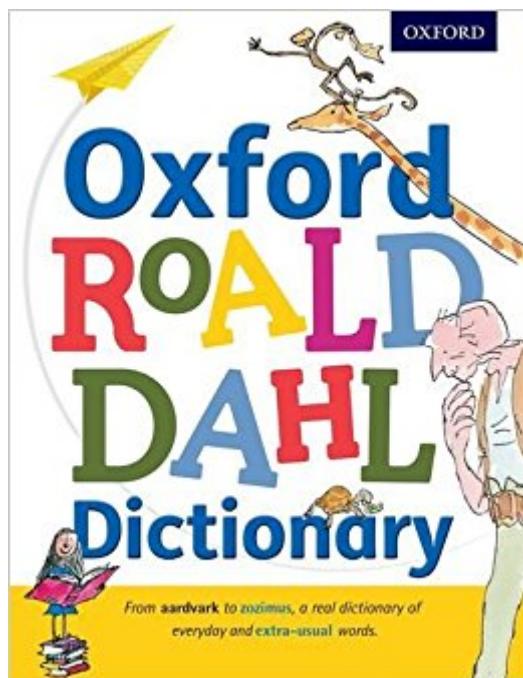


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# Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary



## Synopsis

This is not an ordinary dictionary. After all, you wouldn't expect an Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary to be ordinary, would you? Lots of dictionaries tell you what an "alligator" is, or how to spell "balloon" but they won't explain the difference between a "ringbeller" and a "trogglehumper," or say why witches need "gruntles' eggs" or suggest a word for the shape of a "Knid." All the words that Roald Dahl invented are here, like "biffsquiggled" and "whizzpopping," to remind you what means what. You'll also find out where words came from, rhyming words, synonyms and lots of alternative words for words that are overused. Oxford Children's Dictionaries are perfect for supporting literacy and learning and this is the world's first Roald Dahl Dictionary from the word experts at Oxford University Press. With real citations from Roald Dahl's children's books and illustrations by Quentin Blake, the Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary will inspire and encourage young writers and readers.

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Gr 2-5 •Roald Dahl fans, writers, and lovers of language will delight in this unusual dictionary filled with whimsical wordplay and full-color illustrations by Blake. In each entry, a quote from one of Dahl's stories or poems uses the word in a sentence (for instance, for "scrumdiddlyumptious," from *The BFG*, "Fleshlumpeater says he is never eating queen and he thinks perhaps she has an especially scrumdiddlyumptious flavour"). Each spread contains several nonsense or invented terms or names of characters from the author's books; these are highlighted in blue to differentiate them from standard English words. In addition, there are "ringbelling rhymes" for would-be poets, "sparky synonyms," and lengthier sidebars called "Gobblefunking with Words," which may prompt lessons on subjects such as similes, metaphors, prefixes, suffixes, alliteration, spoonerisms, compound words, and onomatopoeia. Teachers will find the detailed lists of synonyms for commonly used words ("big," "small," "bad," "good," "move," and "say") particularly useful for aspiring writers. Occasional "Did You Know?" headings and footnotes discuss word origins and interesting facts ("A malapropism is when you use a word by miss cake"). Teachers and librarians might want to feature a Dahl "word of the day" during this centennial year •or any year. VERDICT A delightful, inspiring, and unique reference for most collections. •Barbara Auerbach, New York City Public Schools

"It's hard to find the right word to express our levels of excitement around the Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary. Squacking? Jumpsquiffling? Gigantuous? Roald Dahl's inventive, playful use of language is such a key element of his writing, whether he was using existing words in his own mischievous way or inventing extra-usual new ones. It is wonderful to have this dictionary compiled with such expertise, passion and wit by Dr. Susan Rennie and the team at OUP. There could be no more fitting way to pay tribute to Roald Dahl in the year of celebrations for his centenary. Best of all, as a fully-functioning dictionary for readers and writers aged eight and above, I hope it serves as a swashboggling source of inspiration for a whole new generation of storytellers." -- Luke Kelly, Managing Director of the Roald Dahl Literary Estate and Roald Dahl's grandson "A great way for an established fan to spend time in the scrumdiddlyumptious space that is [Dahl's] world. Bonus points if you like to gobblefunk." --The Horn Book "For children who devour the stories of Roald Dahl, and for parents who dearly wish to encourage their children's interest in words and reading, comes a spliffling, gloriumptious, whoopsey-splunkers compilation of the vocabulary (both real and confected) that the great Dahl used in 'The BFG,' 'Matilda' and other books. Sprinkled with Quentin Blake's witty, ebullient illustrations, 'The Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary' is cleverly organized by

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My daughter is a fan of Roald Dahl. I couldn't wait to buy her this dictionary because I thought it might just fit in with her love of Roald Dahl. This book is exactly as you would expect. Colorful, great drawings and superb words. Roald Dahl is well known for his love of crazy made up words. Whizpopper, Gobblefunk, frobscuttle and more. If you forget what a word means you can look it up here. Or you can just browse the fun, crazy words and try to use them in your daily life. Do you feel hopscotchy? (Happy!) Does your room lookucky mucky? This reflects Roald Dahl as you know and love him in his children's books. It's a great dictionary.

Roald Dahl's highly original, inventive use of the English alphabet to create the \*perfect\* word for any situation was astounding -- and now, instead of just coming across each word on its own by reading all of his books (which I highly recommend doing in any case!), you can find his wonderfully entertaining words embedded and explained, with lovely examples from his texts, within a regular dictionary for children. It's easy to know which words are his -- they are in blue, while all others are in black type. Even the "ordinary" words provide excerpts from Dahl's texts as examples of word usage. Put this book on your child's bookshelf, and also dip into it together with your child at bedtime: it is not only a delight and very funny (and, btw, educational), but it can perhaps inspire creative wordsmithing of one's own. No review of Roald Dahl's books of any kind, including this one, can fail to include the utterly charming, beautiful, funny illustrations of the genius artist/illustrator Quentin Blake. Kudos to Dr. Susan Rennie, whose name is given as the compiler of this fantabulous volume!

Good book for younger students with bright illustrations. The book arrived even earlier than I expected it and it was in good condition.

If you love Roald Dahl, then you need to get this book. My husband is a huge fan of his and has every book and movie. I came across this by accident and my husband didn't even know about it.

He was quite surprised on his birthday and sat down reading through all of Roald's unique words. There are true words from the dictionary as well but every word he uses in his books is in here too. It was a real treat!

This is a great book and is easy for the kids to understand.

A must for any Roald Dahl fan!

Well done to the publishing group for putting this together. It's laugh-out-loud funny at times.

huge hit with the kids i teach! really helpful for getting into reference texts, as well as on grade level for readers just falling in love with roald dahl. beautiful illustrations, easy to figure out organization, really fun to get interested in

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