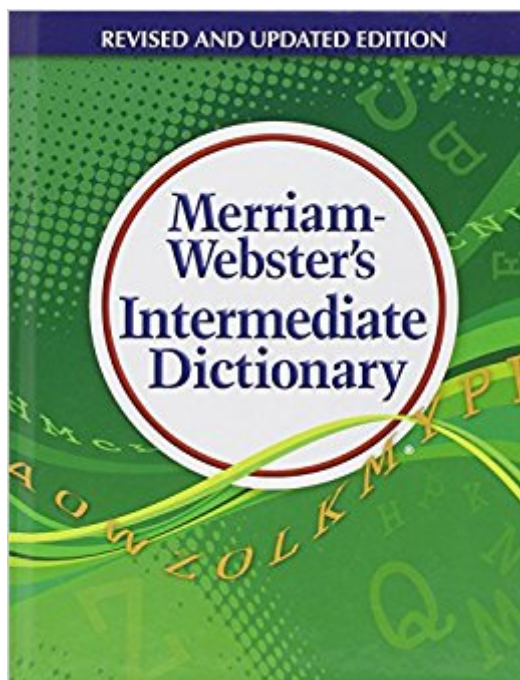


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Since 1937, Merriam-Webster is America's foremost publisher of language-related reference works. The company publishes a diverse array of print and electronic products, including Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary, Eleventh Edition - America's best-selling desk dictionary - and Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged. Merriam-Webster can be considered the direct lexicographical heir of Noah Webster. In 1843, the company bought the rights to the 1841 edition of Webster's magnum opus, An American Dictionary of the English Language, Corrected and Enlarged. At the same time, they secured the rights to create revised editions of the work. Since that time, Merriam-Webster editors have carried forward Noah Webster's work, creating some of the most widely used and respected dictionaries and reference books in the world.

I'm SO sorry I didn't read the other one-star review of this dictionary before purchasing. I bought the

digital version for my daughter's Kindle and there is only one word per page at 1005 pages and no way to enter search terms or navigate the the book easily. Am I really expected to swipe the screen hundreds of times before I can get to "M", and even then there will be many more pages to swipe before I make it to "Merchant" (a word that my fourth grader didn't know while studying Social Studies last night). I'm amazed at the complete break down in planning as it pertains to the digital edition of this book. I literally just threw away \$10 because now I have to locate digital dictionary a that's actually usable.

I bought this for my 6th grader's Kindle. It has only one word per page and no way to quickly flip to even the letter that you need. There is no search function to look up a word. It takes way to long to find a word. Wish I could return it or give it 0 stars. Waste of money on a Kindle.

Maybe okay for pretty scholastic 4th grader. I bought it for my 3rd grader to try to get her more interested in reading and writing and it's a bit overwhelming. Very dense. I went out and bought the Erican Heritage age 8-12 version instead and she loves that. I will save the we stern as a backup in case we can't find one of the words in the American Heritage version but so far so good.

This dictionary, while perfectly adequate, is not what I consider Intermediate level. I bought it for my fourth grade daughter who reads above grade level because a reviewer for the M-W Elementary dictionary noted that dictionary was missing words like "exacerbate." Well this Intermediate dictionary also does not contain "exacerbate." Come on -- if you are 11-14 you could certainly encounter "exacerbate" so I can't help wondering what other common, albeit slightly advanced words are also missing.

As a reading, language arts, and writing teacher, it's virtually impossible to perform my job effectively if students do not have good dictionaries. I needed a classroom set of dictionaries and tirelessly searched for the best quality and price around. No buyer's remorse here! These dictionaries arrived in a timely manner and proved durable throughout the school year. This is an excellent resource and a great value.

Kindle comes with 2 default dictionaries. The NEW Oxford is worthless. It uses the same word you are looking up to describe the word, something anyone in the 8th grade would know is a no-no. So I deleted that one. The regular Oxford is pretty good, but not at good as I wanted. So I downloaded

this Intermediate version of MW, and it's a great dictionary. It doesn't even come close to the amount of words described in the Oxford, but what's so neat about it is that if you highlight a word and MW doesn't have it, it AUTOMATICALLY switches over to the Oxford, which almost always will have it. So I highly recommend this dictionary. It puts out definitions that are far more clear than the Oxford. Perfect also for your Jr Hi kid or even HS kid. It's an amazing dictionary.

I was disappointed mainly because the several things I looked up (just browsing at this point) had circular definitions. This dictionary is meant for younger people. What good is a definition that does not define but only echos a word they are trying to find meaning for. It isn't all that way, but enough to make me wonder about it's value. Thank you for letting me have my say.

I bought this dictionary for my 6-year old nephew (a 1st grader) and 8-year old niece (a 3rd grader), to accompany a game I gave them for Christmas, as well as help them with school. In less than 30 minutes, my niece was leafing through the dictionary, trying to find a word she wanted to use in a Thank You card she was making. Since Christmas, both of them have used the dictionary not only when they play their game, but also for their schoolwork. I recommend this dictionary if you are buying for more than one child, especially if they aren't quite at middle school level as they will grow into it, so to speak.

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