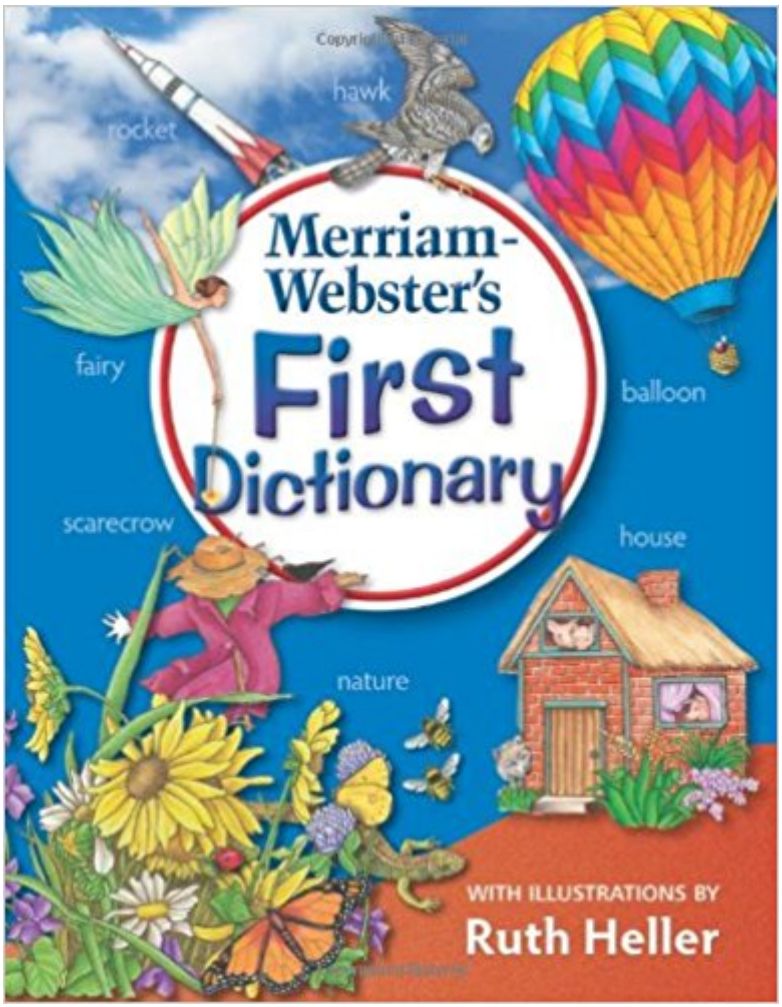
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Merriam-Webster's First Dictionary (with Illustrations By Ruth Heller) Newest Edition



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This top-selling essential beginner's dictionary written for children in grades K-2, ages 5-7 is an indispensable tool for introducing young readers to 3,000 words using 1,000 entries with hundreds of captivating illustrations by Ruth Heller. Full sentences are used to discuss definitions, common phrases, and usage examples in age-appropriate language to show how words are used in context. Many entries include alternate meanings, word histories, related words, and the way words sound. This dictionary teaches basic dictionary skills: alphabetization, spelling, parts of speech, letter sounds, use of synonyms and antonyms, homographs and homophones. Jokes, riddles, poems, and fun facts based on word play make learning fun. References to popular stories, fairy tales, myths, and nursery rhymes spark imagination and encourage language exploration.

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Customer Reviews

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I thought I was getting a dictionary that would be easily understood but at the same time, I could start teaching my kids how to use a dictionary. Not just this one but any dictionary. I was wrong. Dictionaries should be standard. This one isn't. As an example; you should be able to look at the top of the page and see a word that lets you know the word you are looking for will come after this word. The second word at the top should let you know your word will come before it. You know right away that the word will be somewhere between those two words. Completely absent from this dictionary.

I was expecting a better "first" dictionary than this. I bought this for my 5 year old that is constantly asking how to spell different words. I thought that maybe having a picture dictionary would be helpful for her to have to look things up on her own. However, this dictionary is too advanced for her. Only some of the words have pictures. I do think this purchase was a waste. By the time she will be able to use it she won't need to use this one any more. It's definitely not a dictionary for a kid that is just starting to sound out words and is not a fluent reader.

I guess it's okay, for a kid. My son definitely not going to be able to use it for 1st grade. I was expecting it to be challenging, for a 5 years old it's okay but other that I will say it's a waste of money.

Very good book for kids to learn to look up their own definition of the word and also how to spell it in different ways my little girls in first grade and she's loving the book

This is the second purchase of the same edition, because one is at the children's home and one is at grandma's. We needed two because they write here, look up words here, and are learning to play Scrabble here. It is an excellent children's dictionary, and is certainly a great addition to google trained children's education.

I was looking for a dictionary for my son that was easy to read and understand. I remembered when I was in school Webster used to have a yellow and white dictionary specifically for Elementary school age children. So I got online and started to search for that particular dictionary and I ran across this dictionary. It is a great starter dictionary for kids and I would recommend this dictionary to everybody.

Great for a first dictionary to get a child used to how to use a dictionary, but there were a lot of words not found. I got this for my 2nd grader to help with spelling homework, while it was a great tool for an introduction, there were a lot of basic words, and site words that were not listed in this dictionary. Wouldn't recommend for anyone over 1st grade, and that even may be too high.

I was expecting this to have basic sweet and short definitions but they seem a bit lengthy and not so straight to the point. I remember older versions of this first dictionary had color coated sides for each

letter of the alphabet for a quick side view search, but one has to physically flip through pages to find the beginning of each alphabet letter.

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