

Tip of the month: June 2009**Using online dictionaries**

There are a lot of dictionaries on the internet that you can use when writing documents for work.

Advantages:

- They are quick and easy to use.
- They provide example sentences so that you can see the word in a context.
- You can copy and paste the words or expressions into your own vocabulary list in just one click.
- It is often important to find the exact translation of a technical word in a professional context. If you don't have the correct word it may cause misunderstandings!
- You don't need to have lots of different paper dictionaries on different subjects.
- They provide up-to-date words that you may not find in your old dictionary.
- You can sometimes subscribe to an online dictionary and they will send you a new word every day by email!
- It is a good idea to use an English/English dictionary so that you get used to defining words in English and to using synonyms.

Here are some excellent dictionaries that you can find online:**Bilingual (French > English / English > French)**

- www.wordreference.com
- www.granddictionnaire.com

English Dictionaries

- www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary
- <http://www.usingenglish.com/dictionary.html>
- <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>