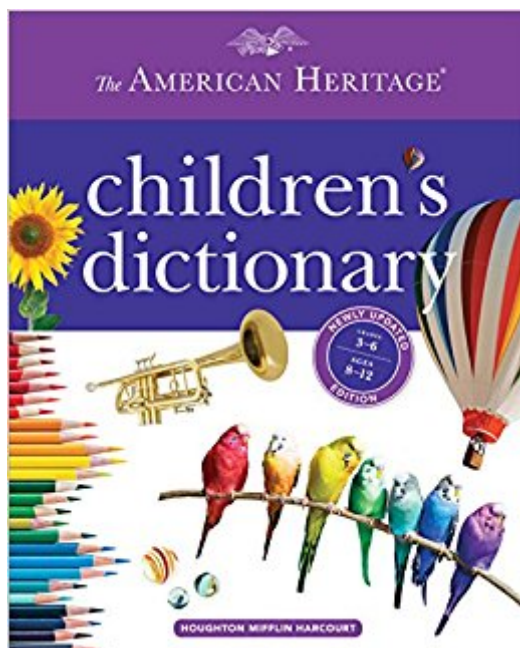


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# The American Heritage Children's Dictionary



## Synopsis

Ages 8-12, Grades 3-6 The American Heritage® Children's Dictionary is an indispensable reference work for children in grades 3-6. It contains thousands of words that children need to know, all defined in clear, easy-to-understand language. Abundant example sentences show how to use the words in context. Fifteen hundred full-color illustrations bring the words to life and invite browsing. The word list is enhanced with hundreds of informative notes that describe word histories, discuss synonyms, warn of spelling pitfalls, and discuss how to use prefixes and suffixes to build vocabulary. Supplementary material in the back of the book includes a guide to phonics and grammar, a geographical dictionary, maps, and a table of measurements. This updated edition includes many new illustrations as well as a variety of new words and meanings in the fast-changing areas of technology, sports, and health, including podcast, smartphone, paddleboard, and gluten. The American Heritage® Children's Dictionary is rich in content and graphics and easy to use. It provides a complete and compelling language reference for every child.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this dictionary for my daughter when she started first grade - knowing that it would be a while until her reading skills were good enough for her to use it. Beginning in about the 2nd grade, she started to use it regularly - and in 3rd grade (last year) she used it all the time. Terrific first dictionary for a kid, with great pictures in full color, good art and illustrations, nice bold type, etc. What's nice about it is that it's layout is just like a grown-up dictionary - which they will switch to in

time. This is a perfect dictionary for a grade schooler to learn to do 'research' with appropriate elementary school/junior high vocabulary. Highly recommended!

My review is based on the 2003 version. This version must be vastly improved over earlier reviews, as earlier reviews said it had no pronunciation guide. This version is great! It has blue text for the word. Short, concise definitions and a pronunciation guide at the end. I feel this is a great "real" 1st dictionary for kids. I picked it for its readability, suitability/content, and concise definitions. And, as some reviewers said, it may not have "every" word, but I found this version to be the easiest to start with and "entice" them into using the dictionary. I really like the DK/Merriam version, but alas, it's really hard for me and my little guys (1st and 2nd) to decipher through all the blah text, symbols, and more complex definitions. I want them to be excited about reading. My plan is to use this one now until the kids seem to outgrow it, and then I'll upgrade to an "older dictionary". Maybe by then DK/Merriam will have an easier format in a few years. In the interim, I'll use the dictionary.com or merriam-webster online for the missing vocab words. Multiple resources are great. In closing, I did sit in Barnes and Noble for 20 minutes comparing between the Scholastic, DK/Merriam, New World Webster, and American Heritage. I still think for a first children's dictionary that this is a great solution. I would have thought Scholastic would have done a better job. The New World Webster was good with definitions, but the artwork consisted of drawings that were not as "good" and the readability was not quite as good. Hope this helps all in the market.

My wife is a retired teacher and was trying to help the local school in a small town. This book created so much interest for third graders in the presentation of 'words' that it is just amazing. If you have a grade school child or want to help your local school, get this dictionary--you will even start reading it--presentation is everything. John D

This is a pretty good dictionary. Got it for my now 8yr. old nephew. It defines the word and gives a sample sentence. Con: I tried looking up the vocabulary words from my Nephews Vocabulary words HW. It did not have all the words he learned. It did contain most of the words.

Well done and very age appropriate. I bought for my seven year old and it will be useful for many years to come.

I am very happy with the content of this dictionary. It will be a gift for my granddaughter who is 8=

however I almost returned it because it is so heavy (6+ pounds). Once she finds a place for it, she will enjoy it and get good use from it for the next two or three years.

I purchased a classroom set - 20 copies - of this dictionary for my second graders. Having spent my own money, you can be sure I checked out the options, and I found this the very best. The layout of the dictionary is perfect for early learners (kindergarten to third grade). There is a good distribution of informative illustrations that keep young readers interested and supports understanding. I like the boxes inserted throughout which extend knowledge of select words. Synonyms, Word History, Language Detective, & Vocabulary Builder provide inquisitive or gifted children additional links to develop word knowledge. My job teaching students how to locate words in a dictionary is easier because of the layout. The guide words are easier to identify because they are, like the entry terms on the page, in a light blue type, while all other text is black. Unlike some children's dictionaries, the entry term is shown whole, not syllabized. The syllabized form is given, but last, after more pertinent information. In a classroom full of literature, this dictionary is a book my students choose to read for entertainment. Perhaps because it is their first reference tool - or because I made them aware of how I acquired them, letting each student carry one up to the classroom - they pour over them. Of course, not every unknown word that a child may encounter will be found in this dictionary. But as an early step toward understanding language and the mechanics of a dictionary, this one is the best I know of to get kids off to a good start.

I am a homeschooling Mom and we use it every day! Great pictures. Only slight drawback is that not every word we need is listed in it - most are though. Altogether a good investment.

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