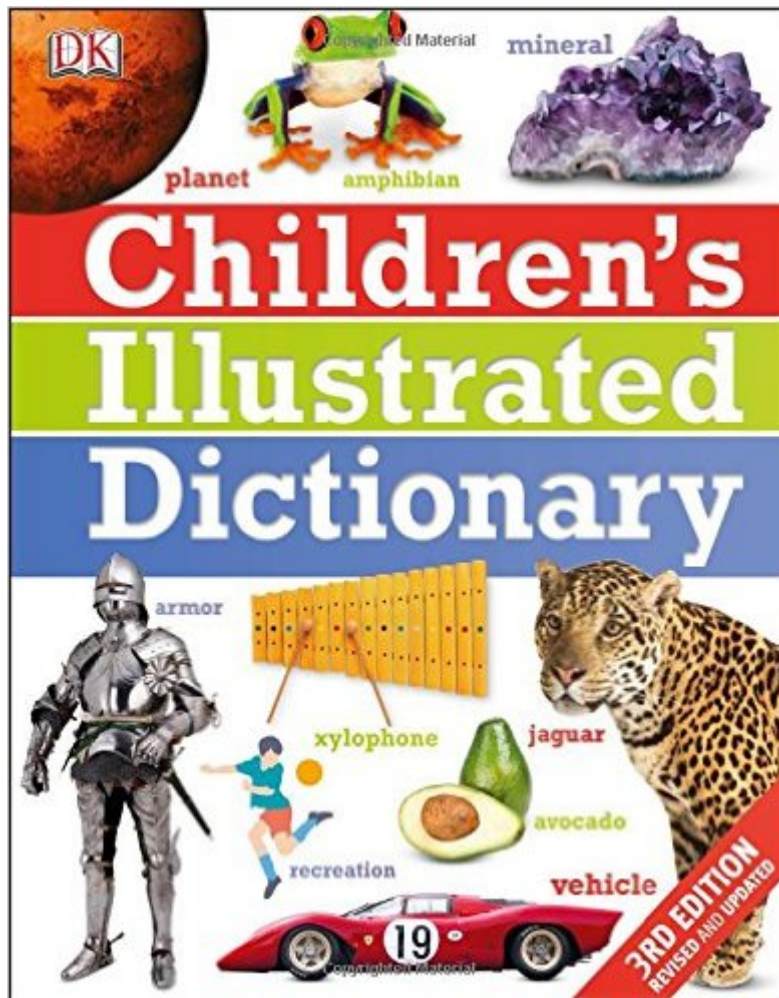


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# Children's Illustrated Dictionary



## Synopsis

With new photography and added words, DK's well-loved Children's Illustrated Dictionary is now revised and updated! Featuring thousands of entries and definitions, including core vocabulary and relevant words for young people in the modern world, this comprehensive guide includes a unique mix of colorful photography and eye-catching illustrations to break up the entries, put the words in context, and add an element of fun. Sections on grammar, spelling, and punctuation, as well as games and example sentences ensure that kids will find the correct definitions they are looking for, while indications at the top of each page and letter ladders along the sides make the book easy to navigate. Developed with the help of educational experts, the Children's Illustrated Dictionary is the perfect addition to home, classroom, and public libraries. Supports the Common Core State Standards.

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## Customer Reviews

shipment was quick and the dictionary cover and pages are of good quality. Definitely attracts children's attention with pictures and colors. I bought it as a first hand experience for my 5 year old daughter as she can read short stories and is interested in learning more about words. But I definitely think that this dictionary will not work after two years. there r two reasons: 1. limited words in the dictionary 2. The word description is just for the very beginners. there r no synonyms so vocabulary is also limited. My daughter will start kindergarten this year but because I was teaching

her at home, she is capable of reading short stories herself, and I think until she reaches first grade she will be ahead of this dictionary. As a child I remember I got frustrated when a dictionary helps me 50%. So when I tried to look up a few words in this dictionary from my daughter's story book, I found only a few and the rest were not there. words like fancy struck maid lane were not there. 3. my third problem might not seem reasonable to many people but I feel it. why these common words are not there but 'bikini' was there with picture? also when you describe the word "kiss" it does not seem appropriate to show a 14 year old girl kissing 14 year old boy. it could be a mother kissing her child or father or grand parents or in any other form. If this dictionary is specially meant for kids between 5-8 years old which I think is the exact appropriate age for this level. I think such things look ridiculous and also look quite intimidating. A 14 year old is sure not to have this dictionary. Why give such thoughts to a 5 or 6 year old child? It does not look nice. Even if it was mother and father kissing, it would have been some thing practical and natural. Choosing an inappropriate age level gives wrong vision to kids. thats just my opinion.

We had bought 3 dictionaries for our family (one for our 1st grader, one that's suitable for 3rd grade through middle school, and finally one for high school and college. This one I have to say has exceeded my expectations. It is easy for my 7 year old brother to use and makes him very excited about words. He likes to use the next dictionary up as well to show off to his older brother how easy it is to use, but he still loves this one. He'll sit there for an hour and just explore the words and definitions inside along with the beautiful pictures. I highly recommend this dictionary for younger students. My brother is 7 and in 1st grade and this is absolutely wonderful for a child who is still learning how to go from the phonetic spellings to the actual correct spelling, it also helps to make it less stressful with the colorful layout and beautiful pictures. This will help your child to get a jump start on being smart when it comes to using resources such as dictionaries in order to look up spellings and definitions. A great buy!

This dictionary by Dorling Kindersley is just what a child's reference book should be. It is sturdy and brightly attractive and my children often ask me to sit down with them and just look at the various pictures and talk about what word goes with them. Beyond that I have found it to be a mommy life-saver because this same child --and now my son-- will ask me what something means and I find myself at a loss as to how to explain the word in simple enough terms. Ta-da! the DK Illustrated dictionary. Their explanations are short and perfect; and although it is not a comprehensive dictionary (you will not find words like impugn and insolent) it is certainly the best one that my hubby

and I have found on the market. Pam T~mom and reviewer at BooksForKids-reviews

This brand new 2014 addition appears to be a wonderful dictionary. I just wish that the publishers proof read it first. My 6 year old son spent 5 minutes looking at it and realized that the pages in the book are out of order and missing ( which is important when putting together a dictionary or any book for that matter). The book goes from the beginning of the alphabet starting from A then continuing to the M words. It then skips to the to Q words (skipping over N,O,P). It continues through the alphabet to the letter S and then adds the P worlds. If you are looking up any N or O words, you are out of luck. Don't buy this book. It is going back.

Outside of the classroom, I don't see the point of this dictionary (we have the 2009 version). It's missing a lot of words, in fact the few times we used it, the word we wanted was missing. Instead of teaching my kids to use a dictionary, it annoyed them that the effort to find the word was in vain. I would go with a children's dictionary aimed at a slightly older audience, which is a good sacrifice even if you have to help a five year old with reading it, because it will last you much longer and contains a more complete set of words. I don't have the money, time, and shelf space to buy something that has such limited use. We got the Thorndike Children's dictionary and it has worked well. I can see where some kids may pick it up and read for fun, but honestly even there you're better off with a Children's Illustrated Encyclopedia because this has limited information per entry (as expected from a dictionary). Early readers may get some use out of this, but by the time a child is 6 or 7 they likely have a vocabulary that exceeds this dictionary. On the flip side, the definitions aren't simplistic enough for five to seven year olds. I don't like dumbing things down, but to define a "loudspeaker" for example as a "device that turns electrical signals into sound" just adds a whole new set of questions to a 5-7 year old's mind instead of telling them what it is. You could use this as a launching point for discussion, but I use it to help my children figure out how to look up words for themselves, not something that confuses them further.

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