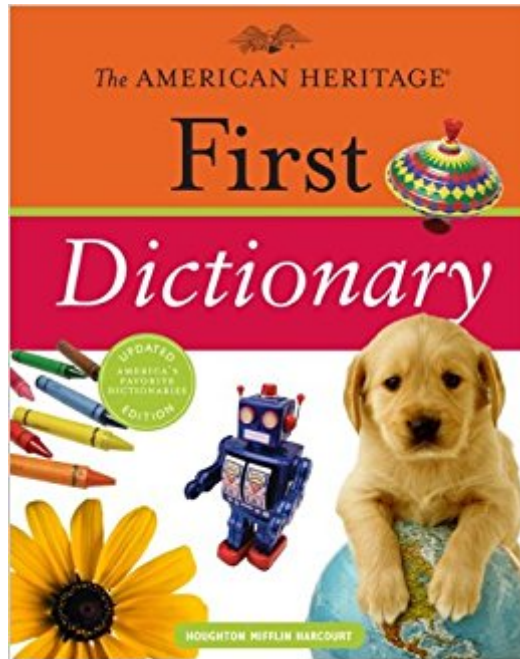




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# The American Heritage First Dictionary



## Synopsis

This newly updated, award-winning dictionary gives children confidence as they learn to read. More than 2,000 entry words are clearly defined, and 850 full-color photographs and drawings enhance the text for today's visually sophisticated young readers.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3 — This clear, easy-to-use reference opens with a five-page introduction to dictionary use and contains more than 2000 common words and 850 color photographs and drawings. Entries feature full-sentence definitions and sample usage. Occasional sidebars offer opposites, rhyming, or related words. The guide words at the top, main entries, and picture captions are all highlighted in purple. The entire alphabet appears at the bottom of each spread, reinforcing the exact location of the leading letter. New letters are introduced on a fresh page in large, blue upper and lowercase print surrounded by multiple pictures of objects beginning with that letter. The large fonts, generous spacing, and bright illustrations make this book a good choice for new readers. Sections on phonics and spelling, parts of speech, homophones, compound words, and lists of common word groups, such as parts of the body and pairs of opposites, are appended. Users, especially second-language learners, will appreciate the dictionary's clarity and simplicity, but Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary (2005) offers a richer choice for browsers and includes jokes and riddles, snippets from classic children's literature, and word histories. Teachers might prefer the former for practicing independent dictionary skills, while the latter is a more

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This attractive full-color dictionary for kindergarten to grade three mainly defines one- and two-syllable words. Some of the photographs have been replaced since the 1997 edition, and sections on homophones and parts of speech have been added to the back matter. Since this dictionary is mostly about basic concepts and vocabulary, you can probably still get by with the 1997 edition if your copy is in good shape. RBBCopyright   American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This dictionary is ok but I think I will have to purchase another one. The creators seem to have forgotten what words beginning readers/spellers learn. many common words that kindergarteners, first graders and second graders use are missing; especially compound words-though there is a list in the back of compound words without definitions. Often times root words are included but words that include the root word are not: "add" is defined but "addition" is not. The descriptions are simple for young readers to comprehend but extra text boxes detract from them. The book also seems have a ton of lists in the back. everything from types of clothing, colors, compound words, transportation, amounts, opposites, foods. all without any definitions. I will say it has a nice intro on how to use a dictionary and how to look up words.All in all this is a good dictionary. It just isn't good enough to be my child's only dictionary.

This book is a nice place for first and second graders to start when they need to look up a word. It has 650 color illustrations (drawings and photographs), 1,800 entries, and pretty well covers the beginning words used by young readers. Each entry has a definition, as well as uses the word in a sentence to give context. If there is more than one definition, they are numbered in order of common usage. Variant forms of the word are listed at the end of the definition. The illustrations are bright and cute, and the type is large enough to facilitate easy reading.My only real quibble with this book is that there is no pronunciation guide given for words. I realize youngsters might not be able to use such a guide all the time, but it would be good to have anyway. All in all a nice book for the 5-7 age range, but if you're looking for older kids, look elsewhere.

I chose the new option and received an used and scratched book. At the very end of the order is

where is indicated is used.

Good back to school day book. We were building with Legos but there was no entry for architect!

8 yr old daughter loved it. I can see it being passed down the her little sisters. Quality pictures and good ratio of pictures to words in a fun format. Not boring.

Our kids are new readers and we are teaching them to look up new words to understand their meaning. This is a nice beginner dictionary.

I really like this dictionary. My son is in first grade and it is perfect for him. I like how they have pictures and how they use the word in a sentence to help the child not only understand how it's spelled but gives them examples for the meaning of words. The bright colorful pictures grab their attention and I am really happy with my purchase.

Very helpful for my second grader

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