

# 9. Dictionary skills

## ► Instructions

Use your Italian - English dictionary (or an online dictionary) to find the following words in Italian and complete the table.

Your dictionary can be a great help, but only when you use it properly. Remember:

- Read the whole dictionary entry to decide which word gives the meaning you are looking for. There can be a choice of words given for each English word.
- Check the information given as abbreviations. For example, **a.** = adjective, **m.** = masculine, **f.** = feminine
- Think about whether you need a noun, verb, adjective or adverb, and look for the right form of the word.
- Once you have found the Italian word, look it up on the other side of the dictionary. For example, if you are looking for sticker (to stick on your book) you might find **persona tenace**. If you check that in the Italian-English section, you'll find **tough person!** Cross-checking helps you ensure that the word you choose has the right meaning.

	What is the word in Italian?	Is it a noun, verb, adjective or adverb?	Did you check the word in the Italian section to make sure?	For nouns			
				Is the word masculine or feminine?	Which definite article would you use?	Which indefinite article would you use?	Which form of the adjective 'small' would you use?
<i>sticker</i>	<i>adesivo</i>	<i>masculine</i>		<i>l'</i>	<i>un</i>	<i>piccolo</i>	<i>noun</i>
<i>note pad</i>							
<i>sticky tape</i>							
<i>stapler</i>							
<i>new</i>							
<i>neatly</i>							
<i>to glue</i>							
<i>correction fluid</i>							
<i>compass</i>							
<i>paint brush</i>							
<i>protractor</i>							
<i>to write</i>							