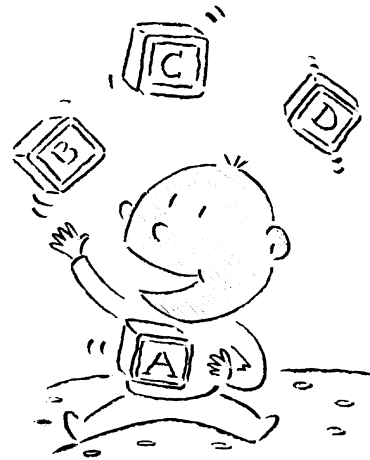


IN A WORD

Do you remember being an **abecedarian**?

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By now, you surely know the alphabet. But before you did, you were a beginner—an **abecedarian**. This word comes from the first four letters of the English alphabet. Do you see how?



Beginning students or new learners are abecedarians, even if they are learning something besides the ABC's! In what areas, subjects, or activities are you an **abecedarian** today?

If the word **abecedarian** is in your dictionary, you'll find it near the start of the A words. Guess five other words that you'd expect to find near the start of the A words. Then guess five words you'd expect to be at the beginning of the B section, such as *baby* or *babble*. Check to see how you did! Then repeat for C, D, and for other letters of the alphabet.

A _____

B _____

C _____

D _____

Words for BEGINNERS & OLD PROS

novice (noun)

Sara is a *novice* on skates, so it's a challenge for her just to start and stop!

A novice is a beginner, someone who's not very experienced or is new to something. A novice has few skills.

Did You Know?

The word **novice** comes from the same Latin root as the words *novel*, which means new (as in "a novel idea"), and *novelty*, which means something new and unusual.

WordWork

Think back to a time when you were a **novice** at something. What was it? Who or what helped you get started? How did you feel? Are you still a **novice**? If so, write to explain why. If not, write about how you have improved your skills.

apprentice (noun)

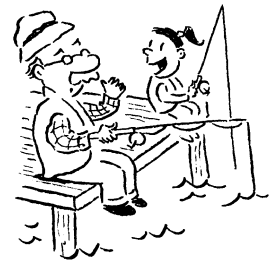
The *apprentice* is still learning, so the master supervises her at all times.

An apprentice is someone who learns a craft, an art, or a trade by working for someone who is already skilled.

Did You Know?

In a famous cartoon by Walt Disney, Mickey Mouse® is an **apprentice** to a wizard and makes errors that cause chaos!

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WordWork

Even if you're not an official **apprentice**, you have probably learned many things by working with or watching someone with more experience. List five things you learned with the help of others. In what kinds of jobs or hobbies might you like to be an **apprentice**?