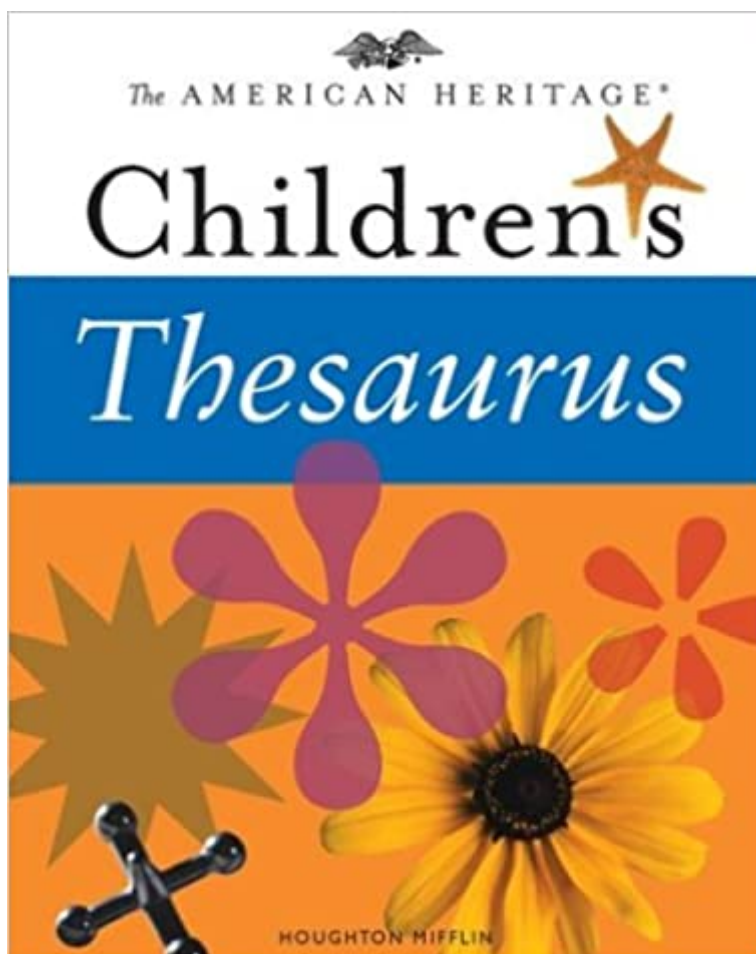


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# The American Heritage Children's Thesaurus



## Synopsis

Even young writers have to think about choosing the right word. This popular, easy-to-use thesaurus can help children in the middle grades make the best choice to suit their meaning and enliven their writing. 4,000 main entries, with more than 36,000 synonyms in all; Hundreds of Word Group and Antonym features for extra word power

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## Customer Reviews

Is this a conventional thesaurus? Regular and standard? Or would you say it was more extraordinary--exceptional and outstanding? Paul Hellweg's The American Heritage Children's Thesaurus is both, actually. It provides everything you'd expect from a children's thesaurus--4,000 words with over 36,000 synonyms--but it is unusually clear and colorfully presented. Each deep purple entry includes its part of speech in italics, and lists the suggested synonyms in bold, best matches first. Each word is used in a sentence to clarify its meaning. Color photographs are sprinkled throughout for visual relief, and "Antonyms" and "Word Groups" boxes help expand vocabulary choices. Word groups are reserved for words like "international," which doesn't have a real synonym but a cluster of closely related words such as "communal, global, national, planetary, universal," and "worldwide." If your favorite students tend to overuse words like "nice," "funny," and "weird" (and who doesn't, really?), this handy reference will have them turning a phrase with finesse. (Ages 8 to 12) --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Grade 3-7? In this thesaurus, the entries appear in dark purple type and are followed by the part of speech in smaller italic black type. A solid diamond then indicates in bold type the best choices of synonyms. Next, an open diamond gives other synonyms that don't fit the example sentence as well as the first group or are related words. Lastly, a sentence is given as a usage example. If a word can be more than one part of speech, each part is treated separately. For words that do not have actual synonyms, a boxed entry gives a group of closely related words. Boxed entries are also used for antonyms of 110 selected words. These boxes, along with approximately two-inch by three-inch full-color photographs, break up the text and give the book a user-friendly look. Homographs are listed as separate entries. There are no cross references or pronunciation guides. A four-page explanation of how to use the thesaurus is given at the beginning and an index of the antonyms and word groups appears at the end. The pages are attractive with an orange stripe across the top, green guide words, and a mix of type size and style. With 4000 entries and over 36,000 synonyms in an easy-to-read format, this resource should serve well the needs of its intended audience. Priscilla Bennett, Research, Media and Technology, State University of West Georgia Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

This is a nice compliment to the dictionary by the same company. We hope to teach our children how to use books the "old fashioned" way without always relying in the Internet (which is very useful but has it's place). This is easy to use.

Isn't a thesaurus supposed to have synonyms and antonyms? Well, this books has synomymys only! Had I know that I wouldn't have bought it. Now I need to buy another huge book for antonyms.

We purchased the American Heritage Dictionary for a class of second-graders, and this thesaurus is a great supplement. It offers a clear explanation at the beginning of the book of its use. Each entry word is followed by the italicized part of speech under which it is classified, followed by a sentence using the word. You are then offered usually a small list of synonyms. There are boxes on the pages, pretty much at random, which give word groups relating to some subject area (a hotel, for instance). Everything is geared towards elementary comprehension, without being dumbed down. If I were offering a thesaurus to a middle school child, I might tend to reach for either a more advanced version by American Heritage, or the excellent American Education Publishing's Children's

Thesaurus. But the most important thing is to give the child the opportunity to find the right word and to learn that the verbal toolbox can be as precise as one which tunes a rocket engine.

An extremely well done thesaurus for children which should be enjoyable for them to use. It represents quality of production and presentation.

Lacks antonyms, so my son still had to use the computer to finish his Language Arts homework.

Perfect for my third grader! Will be using this for years

I use this book in my classroom to help my student find other ways to express themselves. happy I bought it.

My granddaughter loves this book.

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