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- The Abridged Merriam-Webster dictionary is freely available online at <http://m-w.com>.
- In addition to online resources, the GNOME Dictionary program is available under the Applications menu in the Office category, or from the command line as `gnome-dictionary`
- The `webster` program in the SIPB locker also provides a text-based interface to the dictionary. To use it:
  1. Add the sipb locker by typing the following at the athena% prompt:  
`add sipb`
  2. Then, to lookup a specific word, enter a command of the form:  
`webster word-to-look-up`
  3. To go into interactive mode and look up several words, one at a time, you could type just:  
`webster`
  4. For more information on the `webster` program, view its manual page.