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Scholastic Dictionary Of Spelling

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Synopsis
The revised SCHOLASTIC DICTIONARY OF SPELLING has been updated with 1,000 new words and an all-new design that will make it the choice for young writers to turn to for an instant spell-check. With a brand new design, 1,000 additional words, and new fun sections like "The Four Longest Words in the English Language" and "The Spelling Words That Made Kids Champions," this is the perfect spelling resource for students. The introduction gives instructions for looking up a word the reader does not necessarily know how to spell, offers more than 150 memory tricks to correct commonly misspelled words, and clearly explains general spelling rules (and their exceptions). Furthermore, to aid pronunciation, each word is divided into syllables with the accented syllable in boldface.

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews
I got this for my 6 year old daughter and it has given her so much independence in her writing homework. It has cut down on "mom, how do you spell....." It is an excellent reference for any child. Very easy to use. It's a great confidence builder too!

Not only does my daughter love this book, but her teacher wanted to see it and loves it too. It's an excellent book for allowing a child to be able to find out how to spell a word by themselves. And since they do the work of actually looking up the word, it reinforces the spelling that much more
within their minds. There are several pages of useful information on how to spell words and on how
to use the book effectively. My daughter has read parts of this and has learned much about spelling.
It has improved her spelling abilities in school (she now gets 106% on her tests) and made her more
self-reliant, which is important to me. I’d recommend getting this book and Merriam Webster
Children’s Dictionary together, as one is good for looking up spelling, and the other is a great
reference for definitions.

I bought this for my 5th grader and he tells me it is much easier to use than a regular dictionary. I
know that it is easier for me to get him to look up words he needed to spell than it was when he had
only a dictionary.

I ordered this for my 5th grader who is struggling with spelling while writing compositions. After we
reviewed it, the words do not contain different forms of the words (often the base word only). For a
more advanced writer who needs to understand the endings this is not good. However, for a 1st
spelling book I think it is ok. I am going to give it to my 2nd grader.

This is for our 1st Grader that has Home Work and wants to be independent and wants to be able to
spell on her own and tries sounding things out sometimes right sometimes not. Now she can look
the word up and yet this will last her through 5-6th grade, or longer. This offers an easy way to find
the word you are looking for. There are memory tricks to help you master misspelled words. There
are Essential spelling rules and exceptions and there comical and helpful drawings. There is more
than 16,000 words it is alphabetical guide that you can turn to for instant spell checks. This is a great
book for little ones to have when growing up and doing that every day home work and learning the
English Lang. at the same time.

My 4th and 5th graders were at in-between age for using dictionaries. They didn’t need an
elementary dictionary anymore but an adult dictionary was just a little bit too intimidating. They both
love to write stories and were so excited to get this dictionary. I have the 1998 edition, but let me tell
you that it has been one of the best books I bought last year (and I buy a lot of books!) My oldest
says it contains every single word he has ever needed to look up. My youngest insists that it is very
user-friendly. They asked for a second copy this year so that they each had their own to use. We
homeschool and find it a very helpful addition to our cirriculum. But I am sure that kids in public
school would find this book to be a valuable reference as well. Well done!
I purchased this spelling dictionary for my First Grade, 6 year old daughter, despite the fact that the recommended age range for it is 8-12 years, Grades 3-7. The beginning of the book does give a 4 step method to help you look up words that you don't know how to spell. However, with the English language being such a complicated one, this 4 step method quickly becomes convoluted after just the first step! After reading it, my head was spinning and I realized that there was no way my 6 year old would be able to grasp all the grammatical rules, necessary to use the method. I quickly decided to find a more simple, straightforward method to teach her how to use the dictionary. We simply use the first and second sounds, and when there is a word that is a little less straightforward, like "psychology" which has the beginning sound of an "s," but actually begins with a "psy," then I help her. My method does not allow her to use the dictionary completely independent of help, but she is becoming more proficient at finding the simpler words on her own. She really enjoys the fact that the spelling dictionary gives her more independence when spelling words. As she said "I love this book. It helps me." Take it from 6 year old. This spelling dictionary is an awesome resource for Elementary School children. Maybe children 8-12 will have better success navigating the book on their own, but I would still recommend it for younger children in First and Second grades.

Gave this to my homeschooled second grader to help with revising her own essays- it's slow going right now, but a great teaching tool! She loves having access to this, and I can see her slowly get better at intuitive spelling.

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