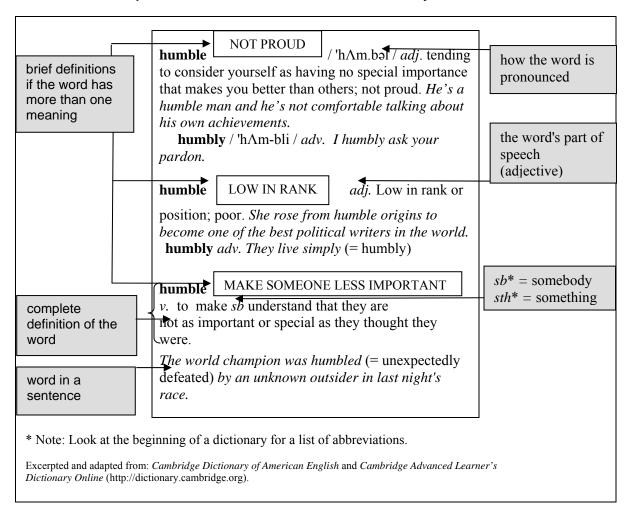
## 8. Using a Dictionary

For most students (even those who speak English very well), using a **learner's dictionary** (written for students who speak English as a second language) is much more helpful than using an **ordinary dictionary**.

You can see the difference by **comparing two definitions** of the word *humble*:

- From an **ordinary dictionary:** free from pride or vanity; modest; meek; unassuming
- From a learner's dictionary: tending to consider yourself as having no special importance that makes you better than others; not proud
  - He's a humble man and he's not comfortable talking about his own achievements.

## Look at the different parts of a definition from a learner's dictionary:



- To use an **online learner**'s **dictionary**, go to: <a href="http://dictionary.cambridge.org">http://dictionary.cambridge.org</a> Choose the *Advanced Learner*'s *Dictionary*.
- If you would like to **buy a learner's dictionary**, here are some choices:

  Cambridge Dictionary of American English, Longman Dictionary of American English, Oxford Dictionary of American English.