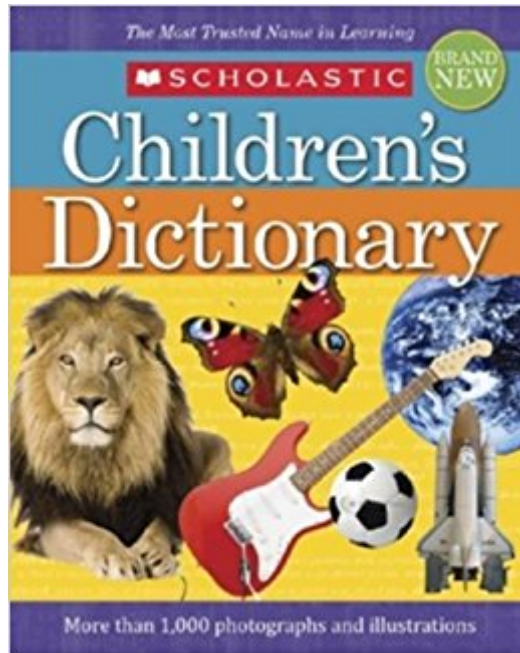


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Customer Reviews

Gr 3-6 "The most noticeable changes in the new edition of this perennial favorite are stylistic; the design is more restrained and less cutesy than that of the 2007 edition, with smaller print. The volume appears to be targeted at children who are more visually savvy than previous generations. Frames on each page; tabs running along the edges of the pages showing which letter is being featured; and eye-popping, full-color photos mimic the cleanest of webpage designs. There are content updates, too: the endpapers now feature full-color world maps, and 1000 new photos and illustrations supplement the definitions. Boxes feature more word histories and sample sentences than in previous editions, and a directory of U.S. presidents, complete with pictures and facts, joins the thesaurus, grammar, punctuation, idiom, acronym, and flag information in the supplementary

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This updated dictionary contains more than 30,000 entries and more than 1,000 detailed photographs and drawings, an average amount compared with other titles aimed at this audience. The prefatory material includes an overview and a pronunciation guide. Each word entry includes pronunciation (using simple respelling rather than the symbols of the International Phonetic Alphabet), parts of speech, syllable breaks, and one or more numbered definitions. Some entries have sample sentences written in simple language for the intended audience. A few, such as the one for *ain*TM, have the usage note *œslang*. • Cross-references to related entries or to pictures are included where appropriate. The pronunciation table is not repeated on every spread in the dictionary, but this is not necessary since no symbols are used. There are no geographic or biographical entries. Many variations of definitions of entry words are provided (e.g., *run* has 19 definitions). Current words, such as MP3, social networking, and Twitter, are defined. Throughout the dictionary, word-history, prefix, suffix, synonym, and language-note boxes appear with tinted screens. Sidebars contain extra information and illustrations for terms such as sharks and space shuttle. The reference section provides a thesaurus; guides to grammar, punctuation, idioms, and abbreviations; maps; flags; facts about the 50 states and Canada; a list of U.S. presidents; and more. This section lacks some reference charts, such as weights and measures and time zones, that are usually found in dictionaries for comparable ages. The physical format of the pages is appealing to the elementary user, and the type size is readable. The Scholastic Children'sTM Dictionary is a good choice for elementary-school and public libraries. Grades 3-7. --Mary Ellen Quinn

I bought this dictionary for the 8yr old I nanny for to use for her spelling homework (to write vocabulary sentences). Even though the previous reviews on this particular dictionary were about 4.5 stars, I was disappointed to see that several of words on her spelling list were not included in this book. The dictionary looks pretty sitting on her shelf, but we hardly use it because it does not contain all the words we need. Perhaps this dictionary will be more useful for children younger than 8yrs (however, I don't see children much younger than that even needing a dictionary). I am not sure which dictionary to recommend in lieu of this one, but hopefully your child can cope without the illustrations and you can get an adult dictionary with a wider vocabulary in it.

I bought this Dictionary for my 6 year old 1st grader as she has vocabulary words to look up daily. Choosing a dictionary is more complicated than I expected because I wanted something with definitions she could understand, as well as something that contained quality words. I must say I am absolutely pleased with this dictionary. It has a large quantity and variety of words, definitions that make sense to my daughter, as well as added information like words used in sentences, fun facts about word origins, maps, color pictures, etc. My daughter has also mastered how to use the dictionary without difficulty. This dictionary will get lots of use from my daughter for the next few years and will be used by my 3 year old when he reaches that point.

This volume is easy to use and is up-to-date, with more "modern" words than our previous one. Its colorful illustrations are appealing, yet it does not have a "juvenile" appearance. My son picks it up & reads both specific choices and random selections. Supplementary sections are also useful, although a "measurements" section would be helpful.

At first I ordered one of these book for my 10 year old twin daughters. I was impressed so I immediately ordered another one so that both of them could have one. This dictionary is very informative and has really neat pictures in it. My daughters were able to understand how to navigate through it. I would recommend this for children ages 8-11.

Two boys love it. So did the dog. Now missing the "L" section. Only problem--unlike adult dictionaries where the letters are somehow marked on the edge for easy navigation, this one is not marked. I bought the flippy tabs from the office store and marked mine. Boys are 7 and 9. The older one loves looking up words, my 7 year old would rather dig out his own eyes. But, really useful and quick delivery. Will be buying another.

The dictionary is working well so far in my classroom. However, we have found some words that were in previous editions that were not in this newer edition. For instance, many number words were not included (e.g. two, twelve, etc.)

Every child should have one and this one is pretty good for very young children.

We found this book to be helpful in exposing our preschool grandchildren to the world around them!
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