumbnail.




Click on this button to close the favorites window and save the changes.

Click on this button to close the favorites window and display the screen associated with the selected thumbnail.

Click on the "+" button to add the current screen to the end of the favorites list.

Use the arrows to go forward or back by one screen in the favorites list.

To open the favorites window, click on the heart button in the top navigation bar.

The history button automatically keeps in memory the last 36 content screens consulted.



Click on a thumbnail to select it. Double-click on a thumbnail to close the history window and display the screen associated with this thumbnail.

Click on this button to close the history window.

Click on this button to close the history window and display the screen associated with the selected thumbnail.

Use the arrows to navigate among the most recent content or navigation screens consulted.



To open the history window, click on the clock button in the top navigation bar.

You can use the index to quickly find a term or an illustration in the dictionary by following the steps below:

- 1) Type the first letters of the search word.
- 2) Select the search word in the word list.
- 3) Select a term in the list of terms.
- 4) Select an illustration in the illustration list.
- 5) Click on the "Go" button to access the content screen associated with the selected illustration.

Input field for entering the search word

List of words in the dictionary
This list repositions depending on the letters you enter.

List of terms containing the selected word

List of illustrations corresponding to the selected term

Language
Click on the button to change the display language for the terms in the index.

Double-click on the name of the illustration to close the index window and display the content screen associated with this illustration.

Click on this button to close the index window.

Click on this button to close the index window and display the content screen associated with the selected illustration.

Overview of the content screen associated with the selected illustration



From the dictionary, you may access the index in three ways:

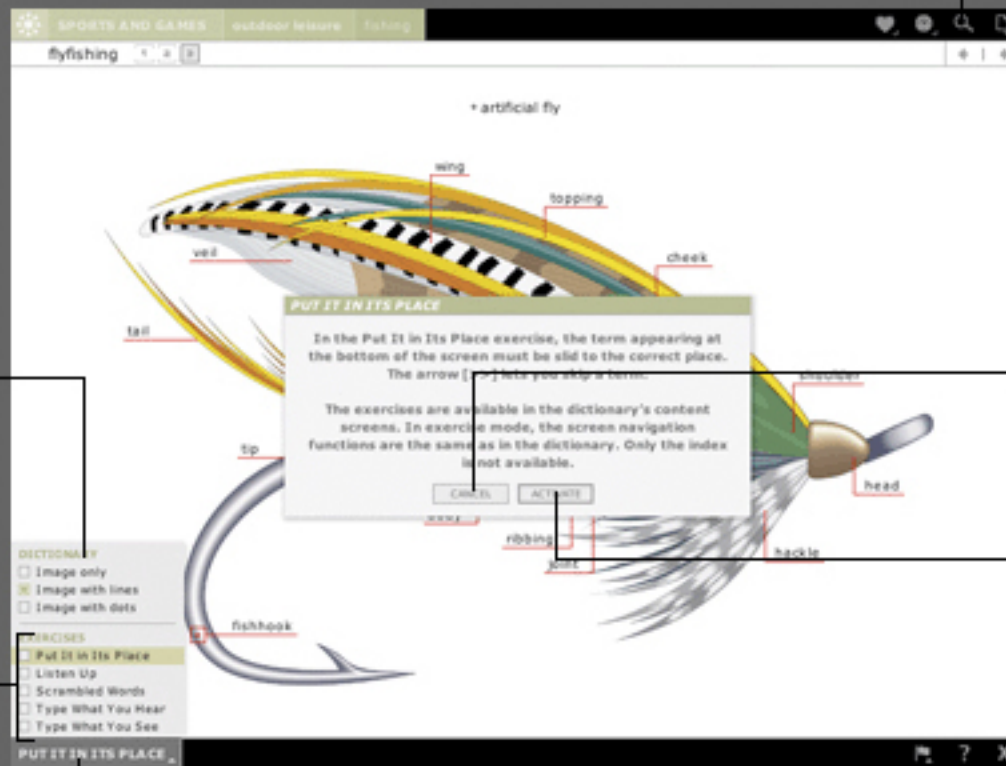
- 1) Type the first characters of the search word (wait until the index is displayed before typing the subsequent characters)
- 2) Click on a term while pressing the [alt] key
- 3) Click on the magnifying glass button in the top navigation bar

The Visual Multimedia 4th Edition includes five interactive exercises that help with mastering the vocabulary in the dictionary's content screens.

The index becomes inactive when an exercise is selected.

To return to the dictionary, open the display options and exercises menu, then select one of the three display modes.

The display options and exercises menu lets you select an exercise.



Cancel button

Click on this button to return to dictionary mode.

Activate button

Click on this button to enter exercise mode. An exercise bar will appear along the bottom of the next content screen you visit. The exercise mode does not change any of the navigation screens.

Display options and exercises menu button

Access the list of exercises by clicking on this button from a navigation or content screen.

PUT IT IN ITS PLACE

STUDY

START

⌂ ? X

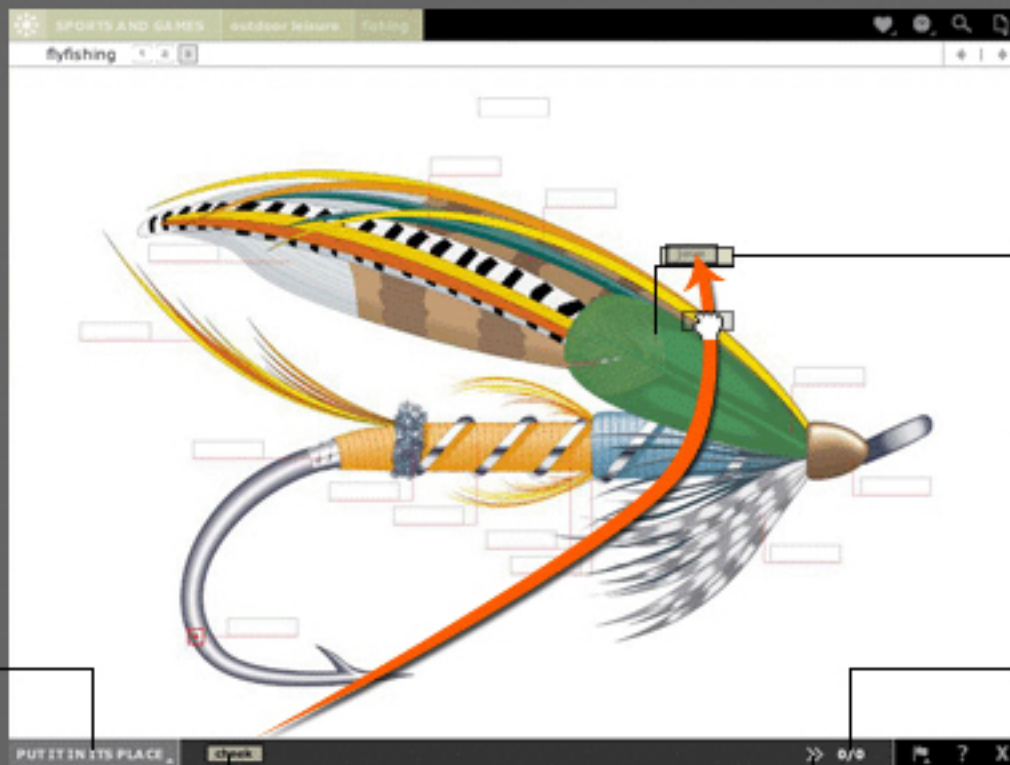
Study button

Click on this button to study the vocabulary on the current content screen before beginning the exercise.

Start button

Click on this button to begin the exercise.

The goal of the exercise is to place the terms appearing at the bottom of the screen in the correct place.



Box

Statistics

They display the number of successful tries out of the total number of tries for the current exercise.

Display options and exercises menu button

Term

Skip button

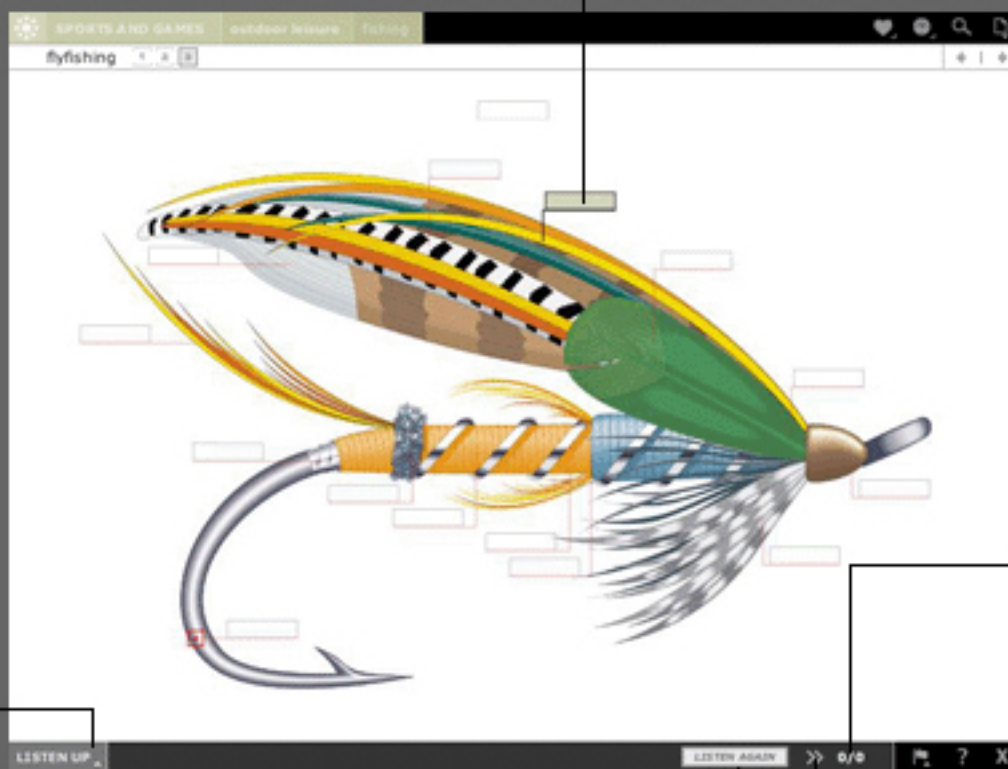
To place a term, simply slide it to the correct box or click directly on the correct box. When a term is placed correctly, a new term appears at the bottom of the screen until all the terms have been placed in the correct place.

Click on this button to skip the current term and return to it later.

The goal of the exercise is to click on the box corresponding to the term pronounced.

Box

The player must click on the box corresponding to the term pronounced. When the player clicks correctly, the term is displayed and a new term is pronounced, until all the terms on the screen are displayed.



Statistics

They display the number of successful tries out of the total number of tries for the current exercise.

Display options and exercises menu button

Listen Again button

Click on this button to hear the term pronounced again.

Skip button

Click on this button to skip the current term and return to it later.

The goal of this exercise is to type in order the mixed-up letters of the words that appear in a box on screen.

Box

Scrambled term

Input field

The player types in the correct term here. An initial capital letter must be used for proper nouns only.

Validate button

Click on this button to validate the term entered. If the term is correct, the box disappears and the correct term remains displayed. A new box appears, until all the terms on the screen have been unscrambled.

Correct term

Display options and exercises menu button

Clue button

Click on this button to display the first missing letter or to replace the incorrect first letter of the term to be unscrambled. The player has the right to as many clues as the term has words. There is a one-point penalty for each extra clue requested.

Skip button

Click on this button to skip the current term and return to it later.

Statistics

They display the number of successful tries out of the total number of tries for the current exercise.

The goal of the exercise is to enter the correct term in the box that appears on screen.

Box

Input field
The player enters the correct term here. An initial capital letter must be used for proper nouns only.

Validate button
Click on this button to validate the term entered. If the term is correct, the box disappears and the correct term remains displayed. A new box appears, until all the terms on the screen have been found.

Correct term

Display options and exercises menu button

Statistics
They display the number of successful tries out of the total number of tries for the current exercise.

Clue Button
Click on this button to display the first missing letter or to replace the incorrect first letter of the term to be solved. The player has the right to as many clues as the term has words. There is a one-point penalty for each extra clue requested.

Skip button
Click on this button to skip the current term and return to it later.

The goal of the exercise is to type the term pronounced into the box that appears on screen.

Box

Input field
The player enters the term pronounced here. An initial capital letter must be used for proper nouns only.

Validate button
Click on this button to validate the term entered. If the term is correct, the box disappears and the correct term remains displayed. A new box appears, until all the terms on the screen have been entered correctly.

Correct term

Listen Again button
Click on this button to hear the term pronounced again.

Statistics
They display the number of successful tries out of the total number of tries for the current exercise.

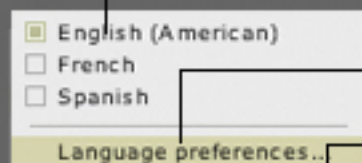
Display options and exercises menu button

Clue button
Click on this button to display the first missing letter or to replace the incorrect first letter of the term pronounced. The player has the right to as many clues as the term has words. There is a one-point penalty for each extra clue requested.

Skip button
Click on this button to skip the current term and return to it later.

The languages menu and the language-preference window let you change the interface display language on the software as well as the dictionary terms and definitions. They also let you change the size of the font in the labels.

LANGUAGES MENU



Click on the name of a language to select the display language for the terms in the screens.

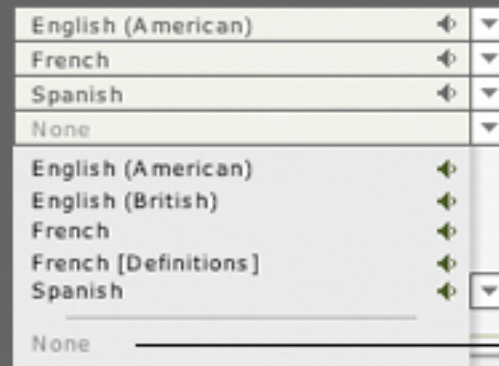
Click on "Language Preferences" to open the language-preference window.

Languages menu button

Click on the flag button in the bottom navigation bar to open the languages menu.

LANGUAGE-PREFERENCE WINDOW

This window presents a numbered list of the languages displayed in the term labels. It also lets you change the software interface language and the size of the font used in the labels.



LANGUAGE CHOICES

This small menu lets you replace one language with another in the language-preference window.

You can limit the number of languages displayed by choosing "None" at one or several places.

Click on the arrow to open the language choices.

The speaker icon indicates that pronunciation is available for this language.

Click on this button to close the language-preference window and save the changes.

FUNCTION

Mac

Windows

Main menu

command-D

control-D

Change the corresponding language

command-1 to 8

control-1 to 8

Hear the pronunciation of the active term

space bar

space bar

Change the display mode of the content screens

command-A

control-A

Go forward one screen in the current theme

command-shift->

control-shift->

Go back one screen in the current theme

command-shift-<

control-shift-<

Go back one screen in the history

command-<

control-<

Go forward one screen in the history

command->

control->

Go forward one screen in the favorites list

command-0

control-0

Go back one screen in the favorites list

command-9

control-9

Open favorites

command-B

control-B

Add the screen to favorites

command-K

control-K

Open history

command-G

control-G

Open index

command-I

control-I

Help

F1

F1

Print*

command-P

control-P

Export*

command-E

control-E

Quit

command-Q

control-Q or
alternate-F4

*The images are printed or exported as they are displayed on the screen. Therefore, choose the display mode you prefer before printing or exporting.