According to the dictionary, the word “dictionary” means “a reference book containing words usually alphabetically arranged along with their forms, pronunciations, functions, etymologies, meanings, and syntactical and idiomatic uses.” Say what? That makes dictionaries sound boring and “off-putting”—like the word “off-putting.”

According to me, dictionaries are a place where words live. Big, gargantuan words and little, lilliputian words; dull, stodgy words and snazzy, jazzy words. They all live together in perfect alphabetical harmony. Me, I like the weird, wacky, whimsical ones (gizzard, goiter, bloomers, bagpipes). And, bodacious, cattylicious, funky furball that I am, I love to sling the slang! Word up!

I also like to give more mundane words my own daffy definitions. See, I even wrote ‘em down, so you don’t have to look ‘em up.
alarm clock: A device for waking people who don’t have kids or pets.
Arbuckle: From the Latin *arbuculus*, “wiener-chest-ed”; a geek; a nerd; a geeky nerd; you get the picture.
bed: Furniture piece designed for that most exciting of all activities—sleep.
bird: A feathered flying cat snack.
brother: A common household pest; synonymous with “bother.”
calories: The best-tasting bits of any food. Take thousands, they’re small.
cat: A highly intelligent and attractive animal of the feline persuasion; nature’s most perfect pet.
chocolate: A sweet, highly fattening substance; one of the four basic food groups.
Christmas: December holiday that promotes the spirit of getting; also has some religious significance.
claw: A cat’s best friend; a drape’s worst nightmare.
diet: An eating program that removes excess pounds and your will to live.
dog: A brainless, four-legged flea magnet whose breath could stun a moose.
dream: A fantasy, like no-cal lasagna, or a woman who thinks Jon is cool.
eat: What one does between naps.
exercise: Any completely unnecessary physical activity, such as jogging, or rolling over.
fat: Overweight; obese; Santa-waisted; in other words, just right.
french fries: Slivers of potato cooked in hot oil; best when eaten, or stuck in your nose.
Halloween: Ancient Celtic celebration of the dead, which has evolved quite nicely into an excuse to eat candy until you explode.
homework: Cruel and unusual punishment, best suffered in front of the TV.
kitten: A small, cuddly animal used to trick people into buying cats.
lasagna: Nature’s most perfect food.
lazy: Indolent, slothful; in extreme cases, comatose.
mailman: One who delivers the mail; see also scratching post.
morning: The bad end to a good night; would be much better if it started later.
mouse: Furry, germ-infested, cheese-licking rodent. This is suitable cat cuisine? I don’t think so.
Nermal: The world’s cutest kitten, soon to become extinct.
Odie: A type of dog, or fungus; it’s hard to tell.
parent: An adult keeper of children; not easily understood, but at least they provide snacks and TV.
party: A type of fun assembly guaranteed by the Constitution; see also soiree, wingding, riot.
pet: A domestic animal who provides love and companionship in exchange for blind obedience and twelve square meals a day.
pizza: Delicious tomato and cheese plant that scientists have trained to grow in flat, cardboard boxes. It’s true!
Pooky: A huggable “beddy” bear who never says a harsh word...or anything else.
school: An educational institution designed to train your brain, assuming they can find it.
sister: An annoying female sibling usually found in the bathroom.
sleep: A state of unconsciousness best experienced in large quantities; also, the perfect exercise.
snoring: The loud, irritating breathing of a sleeper; easily remedied with a pair of cymbals.
spider: Web-spinning, eight-legged insect; generally harmless, especially if bludgeoned with a sledge hammer.
teacher: One who instructs; comes in “good,” “bad,” and “ogre” models.
telephone: A communication device permanently attached to an adolescent’s ear.
television: Device that receives mind-numbing video signals; don’t grow up without it.
tomorrow: The best time for starting anything unpleasant, like homework or a diet.
terminator: A doctor who treats animals, whether they like it or not; synonymous with “needles as long as your arm.”
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After reviewing all of Garfield’s Daffy Definitions, why don’t you see if you can create some definitions of your own? Try adding at least 12 words every week. Before you know it, you will have created enough words for your very own dictionary!

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