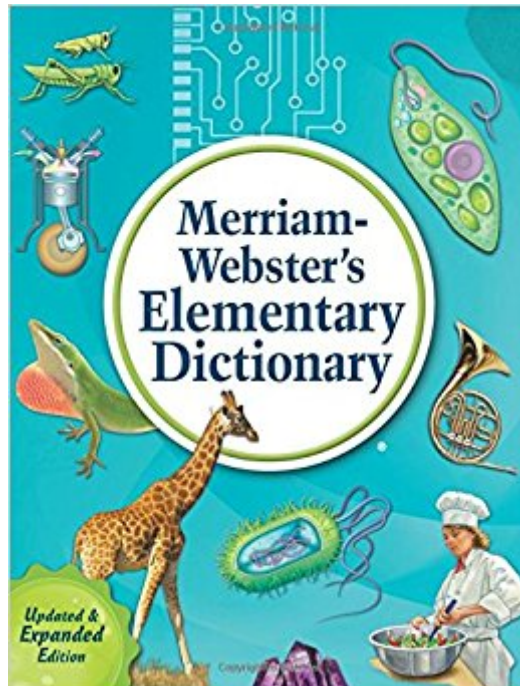




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Let me start by saying this is an excellent dictionary. The illustrations are wonderful, the book is sized just right for 3rd through 5th graders, and the words are defined appropriately. However, when I ordered this book, I expected it to contain adult words that were defined for children. This dictionary contains words only that a 3rd through 5th grader would know. For example, "exacerbate"

(to make worse) and "susurrations" (a whispering sound) were both not in this dictionary. I bought this dictionary for my friend's third grader because she is reading books that use words such as this. She does read at a high school reading level, but some of these words were in books like *Nancy Drew*, which is not a high school level book. So, if you are getting this dictionary for a child whose vocabulary is that of a normal 3rd - 5th grader, I would highly recommend this dictionary. If you are getting a dictionary for a child who reads above their reading level, consider something else. This dictionary only defines words for a 3rd through 5th grade vocabulary. I still wanted something illustrated, because even a third grader reading at a high school level likes illustrations, so I went with the Oxford Illustrated Dictionary.

I had to return the first one. The binding came completely apart even before we used it. The second one is great. I thought it would be more pictures because it says Elementary. But it has tons of words and not that many pictures. I was surprised at the word content. Of course, it's not going to have EVERY word you want to find in there. But I would recommend it if you want a good starting dictionary for your child.

Great dictionary for elementary school-age kiddos! I bought this for my 8 yr old son. He loves that he can look up words on his own, and I love that he's not using the computer for a few minutes! The definitions are simple enough for a young child to understand and there are some pictures to help keep a young audience interested. I'm very happy with this purchase!

This really is a great dictionary for an 8 year old. Not every word is in the book, but the ones she really needs are available for look-up. This is used almost daily. The pictures inside are also great - so it doesn't seem boring, and they sometimes get attention to a further look into that particular word.

Great beginner dictionary. I was worried it would be too simplistic for my first grader, but it is perfect and will suit her needs for several years. I think she will graduate from this one straight into Webster's Comprehensive Dictionary.

Have this to my daughter as a present for finishing first grade with much success & she loves it! She reads the dictionary now :)

Okay dictionary. 75% of the time, the word my son is looking up isn't in the dictionary, so it's a waste of time to use it. He is only in 4th grade. I would say this is only good for anyone up to 2nd grade. Pointless.

A lot of the words have definitions that are overly wordy and/or don't make sense within the context of what my 3rd grader is referencing. I still gave this dictionary 2 stars because so far, all the words have been there. Very flimsy. Started to fall apart after a few weeks of use. Disappointed in the lack of quality.

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