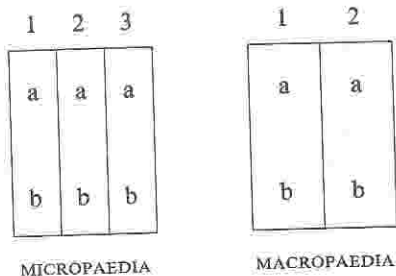


to statistical information in the BRITANNICA BOOK OF THE YEAR, and to the PROPAEDIA section that broadly covers the subject in the outline of knowledge.

All references in an INDEX entry show the volume, page number, column of the page, and a letter "a" or "b" indicating the upper or lower half of the column. For example, 1:485:3b points to the MICROPAEDIA Volume 1, page 485, the third column of the page, and the lower half of that column.



In addition to containing entry headings that have volume and page references, the INDEX has thousands of cross-references. Cross-reference entries for alternative spellings and titles send readers to the main spelling or title. For example, the cross-reference "Constantinople: *see* Istanbul" means that all references with information about Constantinople will be listed under Istanbul. It is important to remember that cross-references in the INDEX refer only to other INDEX entries. Cross-references also allow the reader to gain access to more specific information. For example, there is a "*see also*" cross-reference at the bottom of the INDEX entry "bridge" that directs the reader to INDEX entries on related topics.

Alphabetization. The INDEX uses the word-by-word system of alphabetization (whereby a word is defined as one or more characters separated from the next one or more characters by a space). When one word differs from another only by the presence of additional letters at the end, the shorter word precedes the longer (e.g., "gold" precedes "golden"). Entry headings consisting of more than one word are alphabetized among the single-word entries according to the first word, so that, for example, all of the entries starting with "gold" will be alphabetized in sequence. Entry headings having the first word in common (e.g., "Gold Coast," "Gold Cup") will then be alphabetized among themselves according to the second word. Entry headings having three or more words in common follow the same principles.

Following is a set of examples:

gold
Gold, Thomas
Gold Coast
Goldbach, Christian
Goldbach conjecture
Golden
Golden Gate Bridge
Goldenberg, Emmanuel

Diacritical marks do not affect alphabetization. If a diacritic is the only difference between two entry headings, the entry without the diacritic is first.

Hyphenated words (and words that are separated by en dashes [-]) are treated as two separate words, the hyphen (or dash) being treated as a space. Quotation marks that appear in titles of works are generally ignored in alphabetization. If the only difference between two entries is the presence of quotation marks in one, the entry heading without quotation marks is placed first.

Entry headings whose first characters are numerals are alphabetized as though the numbers were spelled out. The numerical components of entries are arranged according to their numerical value, from lowest to highest. For example:

Eight Immortals
1812, War of
Eighteenth Amendment
Eightfold Path
B-9
B-17
B-29
B-52

Abbreviations for "Saint(s)" and its foreign-language equivalents (St., Sta., Ste., SS., etc.) are alphabetized as if they were spelled out.

Saint John
Sainte-Beuve, Charles-Augustin
SS. Peter and Paul, Cathedral of
Saintsbury, George Edward Bateman

Proper names having the prefix "Mac" or its contracted forms "Mc" and "M'" are all alphabetized as "Mac."

McCarey, Thomas Leo
M'Carthy, Sir Charles
MacCarthy, Joseph Raymond
MacCarthy Island