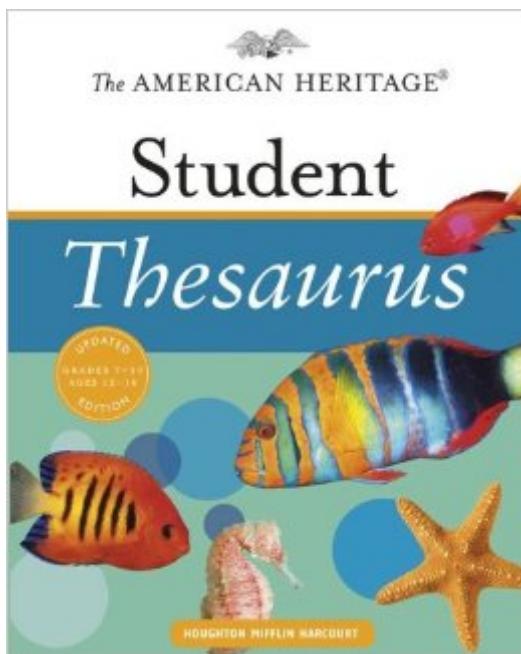


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# The American Heritage Student Thesaurus



## **Synopsis**

This updated thesaurus offers middle school and high school students more ways to build writing skills. With 6,000 main entries and more than 70,000 synonyms, The American Heritage Student Thesaurus is the perfect resource for young writers at the middle school and high school levels. No other thesaurus for this age group offers as many synonyms, example sentences, or special features. In this updated edition, clear example sentences illustrate each sense of every word. Word Group features discuss related vocabulary for terms that have no exact synonyms, such as artist, island, and geology. Tips for young writers explain how to use the thesaurus to express their ideas with clarity and style.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Teaching fifth graders English is a large task. It is hard to find meaningful resources to assist in the writing process. I highly recommend this thesaurus for any teacher wanting to improve student vocabulary and teach reference skills. My children literally fight over who gets to use the book next!

This book is an amazing resource for children. My children literally fight over who gets to use the book next. I highly recommend it for any classroom grades 4-7.

As a homeschooling mom I was frustrated with the old edition we were trying to use. This one has been perfect though I know we will have to get a more advanced one as the kids get older.

I bought the dictionary and thesaurus for our homeschool library. I love them both. At the front of the book a lesson in thesaurus use, as well as parts of speech and other helpful language arts tid bits can be found. When there are no true synonyms for a word it is explained in a highlighted "Word Group" box by the specific entry. My six year old can use this thesaurus, and she will continue to use it for quite some time. It is quite helpful and user friendly! Example from book: helpful adjective beneficial, handy, useful, valuable, practical, good, productive, constructive. My friend gave me some helpful advice. Antonyms: useless, worthless Or Word Group Shoes are outer coverings for the human foot. Shoe is a general term and no true synonyms. Here are some common types of shoes: athletic shoes, brogan, brogue, clodhopper, clog, flats, gym shoe, high heels, Loafers, mule, oxford, patent leather, pumps, running shoe, sabot, sandal, tennis shoe, wingtip, work shoe

My children and I absolutely love this thesaurus! We didn't really use a thesaurus much until we started The Institute For Excellence in Writing student writing program. The only thesaurus we had was one I bought when I was in highschool. Most thesauruses don't help the children know which synonyms are good for their context or not. This one does an absolutely superb job! I am greatly impressed. Now when we edit our work, we do it to everything not just writing class, and it is much more enjoyable. I don't have to hear "but it was in the thesaurus". There is a sentence for each set of common context synonyms to assist in choosing the correct synonym (or antonym). As a homeschooling mom I have to say this is a must have reference tool, it adds so much clarity to such a vague concept for children. I like it so much we now have 2! My 4th grader: It's easier to use, it's totally cool! The words are bigger. It tells you what words don't have synonyms so you don't go looking. (There are blocks called Word Groups. Words that are associated but not really synonyms are located throughout the book in blue blocks with descriptions. For example: if you look up lizard, instead of finding synonyms, you get a blue word group block with the words chameleon, gecko, gila monster, and iguana.) My 2nd Grader: It separates them so you don't get mixed up so your teacher doesn't tell you your sentence is wrong.

Incomplete dictionaries and Thesaurus offer frustrating experience. My 5th grader had to look up synonyms and antonyms for his homework and quite often could not find the words in this thesaurus. So I had to use the adult comprehensive dictionary. For a student to not find the word

they are looking for demonstrates its uselessness. The thesaurus should be adequately reliable source of information.

Is it ridiculous to get so attached to a thesaurus? Probably, but I love this one. I'm a homeschooler who bought it for my 10 year old son. We had an electronic thesaurus, but scrolling up and down on a tiny screen is not the same as having a hard copy of a thesaurus that is aimed at the middle school level. This one is beautiful and absolutely perfect for teaching him to find replacement words to make his writing more colorful. I would give it 10 stars if I could.

Great aid for any student 10-12 years old who needs to broaden their verbal and written English horizons. Great examples of words to use are in the very advantageous book. This book is a must, especially for my ESL tutees. This book will help them speak and write with greater fluidity and power. In this age of greater competition for education, I am hopeful that this book will help the tutees over the hurdles of the English language.

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