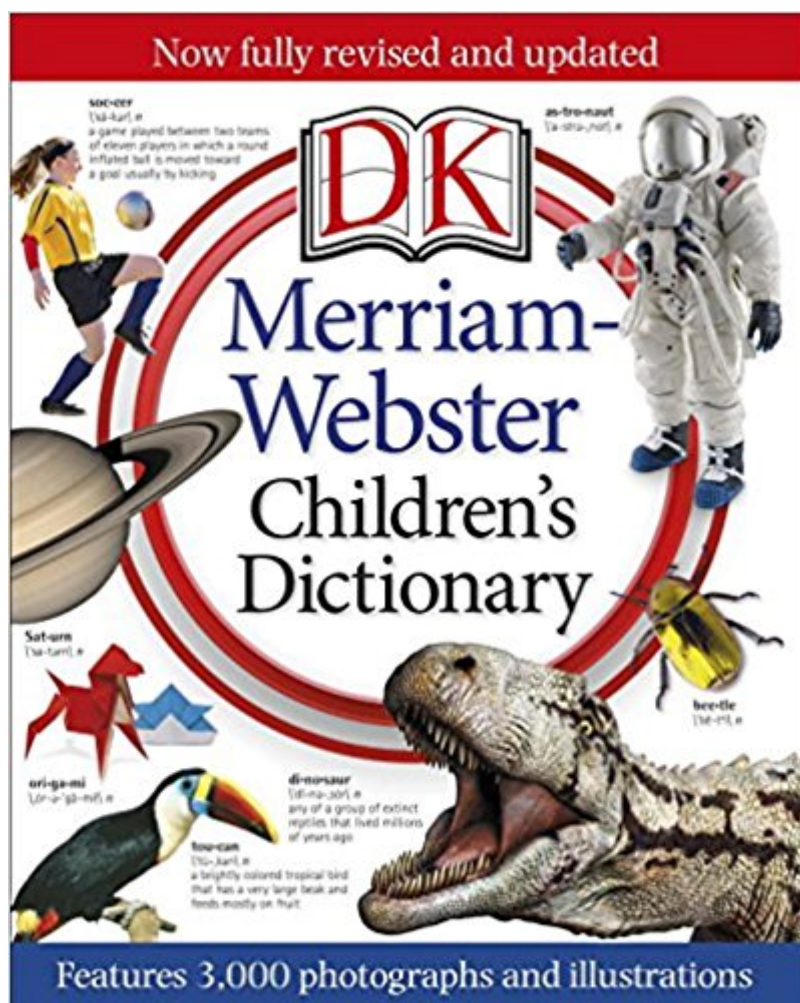


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# Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary



## Synopsis

This top-selling dictionary featuring 35,000 updated words, phrases, images, and authoritative content from Merriam-Webster is a must-have resource for elementary school children. This new edition of DK's Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary has a fresh design with color-coded page borders for each letter of the alphabet, and modern photographs and illustrations that give a lively, accessible look at the entries. Each entry is fully explained with its definition, usage, examples, and notes on spelling and punctuation. Word senses have been refreshed to reflect modern usage, and maps and country statistics have been updated to include new countries, cities, borders, and flags. Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary is an excellent visual reference resource for kids to have on-hand as they work through school assignments and learn important research skills.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 2-4. Including a reference guide to letter pronunciation at the bottom of each spread, this work also includes an alphabet locator on the side of each page. Clear guide words and extensive use of cross-references enable users to locate definitions and synonyms. Clearly captioned color photographs and some drawings, including the relevant definition as needed, bring the entries to life. Homographs are identified, and word histories are included throughout, adding to the interest level of the work. Each definition includes examples, and guidance such as variant spellings and usage labels ("often cap") are provided where necessary. A

closing reference section includes a spread for each continent, color images of the flags of the world and of U.S. states, significant data on each state, a chronological listing of U.S. presidents and vice presidents, and common abbreviations. The book concludes with a listing of signs and symbols and a comprehensive index to all pictures in the work. The clear, easy-to-read print and bright pictures of varied type and source make this work easy for second or third graders to use, while fourth and fifth graders will appreciate the depth of the entries. --Sara Rofofsky Marcus, Yeshiva Har Torah, Little Neck, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

This is a collaborative effort, with design and images from DK and text based on Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary. Some definitions include variant spellings, usage notes and labels, example phrases, and synonym and word-history paragraphs. Parts-of-speech labels are abbreviated. In familiar DK fashion, sidebars illustrate groups of terms, such as examples of dinosaurs and different kinds of cheese. The reference section has a couple of pages on each continent plus information on flags; U.S. states, presidents, and vice presidents; standard abbreviations (most of the comparable dictionaries include these in their A-Z sequence), and pronunciations for place-names. Grades 3-6. --Mary Ellen Quinn --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Perfect for an eight year old. I'm helping my granddaughter with her spelling. I think a child can form better pathways for further inquiry by practicing alpha order thinking. With the alphabet listed on each page on the right hand side she's learning to guesstimate where words will probably fall in the book. She now pre-sorts her spelling words to facilitate looking them up more quickly. The great pictures increase her curiosity beyond the assigned words each week. She learns so much more than using an iPad to find the words. The only difficulty is keeping her on track! What a silly heart.

It's a very good book! The book is too heavy too thick that middle seam is broken.

Came in quite worn with the spine damaged. But this dictionary is great for kids. The definitions are no too wordy and pictures improve comprehension. Glad I got it for the kids library.

A good children's first dictionary from a trusted publisher. It covers many words that children encounter daily. However, it is NOT a complete dictionary. It is a must to teach children how to use

a dictionary and to introduce them to the habit of looking up the meaning of words (which parents actively have to encourage and mirror). A word of caution: for young kids that have limited word skills, the explanation of the words can sometimes be just as confusing as the word itself. May need to be used together with a good thesaurus for younger kids. I often had to look up in a thesaurus for adults to give examples and try to explain the words. That is why I gave it 4 stars.

This dictionary is pretty comprehensive, and we love all the excellent pictures. However, I'm newly concerned about its accuracy. We were looking up Pluto today. There are actually two errors under Pluto. First, it says "[Pluto] is sometimes considered one of the planets." While true, it would have been better to just call it a dwarf planet. The second error is literally huge: "[Pluto] orbits the sun at an average distance of 3.7 million miles (5.9 million kilometers)." In fact, Pluto's average distance is 3.7 BILLION miles (5.9 billion kilometers) from the sun. Mercury is 35 million miles from the sun. In addition, the other [actual] planets are simply listed with their order of distance from the sun (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc).

Book came in great condition with an undamaged spine. Kids are enjoying the photo illustrations that accompany definitions.

This dictionary is outstanding. A book your kid can use through adulthood. Separate pages on maps, flags, hints, abbreviations. Beautifully packaged and illustrated. Weighs a ton. Buy it.

Got it for my 8 year old daughter to learn what certain words mean. Though she wasn't as excited to use it as the Multiplication Chart I got her, I know she will depend on it more and more especially during this coming school year. I guarantee it!

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