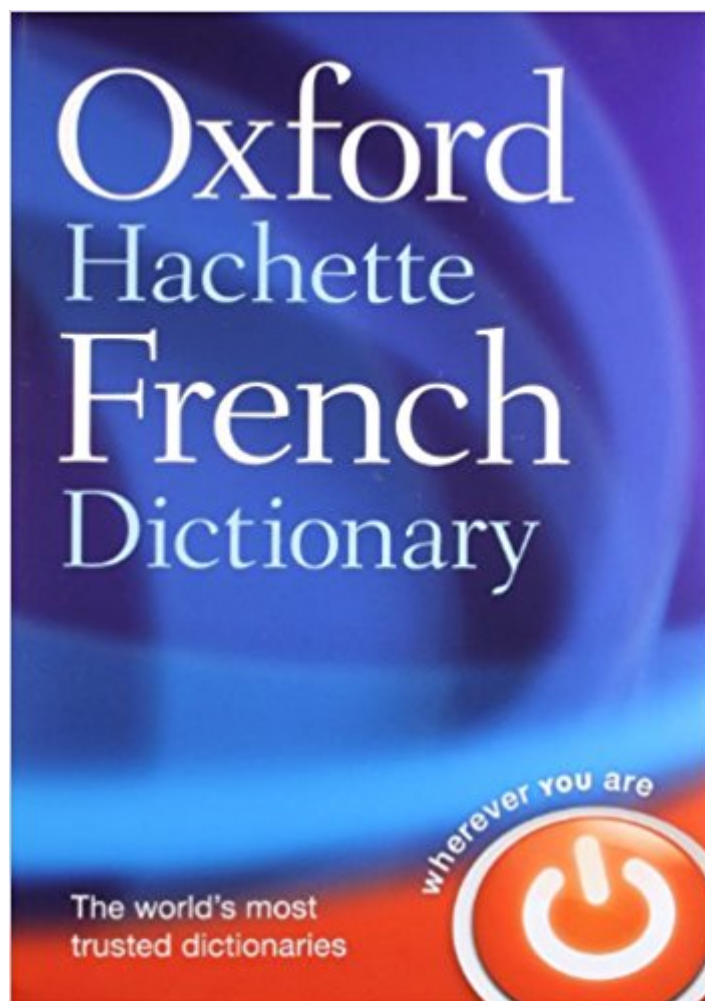


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I own this dictionary in print format and as Blackberry and Android apps. It covers a large vocabulary and the design makes it exceptionally easy to look up words and their various meanings quickly. It also has useful in-depth discussions in many cases when a simple translation would not convey the subtler connotations a word has for native speakers. Where it falls short is an unfortunate tendency to provide literal translations of idiomatic expressions, rather than explain their contextual meaning. For example, "pratiquer la politique du pire" is translated as "to envisage the worst-case scenario," which completely misses the intent. The Collins-Robert unabridged dictionary correctly translates this as "making things worse in order to further one's own ends." I find the Oxford-Hachette extremely useful as an everyday reference tool, but for serious translation work, the Collins-Robert unabridged is both more complete and more accurate.

Unfortunately, combines together reviews of different versions of a product, so I have to say that I'm reviewing the Windows version of this dictionary on CD Rom, not the hardcover book that most people are reviewing. This Windows version is getting a bit old (not updated since 2003) but I'm very pleased with it. It is wonderful to be able to right-click on a word and hear it pronounced. Also, you can shift-right-click on a phrase and hear the whole phrase pronounced. You can also open up a separate window and enter text of your own and hear it pronounced, with the ability to slow down or speed up the speech. You can also search the whole text of the dictionary for a phrase, which is a lot better than reading long entries in a paper dictionary to see if they explain an idiomatic phrase. It can also be set to automatically look up words copied to the clipboard from another program (e.g., a web

browser) but this can sometimes make the clipboard stop working in the other program, in which case I disable this feature. At first I thought there was no explanation here of the abbreviations used in the dictionary but eventually I found all this information is available by clicking on the "i" (about) button, which pulls up a pdf of the first 37 pages of the paper dictionary.

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An excellent, well organized dictionary. Almost an encyclopedia with extensive additional material. Review of the 1999 French ortographic reform, variations of French and English as spoken in different countries and regions, practical information about living in France or living in an English-speaking country, sample letters, often used phrases (with cultural conotations), help for pronunciation in both languages. The dictionary part includes the latest abbreviations, technical slang, etc. Good quality paper, good printing, features brought out by color or typography. The dictionary may be overwhelming for beginners, tourists, and casual "menu readers." This is for PhD candidates, translators, or people living in a milieu of the other language. The dictionary contains 360,000 words, 550,000 translations, and comes with a CD.

For those of us who still prefer a physical book, this one does not disappoint. It is comprehensive (there is a digital download, for an annual fee, free the first year upon purchase). For the price, you can't beat this hard-bound dictionary of the French language perfect for a student. I'm pleased with my purchase.

I had already bought OXFORD GERMAN DICTIONARY and it came to be very useful to me and worth the price paid. As I intend to start studying French at the very end of this year, as a self-teaching learner I began buying READERS, grammars and several dictionaries and I could not help buying one of the best, I believe, in English-French and French-English, this OXFORD. I am looking forward not to be disappointed the same way I was not with the German edition.

Its a dictionary. Its kind of pretty, Nice font. Easy on the Eyes.

My french teacher do not speak Hungarian language, so we are studying french using English - that's why I was looking for a French-English dictionary. I found Oxford-Hachette and I love it from the first site! Well structured, containing a lot of interesting and useful informations. I use it every day and I simply love it!

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