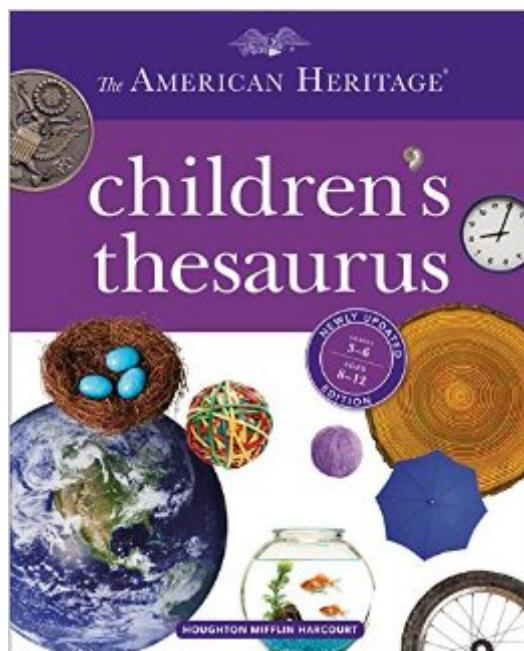


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# The American Heritage Children's Thesaurus



## **Synopsis**

Ages 8-12, Grades 3-6 With more than 4,000 entries and 36,000 synonyms, this updated, award-winning thesaurus encourages young writers to think analytically about their word choices. Entries are arranged in a way that distinguishes between words that are close synonyms and words that differ somewhat in meaning or usage. More than 150 full-color photographs illustrate the many example sentences and make this book as attractive as it is useful. As an added bonus, this updated edition includes an explanation of the major parts of speech, to help young writers establish a firm grasp of language.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The American Heritage Thesaurus is a must reference book for any home with children. Each researched word, printed in blue large bold print, is accompanied with the a description, printed in black, of the part(s) of speech the word can be used, several best choice synonyms, and a few lesser utilized synonyms. In addition, an example sentence incorporating the researched word is provided. Occasionally a list of antonyms is provided for the researched word. Researched words are easily located as a result of a large space between each word. Each two page spread usually contains one or two color photographs adding some visual appeal. In summary, this thesaurus is highly recommended and is an invaluable resource for any child of reading age.

I was looking for a good thesaurus for my 3rd grader, one that he could grow with. Good writing is all about good words and new ways of saying things. Everyone should have a thesaurus! I love this one. After receiving it, I liked it so much I wanted to buy a class set for my school. First I wanted to make sure everyone liked it as much as I did. My Mom, an elementary school librarian, praised its clear format. My son's teacher loves the pictures, the antonyms and that words are used in an example. The school Principal said American Heritage is always his favorite too. After all that, I am ordering a classroom set for my son's 3rd grade teacher. I am hoping that eventually there will be one for each student 3rd grade and up!

This is a good beginner's thesaurus and it works for my 8-year old daughter. She seems to know all the vocabulary words in it already, so I would say 8 is the max age for this. My issue with the thesaurus is that it doesn't list the alphabet on every page spread on the right hand side in the margin. We have the American Heritage Children's Dictionary which is very good and DOES have the alphabet on every page spread. That's why I am puzzled that the thesaurus doesn't have it. This is immeasurably helpful for early dictionary/thesaurus users. Having that visual available would reinforce in young children learning the order of the alphabet and encourage them to use a thesaurus or dictionary. Not having that makes it harder.

My wife and I are both veteran Elementary teachers - our bar was pretty high. We have seen a lot of these over the decades. We were not disappointed whatsoever. Great Product that is truly academic but not above the level that it should be for the target audience. We will be asking my Principal for a class set of these gems ! You should have one in your home.

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.

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.

After receiving the Thesaurus, we looked up several words, as a "test". Every word we looked up is in there! I actually ordered 3, one for each of my boys, who are 7, 9 and 11. GREAT BUY!

The kids I purchased this book for love it. They have made up a game of their own where one of them says the main word and the others try to think of the other words that mean the same thing. I love seeing them not only playing together, but gaining a great vocabulary. They may end up using my thesaurus for more words later on.

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