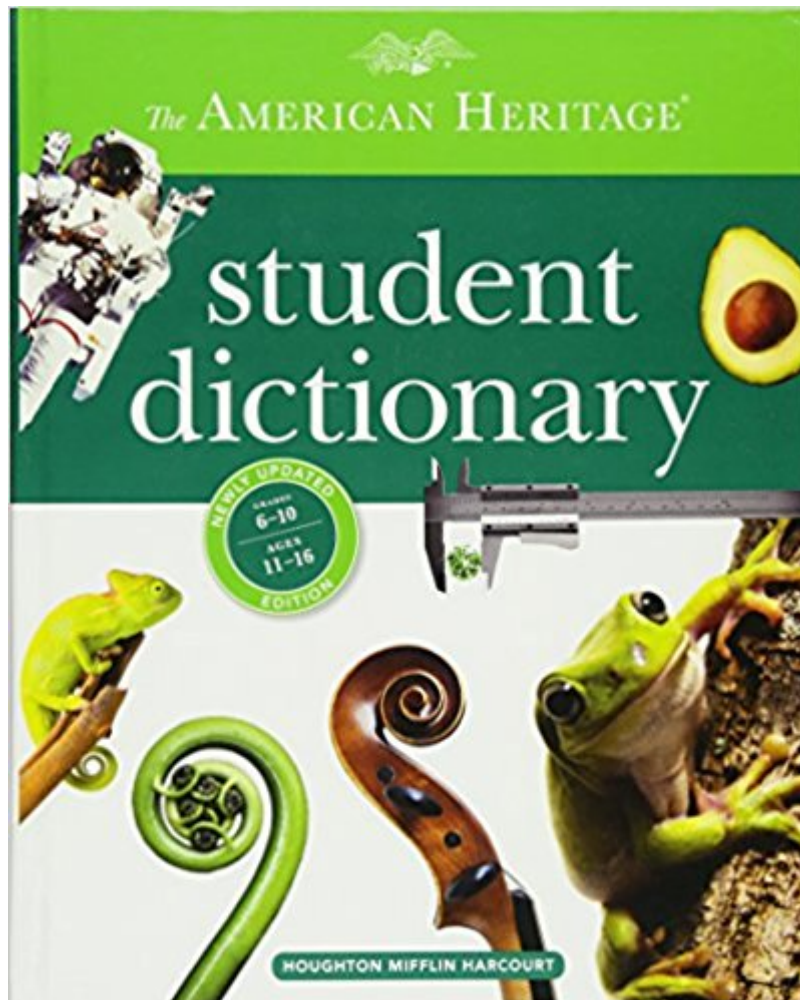




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# The American Heritage Student Dictionary



## Synopsis

The American Heritage Student Dictionary is the authoritative reference work for students in grades 6-10. Published in a completely revised new edition in 2012, with thousands of new words and senses, it now has been updated further for 2016, making it an ideal guide to the words today's students need to know. Known for its straightforward, clearly written definitions, The American Heritage Student Dictionary includes over 67,000 words and 32,000 example sentences. Its distinctive features include up-to-the-minute vocabulary such as avatar, prequel, and selfie, geographical and biographical entries, hundreds of full-length quotations from acclaimed young-adult authors, 2,000 color illustrations, and over 400 feature notes that offer in-depth information on usage, word history, synonyms, and science terms. With clear, comprehensible definitions and lively page design, The American Heritage Student Dictionary provides a powerful platform for developing a more sophisticated vocabulary.

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Grade 6-9--This new edition of an old standby is brightened up considerably with more than 2000 full-color photographs and illustrations, and 3000 new definitions. Marginal notes appear throughout the book, providing information about regional uses, common grammatical errors, word roots, and pronunciation; these added features, while entertaining, are too random to act as real resources. The true strength of this dictionary comes from the inclusion of terms, idioms, geographical locations, and basic biographical entries in one alphabetical arrangement. With all the basics one expects from a good dictionary, plus a few extras such as detailed etymology for some entries and notes on usage, this is an ideal basic reference for home or library use.--Kathleen Kelly MacMillan,

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The most noticeable change in this dictionary since the 1998 edition is that all the black-and-white illustrations have been replaced with full color. More than 3,000 new words and senses have been added, among them dark matter, deep-dish pizza, and instant messaging. Entries for people and places have been updated and expanded. For grades six to nine. RBB Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

So far I haven't run in to anything I would say "doesn't belong in this Dictionary or is wrong a mistake". It is a Quality made oversized book. This is made like the Encyclopedias of old. A strong binding, good quality paper, and ink. I had a huge problem getting this delivered to me, but I am glad I ordered it a second time. This one came when it was supposed to. Way to get your things in to somewhat of an orderly manner . Kudos I recommend this to anyone with young children who need a Dictionary. They have others built as tough for children in higher grades. They are all well worth your purchase.

Almost love it, but the first word my daughter looked up was not included in this! (The word was "expository".) Just an odd coincidence because it seems like a very comprehensive dictionary, jam packed with every other word we've looked up. It's also full of many words I've never known! Most of all, it has color photos and illustrations of some words on the outer edges of each page (like the old- style big dictionaries - but in color instead!) Pages seem silky, very thin, but sturdy.

I've been convinced of American Heritage superiority since my junior year in high school. It was then that Dr. Whitman, my English professor, required that we all purchase the same and were required to use it - not only as an accompaniment to our reading of Shakespeare, but for our various 'language assignments' as well. Since my ten year old 4th grader was having a heck of a time working with my mid 80's college addition of my American Heritage, I conceded it was time to get her a dictionary which she could proudly call her own, read aloud to me w/out assistance and, per Dr. Whitman's' instructions, highlight and date each word she looks up. I was thrilled to find this middle school addition of the American Heritage. Although the instructions call for 6th grade and

above, I felt confident that my 4th grader could benefit from this level vs. the more elementary version... As to the content; I am impressed! First, most every page contains color pictures. When my 4th grader looks up words, she most always seems to find a picture (and hence a definition) which captures her interest, and therefore, reads that entry as well! Second, numerous entries contain the word origin - this is why Dr. Whitman insisted that we use the American Heritage, it's replication of the Oxford English Dictionary which explains where the word came from. I always review this info w/ my 4th Grader - a I believe that its essential info in order to be able to conquer the English language - determination of the root words - which allows your vocabulary to grow (or at least allows you to fake it, as you can get the `idea' of what someone is saying when they start using words you don't really understand). Third, there wonderful grammar rules in the front of the book; no doubt that I need these - I only hope my 4th Graders Grammar will grow far beyond my limited abilities. Lastly, as noted through the reviews, the various things you normally find in the appendix, such as the Table of Elements, are found right there in the middle of the Dictionary. I have no doubt that I'm more excited a/b this Dictionary than my 4th Grader, that said, I know that it will serve her well for a long time. In addition, as I've told her, I know that she'll enjoy looking back on all the words that she's looked up - just as I still smile when I reach for my old blue dictionary and think how long its been...

I ordered this and the thesaurus for a classroom of fifth graders who had been supplied with college dictionaries. I don't know what good-intentioned person thought the kids could utilize dictionaries with microscopic print and half a dozen oddball definitions of the word "leader" before getting to the common usage, but the first definition was, "the foremost part of a plant." What? Seriously? This was just the thing for them; practical definitions, readable print. Maybe not the most comprehensive, but pretty adequate for a fifth grade level. The kids were so grateful!

I am using this with a sixth grade dyslexic student. The print is good size, and I appreciate the information on word origins as we work on the confusing spellings of our basic Anglo Saxon words. I particularly bought the American Heritage dictionary because it puts the short vowel mark (breve) over the short vowels. Other dictionaries leave the short vowel unmarked, but this makes them ambiguous, not a good thing for struggling readers. The use of the short vowel diacritical mark is the prime reason I recommend th AH dictionary to others. Now if only we teachers could use the same diacrital marks on our computers!

Thanks for a prompt delivery. It was right on time. I've always been partial to this brand of dictionary since it came out in the early 70's. This is perfect for my studious grand daughter. The usage guide in the front is an excellent source on how to use a dictionary for beginners. This says for ages 11-15 and grades 6-9. It would probably be useful all the way through high school.

Great layout, well illustrated for information and interest. My second grader is using it for her homework which involves looking up definitions of spelling/vocab words. This was much more student-friendly than the large classic Webster's edition, easier to find an understandable definition that a second-grader could read. Most (all?) of her words have had an example sentence that helps understand how the word might be used in context. My only suggestion...our old dictionary had those thumb-cut-out tab sorts of things that let you easily thumb to a particular letter quickly...no such help here, and it can be painfully slow for her to find where a particular letter starts. We actually used the post-it mini tabs to make our own landmarks to turn to. Overall a great choice and I am sure it will be suitable through junior high and beyond.

My granddaughter was thrilled with this dictionary. Can't wait for school to start to use it. Sat down for over an hour when I first gave it to her looking through it. It is a little heavy for young girls to carry.

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