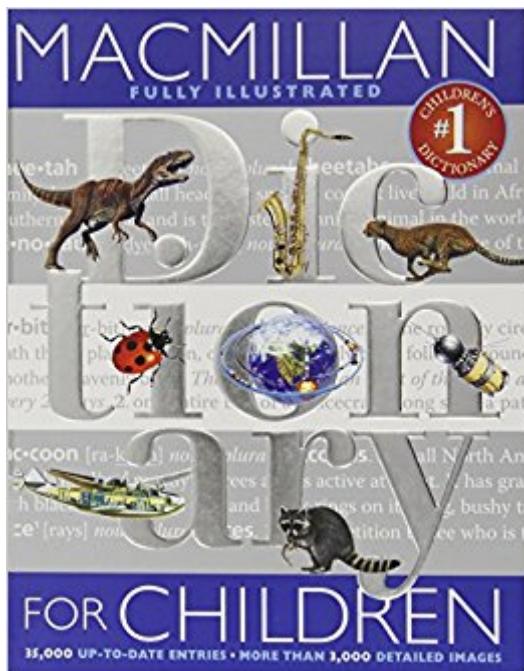


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# Macmillan Dictionary For Children



## **Synopsis**

The #1 children's dictionary in America is now completely revised with a stunning design! With more than 3,000 images and 35,000 up-to-date entries, the most trusted name in children's reference is easy to navigate and fun to peruse. Authoritative, accurate, and current, the Macmillan Dictionary for Children is the ideal resource for beginning readers and spellers.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

With 35,000 entries, 1,100 color photographs and a reference section including a thesaurus and maps of the world, the Macmillan Dictionary for Children 4th Revised Edition makes a handy resource. Other features include spelling hints, brief etymologies for selected words, and expanded illustrations with labeled parts. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Dictionaries designed for the upper-elementary- and middle-school crowd try to nudge children up the language ladder by including parts of speech, inflected forms, and pronunciation and also adding more advanced dictionary features, such as syllabification, cross-references, and idioms. This dictionary is no exception. It was last issued in 2001, but instead of updating, the publisher has acquired a completely new work. There are still approximately 35,000 entries but now almost 3,000 images (the previous edition had 1,100 illustrations, most of them photographs) and numerous

differences in layout and design, making for a livelier, if also denser looking, page. Entries contains the usual elements, such as parts of speech, pronunciation, and variants and inflected forms, but otherwise bear little resemblance to those in past editions, with a different arrangement, different definitions, sample sentences, word histories, and usage notes. There are no synonyms, which comparable dictionaries have. Other changes include feature panels on topics such as geothermal regions, killer whales, and optical illusions. Users will no longer find entries for place-names or the fairly detailed "Story of English" at the beginning of the volume, and the reference section at the back of the volume is a bit skimpier (no more thesaurus, no more weights and measures). This dictionary remains a good choice for the older children in its designated age range. The many illustrations, some of which take up half a page, add interest and will invite browsing. Children at the lower end of the range will have an easier time with *The American Heritage Children's Dictionary* (2003), which has simpler definitions and a less-crowded design. Quinn, Mary Ellen

I chose this dictionary because of its high ratings and the comments left by other buyers. I teach 2nd grade English learners and am responsible for expanding vocabulary, syllabication, and parts of speech. I have been frustrated by other dictionaries because, if they're 'for children', they just don't contain the words we need. This dictionary has 30,000 words, like an adult one, but the definitions are clear and concise, with context-rich example sentences. My second-graders couldn't wait to get their hands on it and found themselves able to look up words with just a little assistance. Also, the illustrations are visually captivating and illuminating. I bought it with my Prime account, making it affordable, and was able to purchase one per table group. I would HIGHLY recommend this dictionary to anyone who truly wants a tool that kids can and will use.

I bought this dictionary for my 6 year old, book loving 1st grader. Prior to this one, she had a Children's first dictionary by DK publishing. That dictionary was more for pre-schoolers and didn't have many words. We needed something that actually had the words that we need to look up in it. Pictures are good. It's in small print and I wish the print was a little larger, but my daughter likes this dictionary. She calls this dictionary "my text book" and she just reads it (not looking up words, but just reads to learn new things). Her favorite page is about how the hurricane is formed. Highly recommended. This is probably good until 4-5th grade. Highly recommended.

Allow me to say this is a beautiful book. The definitions inside are very child friendly, and illustrated beautifully. That being said, however, we've had several experiences where the word needed

wasn't defined. My son is in second grade, so it's not like he's looking for some obscure words, but have still had to search elsewhere. I was a little disappointed.

pretty nice balance between dictionary and encyclopedia and with simple wording and lots of pictures for kids, yet lo and behold even papa has learned things without even intending to. lolnice reference section in back with pictures for presidents, planets, flags, and etc

We needed a dictionary for our child to use in grade school, something easier to read than the college-level books we had on hand, but more sophisticated than the typical baby-book, beginner dictionaries out there. This book met our expectations, and exceeded them. (Note, I'm reviewing the 2007 edition. Some of the reviews here go back years!) Another reviewer has aptly noted the book's appropriateness for Grades 2 through 4, which sounds about right, for a starting point at least. I wouldn't think it useful (as a reference book) before that age, due to the reading level of the book's explanations. Most kids before that age just won't be able to read it. I'm sure many kids will like the pictures at earlier ages. Even a good reader may ask for help now and then. But if the parent is doing \*all\* the reading, the book loses some of its value as a reference source that the child can learn to use independently. Independent research is one of the skills that many schools are trying to teach to this age range in literacy classes, which is why they assign kids to look up words on their own -- and why this book is so valuable to have at home. With 35,000 entries, it takes on many words that deal with complex ideas -- but it does a pretty good of translating those complexities into terms that kids can comprehend. When necessary, it does this by using pictures, and to great effect. For example, the word "contrast" is not only explained in text, but is also illustrated by showing a Great Dane next to a Chihuahua, with an explanatory caption. The numerous illustrations in this book are used for many purposes, and they are very well-done. For clarity, the editors do not include the complex etymologies that an adult volume might offer for every single word. However, in some cases when a word has a particularly interesting or instructive derivation, there might be a small text box on the page to discuss the word's history. Thus the book does what a dictionary should do: go beyond mere definitions and offer an insight into the ways words and language evolve. However, in such cases where there is an explanatory box like that, it is separated from the word's main dictionary entry. Thus, the reader is not forced to read the history just to get the definition. One is free to go as deeply as one wants, which I think is a brilliant design. An inquisitive child will probably find this book to be a treasure trove, worth poring over for its own sake -- not just as a tool for homework. Other kids, who may not be interested in all the illustrations and expanded explanations,

will still find it to be, at its core, a really good dictionary. So I think it easy to recommend for any parents, or any kids, in grade school. I feel certain that older kids would still find this book to be interesting and helpful, well beyond grade 4. At some point, school demands may require more sophisticated definitions, and other things that this volume does not include. At that point the child may require another type of book, but I'd think they'd still be referring to this one on occasion, into middle school at least. It's worth buying at its list price, and it's an absolutely great deal at the discounted price I got mine at. Highly recommended!

This dictionary is the best. I have taught second grade for more than 25 years. I have always used Macmillan, updating whenever there is a new copyright. (mine are usually worn out by then). This dictionary far surpasses others for this age group. It is not a baby dictionary. Perfect for ages 8-12. I use it with 7 and 8 year olds. Each word has a definition, pronunciation guide, part of speech, as well as sample sentences using the word and more. I always recommend it to the parents of my students.

I purchased this dictionary for my grandson, who is just discovering the joy of reading. His reaction was priceless! He was so excited, and told me multiple times how much he loved it. I was impressed by the sheer weight of the book (it's very heavy) with all that wonderful knowledge contained within, and the illustrations are beautiful! I know the internet has many ways to locate information these days, but there is something satisfying about an actual book, with pages, as a tactile experience in itself. With so much information surrounding that which you are looking up, exploration of other words becomes an almost inevitable result of opening the book. I would highly recommend this product to anyone who has, or works with, children of elementary school age or younger.

Nice. Glad this dictionary is still available after all these years.

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