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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading Process/Print Concepts PO 5	Distinguish between printed letters and words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> introduces each letter on its own page and provides examples of the letter used in words that are part of a rhyme.
Reading Process/Phonemic Awareness PO 1	Distinguish spoken rhyming words from non-rhyming words.	Students can hear the differences between rhyming and non-rhyming words when the alphabet rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> are read aloud.
Reading Process/Phonemic Awareness PO 2	Orally produce rhyming words in response to spoken words.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> offer opportunities for student participation and response.
Reading Process/Phonemic Awareness PO 3	Orally produce groups of words that begin with the same initial sound.	The read-aloud alphabet rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> highlight groups of words that begin with the same initial sounds, inviting students' oral response.
Reading Process/Phonics PO 1	Identify letters of the alphabet (upper and lower case).	Both uppercase and lowercase letters are big, bold, and colorful in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> .
Reading Process/Phonics PO 2	Recognize that a new word is created when a specific letter is changed, added, or removed.	For every letter, <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> introduces students to words that begin with the same letter and end differently, words that begin with a different letter and end the same, and other patterns of word-formation.
Reading Process/Phonics PO 3	Say letter sounds represented by the single-lettered consonants and vowels.	The entertaining poems and colorful illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> describe and demonstrate the sound-letter correspondences of each letter of the alphabet.
Reading Process/Vocabulary PO 3	Describe familiar objects and events in both general and specific language.	To aid in developing this skill <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers a rich set of images depicting objects, actions, events, and associated words.
Comprehending Literary Text/Elements of Literature PO 1	Participate (e.g., react, speculate, join in, read along) when predictably patterned selections of fiction and poetry are read aloud.	Students can predict the rhyming words when the verses in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> are read aloud to them.
Comprehending Informational Text/Expository Text PO 1	Identify the purpose for reading expository text.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> provides an early exposure to expository text written in an engaging format that makes facts accessible and memorable for young readers. Detailed illustrations help with meanings of words and concepts.
Comprehending Informational Text/Expository Text PO 2	Restate facts from listening to expository text.	

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Reading Process/Print Concepts PO 1	Alphabetize a series of words to the first letter.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> shows the entire alphabet in lower case at the top of every two-page spread to aid students in alphabetization.
Reading Process/Print Concepts PO 2	Distinguish between uppercase and lowercase letters	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> have large and colorful full page illustrations of each letter in both uppercase and lowercase.
Reading Process/Print Concepts PO 3	Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> includes definitions written in complete sentences. There is also a special section which explains the functions of words in building a sentence.
Reading Process/Phonemic Awareness PO 1	Generate a series of rhyming words, including consonant blends.	Students can hear rhyming words that include consonant blends in the lively alphabet verses of <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> .
Reading Process/Phonemic Awareness PO 2	Orally segment a multi-syllable word into its syllables.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer an array of multi-syllable words for student practice in syllabication.
Reading Process/Phonemic Awareness PO 6	Generate sounds from letters and letter patterns, including consonant blends and long- and short-vowel patterns, to combine those sounds into recognizable words.	The alphabet rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> use the featured letter in blends and digraphs where appropriate, and give clear examples of short and long sounds of featured vowels.
Reading Process/Vocabulary PO 1	Recognize base words and their inflections.	Entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> highlight inflected forms of base words in the explanation of a word or in example sentences.
Reading Process/Vocabulary PO 4	Recognize that two words can make a compound word (e.g., <i>sailboat</i> , <i>football</i> , <i>popcorn</i>).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> has many entries for words used for compounds (such as <i>cake</i> , <i>hill</i> , <i>night</i> , <i>pin</i> , and <i>snow</i>) that give multiple examples of the compound words based on them.
Comprehending Literary Text/Elements of Literature PO 5	Participate (e.g., clapping, chanting, choral reading) in the reading of poetry by responding to the rhyme and rhythm.	The engaging and lively rhyming verses in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> invite enthusiastic student response.

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Writing Components/ Word Choice PO 2	Use a variety of words, even if not spelled correctly, to convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers suggestions for synonyms, antonyms, and related words at many entries.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 7	Use resources (e.g., ...dictionaries) to spell correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is especially written to introduce students to the dictionary, with entries for nearly 1,000 words and definitions in the form of simple explanations. Students can look up words in the main A-Z section for spelling help. There are also lists of tricky spelling words, with examples of use, in the back of the book.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 9	Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns, action verbs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> labels entry words with their parts of speech, and provides examples of their use in simple sentences. A "Word Functions" section in the back of the book explains parts of speech further in grade-appropriate depth.
Writing Applications/ Expressive PO 2	Participate in writing simple poetry, rhymes, songs, or chants.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> has original and classic rhymes and verses that inspire students' own creativity.

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Reading Process/ Phonemic Awareness PO 1	Orally segment a multi-syllable word into its syllables.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer an array of multi-syllable words for student practice in syllabication.
Reading Process/Phonics PO 3	Recognize regular plurals and irregular plurals in context.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> shows plurals of entry words, both regular and irregular, in the context of explanations and example sentences.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 2	Use knowledge of simple prefixes (e.g., <i>un-</i> , <i>re-</i>) to determine the meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to common prefixes at some entries, such as <i>overdo</i> , <i>undo</i> , and <i>redo</i> at the entry for <i>do</i> , and <i>unhappy</i> at the entry for <i>happy</i> .
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 4	Use knowledge of simple suffixes (e.g., <i>-ful</i> , <i>-ly</i>) to determine the meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to common suffixes at some entries, such as <i>peaceful</i> at the entry for <i>peace</i> and <i>happily</i> at the entry for <i>happy</i> .
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 7	Determine the meaning of compound words, using knowledge of individual words (e.g., <i>lunchtime</i> , <i>daydream</i> , <i>everyday</i>).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> gives examples of compound words formed from the entry word at some entries, such as <i>lunchbox</i> and <i>lunchroom</i> at the entry for <i>lunch</i> .
Comprehending Literary Text/ Elements of Literature PO 6	Identify words that an author selects to create a rich auditory experience (e.g., alliteration, onomatopoeia, assonance, consonance) in a literary selection.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer students a wealth of alliteration, assonance, and consonance.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 2	Use simple resources (e.g., ...primary dictionaries) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is especially written to introduce students to the dictionary and the resources in it to help with various conventions of the language.
Writing Components/ Word Choice PO 2	Use a variety of words, even if not spelled correctly, to convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> includes nearly 1,000 main entries that describe more than 2,000 words and introduce 1,000 additional words through discussions of synonyms, antonyms, and related words.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 9	Use resources (e.g., ...dictionaries) to spell correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is especially written to introduce students to the dictionary. It has entries for nearly 1,000 words and definitions in the form of simple explanations. Students can look up words in the main A-Z section for spelling help. There are also lists of tricky spelling words, with examples of use, in the back of the book.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 10	Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns, action verbs, personal pronouns, adjectives.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> labels entry words with their parts of speech, and provides examples of their use in simple sentences. A "Word Functions" section in the back of the book explains parts of speech further in grade-appropriate depth.

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Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1/2	Use knowledge of prefixes to determine the meaning of words. Use knowledge of suffixes to determine the meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has entries for common prefixes and suffixes as well as words formed with them.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 3	Recognize words represented by common abbreviations.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes entries for common abbreviations in its main A-Z section.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 4	Identify the words that comprise a contraction.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes entries for all common contractions, showing expanded forms.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 6	Determine the meaning of common synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features more than 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 7	Determine the meaning and other features of words (e.g., pronunciation, syllabication, synonyms, parts of speech) using the dictionary, thesaurus, and CD-ROM and Internet when available.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grades 3-5. It contains over 36,000 entries that include part-of-speech labels, simple pronunciation, syllabication, multiple definitions for words, synonym paragraphs, and more, accompanied by over 900 full-color illustrations and diagrams. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) is a free student Web site with a dictionary and a thesaurus.
Writing Process/ Revising PO 7	Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has definitions, usage notes, and synonym paragraphs written in grade-level-appropriate language to help students choose words with precision.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> contains the words students will need to look up for spelling. Usage notes and hints help with grammar and usage. "A Guide for Writers" section introduces and explains punctuation marks, the formation of plurals, and the uses of capitalization and italics.
Writing Elements/ Word Choice PO 2	Use descriptive words and phrases that energize the writing.	The synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students choose more descriptive and vivid words and phrases. Students can also continue to refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> for its offerings of colorful synonyms and descriptive words.

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Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 1	Use capital letters for proper nouns.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that introduces and explains rules of capitalization.
Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 10	Use resources (e.g.,... dictionaries) to spell correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , with more than 36,000 entries, is a student's resource for spelling help.
Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 11	Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns, action verbs, personal pronouns, adjectives.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides part-of-speech labels at each entry word, as well as separate numbered entries for homographs, making it easier for students to look up and use parts of speech correctly. Thousands of verbal illustrations provide examples of words in context.

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Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1	Use knowledge of root words and affixes to determine the meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has entries for common prefixes and suffixes as well as words formed with them. 250 Word History paragraphs and additional Word Root paragraphs introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed. Word root cross-references throughout the dictionary lead students to the paragraphs.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 4	Identify figurative language, including similes, personification, and idioms.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes entries and meanings for idioms and expressions that students might encounter in their reading, as well as definitions and examples for literary devices such as simile and idiom.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 5	Determine the meanings, pronunciations, syllabication, synonyms, antonyms, and parts of speech of words by using a variety of reference aids, including dictionaries, thesauri, glossaries, and CD-ROM and Internet when available.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grades 3–5. It contains over 36,000 entries that include part-of-speech labels, pronunciation, syllabication, multiple definitions for words, synonym paragraphs, and more, accompanied by over 900 full-color illustrations and diagrams. Quotations from works of classic and contemporary children's literature show how words are used and enliven entries. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> provides student exercises and activities along with a teacher's guide as an introduction to using a dictionary and thesaurus. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) is a free student Web site with a dictionary and a thesaurus.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 6	Identify antonyms, synonyms, and homonyms for given words within the text.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features more than 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words.
Comprehending Informational Text/ Expository Text PO 5	Identify appropriate print and electronic reference sources (e.g., ...dictionary, thesaurus) needed for a specific purpose.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes word history paragraphs, word root paragraphs, synonym paragraphs, a writer's guide, and sections on signs and symbols and geographical names.
Writing Process/ Revising PO 7	Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.	More than 120 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely-related words to help students choose words with precision.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> contains the words students will need to look up for spelling. Usage notes and hints help with grammar and usage. Grade-level-appropriate definitions clarify standard use of commonly confused words. "A Guide for Writers" section introduces and explains punctuation marks, the formation of plurals, and the use of capitalization and italics.

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Writing Elements/ Word Choice PO 1	Use a variety of specific and accurate words that effectively convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help with word choice. More than 36,000 entries include multiple definitions, usage labels, and verbal illustrations, all specifically designed for students in grades 3–5. More than 120 synonym paragraphs clarify slight differences in meaning for accurate word choice.
Writing Elements/Word Choice PO 2	Use descriptive words and phrases that energize the writing.	The synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students choose more descriptive words and phrases.
Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 1	Use capital letters for proper nouns.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that introduces and explains the use of capitalization and italics.
Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 10	Use resources (e.g.,... dictionaries) to spell correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , with more than 36,000 entries, can assist with spelling.
Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 11	Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns, action verbs, personal pronouns, adjectives, conjunctions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has the information students need to use parts of speech correctly. Every entry includes a part-of-speech label. All irregular plurals of nouns, and comparative and superlative forms of adjectives, and irregular verb forms are given. Thousands of verbal illustrations provide examples of words in context.

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Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1	Use knowledge of root words and affixes to determine the meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has entries for common prefixes and suffixes as well as words formed with them. 250 Word History paragraphs and additional Word Root paragraphs introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed. Word root cross-references throughout the dictionary lead students to the paragraphs.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 3	Determine the difference between figurative and literal language.	Definitions in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> cover both literal and non-literal uses where appropriate. Idioms and commonly used phrases are clearly defined.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 4	Determine the meaning of figurative language, including similes, personification, and idioms.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes entries and meanings for many idioms and expressions.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 5	Determine the meanings, pronunciations, syllabication, synonyms, antonyms, and parts of speech of words by using a variety of reference aids, including dictionaries, thesauri, glossaries, and CD-ROM and Internet when available.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grades 3–5. It contains over 36,000 entries that include part-of-speech labels, pronunciation, syllabication, multiple definitions for words, synonym paragraphs, and more, all accompanied by over 800 full-color illustrations and diagrams. Quotations from works of classic and contemporary children's literature show how words are used and enliven entries. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> provides student exercises and activities along with a teacher's guide as an introduction to using a dictionary and thesaurus. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) is a free student Web site with a dictionary and a thesaurus.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 6	Identify antonyms, synonyms, and homonyms for given words within the text.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features more than 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> is a handy source for finding both synonyms and antonyms.
Comprehending Informational Text/ Expository Text PO 5	Locate appropriate print and electronic reference sources (e.g., ...atlas, dictionary, thesaurus) needed for a specific purpose.	In addition to <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , students may enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> . <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) is a free student Web site with a dictionary and a thesaurus.
Comprehending Informational Text/ Expository Text PO 6	Interpret information from graphic features (e.g., charts, maps, diagrams...) in expository text.	Students will enjoy using the full-color charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> , designed for students in grades 5 and up.

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Writing Process/ Revising PO 7	Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.	The synonym paragraphs and definitions in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> offer a rich source of vocabulary. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> is a handy source of synonyms, antonyms, and related words. More advanced students may use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , which gives a usage example for every word in its synonym lists. Students can learn about the features of a thesaurus in <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> .
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> contains the words students will need to look up for spelling. Usage notes and hints help with grammar and usage. Grade-level-appropriate definitions clarify standard use of commonly confused words. "A Guide for Writers" section introduces and explains the use of punctuation marks, the formation of plurals, and the use of capitalization and italics. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a list of often-confused words and the information needed to use them correctly. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> offers students a complete reference to the rules of capitalization and punctuation, with many examples.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 3	Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks.
Writing Elements/ Word Choice PO 1	Use a variety of specific and accurate words that effectively convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help with word choice. More than 36,000 entries include multiple definitions, usage labels, and verbal illustrations, all specifically designed for students in grades 3–5. More than 120 synonym paragraphs clarify slight differences in meaning for accurate word choice. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> provides even more coverage of synonyms.
Writing Elements/ Word Choice PO 2	Use descriptive words and phrases that energize the writing.	The synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students choose more descriptive words and phrases. Nearly 1,300 quotations from classic and contemporary works of children's literature show how words are used and provide creative inspiration. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> offers students more word ideas.

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Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 1	Use capital letters correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide to Writers" section that describes the use of punctuation marks, capitalization, and italics. In addition, <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have chapters on the rules of capitalization and punctuation.
Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 3-6	Use commas... quotation marks... colons...apostrophes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , with more than 36,000 entries, is a student's resource for spelling help. It includes variant spellings and the spelling of all irregular inflected forms.
Writing Elements/ Conventions PO 10	Use resources (e.g.,... dictionaries) to spell correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has the information students need to use parts of speech correctly. Every entry includes a part-of-speech label. All irregular plurals of nouns, and comparative and superlative forms of adjectives, and irregular verb forms are given. Thousands of verbal illustrations provide examples of words in context.

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Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1	Determine the effect of affixes on root words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features a helpful list of over 75 prefixes and suffixes, their meanings, and examples of words that incorporate them.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 5	Determine the meanings, pronunciations, syllabication, synonyms, antonyms, and parts of speech of words by using a variety of reference aids, including dictionaries, thesauri, glossaries, and CD-ROM and the Internet when available.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, contains the words students in grades 6–8 need to know. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a grade-level-appropriate reference with nearly 30,000 main entries presenting information on thousands of synonyms, related words, and antonyms. Students can also use the handy <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> ; and <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> (which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries). <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) is a free student Web site with a dictionary and a thesaurus.
Comprehending Informational Text/ Expository Text PO 6	Locate appropriate print and electronic reference sources (e.g.,...atlas) needed for a specific purpose.	The full-color charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> are designed for students in grades 5 and up.
Writing Process/ Revising PO 8	Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely related words to help students choose words with precision. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations of the differences that guide word choice. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , which gives an example sentence for every word in its synonym lists.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> will help students proofread for spelling and grammar. It contains a special section on punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a grammar glossary and guide to proofreading. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers students a complete reference to all the rules of capitalization and punctuation, with many examples.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 3	Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks.
Writing Components/ Word Choice PO 1	Use accurate, specific, powerful words that effectively convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with its up-to-date content and examples that show how words are used, can help students use specific subject-area vocabulary accurately. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , with its wealth of synonyms, antonyms, and related words, and example sentences for every synonym, helps students choose words with precision.

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Writing Components/ Conventions PO 1	Use capital letters correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes "A Handbook of Style" section that explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have chapters on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 2-6	Use commas...quotation marks... italics...colons...apostrophes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section clarifying correct usage of 200 frequently confused pairs of words. A shorter version with the most often confused words is inside the back cover of <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> .
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 9	Use homonyms correctly in context.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, is a student's ideal resource for spelling help. It includes variant spellings and the spellings of all irregular inflected forms. Students can also use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , a compact guide to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words, including special help with frequently confused words.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 10	Use resources to spell correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has the information students need to use parts of speech correctly. More than 22,000 usage examples illustrate word use in context. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief discussions of common usage and grammar problems for all parts of speech.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 12	Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns, action/linking verbs, personal pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions, interjections.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has articles that address problems in subject-verb agreement. A grammar glossary in the back directs students to relevant usage entries.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 13	Use subject/verb agreement in simple and compound sentences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers a treasury of synonyms, antonyms, and related and contrasted words for students to select from. It provides an example sentence to illustrate every word in its synonym lists so students can choose the best words to enhance the style and tone of their writing.
Writing Applications/ Expressive PO 1	Write a narrative that includes... figurative language, or descriptive words and phrases to enhance style and tone.	Students who want to use rhyme in their poetry will enjoy the alphabetical listings of rhyming sounds in <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Rhyming Dictionary</i> .
Writing Applications/ Expressive PO 2	Write in a variety of expressive forms (e.g., poetry, skit) that, according to mode, employ figurative language, rhythm... appropriate format.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> have chapters providing guidance on creating notes and bibliographies.
Writing Applications/ Research PO 2	Write an informational report that includes...a list of sources used.	

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GRADE SEVEN

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1	Determine the meaning of vocabulary using linguistic roots and affixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features a helpful list of over 75 prefixes and suffixes, their meanings, and examples of words that incorporate them. <i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> is organized by Latin and Greek roots for effective study and includes quizzes for added review and reinforcement.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 5	Identify the meanings, pronunciations, syllabication, synonyms, antonyms, and parts of speech of words by using a variety of reference aids, including dictionaries, thesauri, glossaries, and CD-ROM and the Internet when available.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, contains the words students in grades 6–8 need to know. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a grade-level-appropriate reference with nearly 30,000 main entries presenting information on thousands of synonyms, related words, and antonyms. Students can also use the handy <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> ; and <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> (which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries). <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) is a free student Web site with a dictionary and a thesaurus.
Comprehending Informational Text/ Expository Text PO 6	Locate appropriate print and electronic reference sources (e.g.,...atlas) needed for a specific purpose.	Students will enjoy using the full-color charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> , designed for students in grades 5 and up.
Writing Process/ Revising PO 8	Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely related words to help students choose words with precision. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations of the differences that guide word choice. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , which gives an example sentence for every word in its synonym lists.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> will help students proofread for spelling and grammar. It also contains a special section on punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a grammar glossary and guide to proofreading. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers students a complete reference to all the rules of capitalization and punctuation, with many examples.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 3	Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks.

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GRADE SEVEN, *continued*

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Writing Elements/Word Choice PO 1	Use accurate, specific, powerful words that effectively convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with its up-to-date content and word use examples, can help students use specific subject-area vocabulary accurately. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , with its wealth of synonyms, antonyms, and related words, and example sentences for every synonym helps students choose words with precision.
Writing Components/Conventions PO 1	Use capital letters correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes "A Handbook of Style" section that explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have chapters on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Writing Components/Conventions PO 2-6	Use commas...quotation marks...italics...colons...apostrophes.	
Writing Components/Conventions PO 9	Use homonyms correctly in context.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section clarifying correct usage of 200 frequently confused pairs of words. A shorter version with the most often confused words is inside the back cover of <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> .
Writing Components/Conventions PO 10	Use resources to spell correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, is a student's ideal resource for spelling help. It includes variant spellings and the spelling of all irregular inflected forms. Students can also use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , a compact guide to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words, including special help with frequently confused words.
Writing Components/Conventions PO 12	Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns, action/linking verbs, personal pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions, interjections.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has the information students need to use parts of speech correctly. More than 15,000 usage examples illustrate the use in context. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief discussions of common usage and grammar problems for all parts of speech.
Writing Components/Conventions PO 13	Use subject/verb agreement in simple, compound, and complex sentences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has articles that deal with problems in subject-verb agreement. A grammar glossary in the back directs students to relevant usage entries.
Writing Applications/Expressive PO 1	Write a narrative that includes... figurative language, or descriptive words and phrases to enhance style and tone.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers a treasury of synonyms, antonyms, and related and contrasted words. It provides an example sentence to illustrate every word in its synonym lists so students can choose the best words to enhance the style and tone of their writing.
Writing Applications/Expressive PO 2	Write in a variety of expressive forms (e.g., poetry, skit) that, according to mode, employ figurative language, rhythm... appropriate format.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers a treasury of synonyms, antonyms, and related and contrasted words. It provides an example sentence to illustrate every word in its synonym lists so students can choose the best words to enhance the style and tone of their writing.
Writing Applications/Research PO 2	Write an informational report that includes...a list of sources used.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, Second Edition</i> have chapters providing guidance on creating notes and bibliographies.

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GRADE EIGHT

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1	Determine the meaning of vocabulary using linguistic roots and affixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> gives students the tools to decipher unfamiliar words derived from 200 Greek and Latin roots. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features a helpful list of over 75 prefixes and suffixes, their meanings, and examples of words that incorporate them.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 5	Identify the meanings, pronunciations, syllabication, synonyms, antonyms, and parts of speech of words by using a variety of reference aids, including dictionaries, thesauri, glossaries, and CD-ROM and the Internet when available.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> ; <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> ; <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> ; <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> (which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries); and <i>The Merriam-Webster and Garfield Dictionary</i> (a perfectly serious dictionary that makes looking up words ridiculously fun). They can also use the dictionary and thesaurus on the free student Web site, <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com).
Comprehending Informational Text/ Expository Text PO 6	Locate appropriate print and electronic reference sources (e.g.,...atlas) needed for a specific purpose.	Students will enjoy using the full-color charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> .
Writing Process/ Revising PO 8	Use resources and reference materials to select more precise vocabulary.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain differences among closely-related words to help students choose words with precision. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations that help students distinguish those differences. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , which offers an example sentence for every word in its synonym lists.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> will help students proofread for spelling and grammar. It also contains a special section on punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a grammar glossary and guide to proofreading. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers students a complete reference to all the rules of capitalization and punctuation, with many examples.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 3	Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Writing Components/ Word Choice PO 1	Use accurate, specific, powerful words that effectively convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with its up-to-date content and examples that show how words are used, can help students use specific subject-area vocabulary accurately. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , with its wealth of synonyms, antonyms, and related words, and example sentences for every synonym, helps students choose words with precision.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 1	Use capital letters correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes a "Handbook of Style" section that explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have chapters on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 2-6	Use commas...quotation marks...italics...colons...apostrophes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section clarifying correct usage of 200 frequently confused pairs of words. A shorter version with the most often confused words is inside the back cover of <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> .
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 9	Use homonyms correctly in context.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section clarifying correct usage of 200 frequently confused pairs of words. A shorter version with the most often confused words is inside the back cover of <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> .
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 10	Use resources to spell correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with over 70,000 entries, is a student's ideal resource for spelling help. It includes variant spellings and the spelling of all irregular inflected forms. Students can also use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , a compact guide to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words, including special help with frequently confused words.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 12	Use the following parts of speech correctly in simple sentences: nouns, action/linking verbs, personal pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions, interjections.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has the information students need to use parts of speech correctly. More than 15,000 usage examples illustrate the use in context. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief discussions of common usage and grammar problems for all parts of speech.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 13	Use subject/verb agreement in simple, compound, and complex sentences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has articles that address problems in subject-verb agreement. A grammar glossary in the back directs students to relevant usage entries.
Writing Applications/ Expressive PO 1	Write a narrative that includes... figurative language, or descriptive words and phrases to enhance style and tone.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers a treasury of synonyms, antonyms, and related and contrasted words. It provides an example sentence to illustrate every word in its synonym lists so students can choose the best words to enhance the style and tone of their writing.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Writing Applications/ Expressive PO 2	Write in a variety of expressive forms (e.g., poetry, skit) that, according to mode, employ figurative language, rhythm... appropriate format.	Students who want to use rhyme in their poetry will appreciate the alphabetical listings of rhyming sounds in <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Rhyming Dictionary</i> .
Writing Applications/ Research PO 2	Write an informational report that includes...a list of sources used.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation, Second Edition</i> have a chapter on bibliographies that introduces students to the basics of listing the sources used in their research. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, Second Edition</i> gives more detailed information on citing special types of sources, such as non-print sources, unpublished materials, and online sources.

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GRADE NINE

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1	Determine the meaning of vocabulary, using linguistic roots and affixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> gives students the tools to decipher unfamiliar words derived from 200 Greek and Latin roots. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features a helpful list of over 75 prefixes and suffixes, their meanings, and examples of words that incorporate them.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 3	Distinguish between the denotative and connotative meanings of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> offers over 500 synonym paragraphs that clarify connotative and denotative differences among close synonyms. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between synonyms, with usage examples to illustrate those differences. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms</i> goes into greater detail, with discussions and examples of 8,500 words.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 5	Identify the meanings, pronunciations, syllabication, synonyms, antonyms, parts of speech and correct spellings of words by using resources such as general and specialized dictionaries, thesauri, glossaries, and CD-ROM and the Internet when available.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> is a 100,000-word dictionary designed for grades 9–11. <i>The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus</i> (in paperback) and <i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> are designed for high school use. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> combines dictionary and thesaurus entries in a single alphabetical sequence. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> are easily carried in a student's binder. <i>Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary</i> are two more specialized lexicons. On the Internet, <i>Merriam-Webster OnLine</i> (MerriamWebster.com) offers a free dictionary and thesaurus. <i>Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary</i> is a resource designed to aid students learning English as a second language who are ready to move beyond a bilingual dictionary.
Comprehending Informational Text/ Functional Text PO 2	Synthesize information from multiple sources (e.g., texts, maps, illustrations...) to draw conclusions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Visual Dictionary</i> includes 6,000 detailed color illustrations and diagrams covering 94 specific themes, along with comprehensive defining text. <i>Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary</i> covers the key political and physical features of today's world. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> features up-to-date maps.
Writing Process/ Revising PO 8	Use resources and reference materials (e.g., thesaurus, dictionary) to select more effective and precise language.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> are designed to help students express themselves with clarity and precision. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> includes the precise definitions high school students need, with over 500 synonym paragraphs.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> will help students proofread for spelling and grammar. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a grammar glossary and guide to proofreading. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers students a complete reference to the rules of capitalization and punctuation, with many examples.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 3	Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> includes a chapter on proofreading and copyediting.
Writing Components/ Word Choice PO 1	Use accurate, specific, powerful words and phrases that effectively convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , with its up-to-date content and word use examples, can help students select the vocabulary they need.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 1	Use capitals correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> includes "A Handbook of Style" section that explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have chapters on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 2-8	Use commas...quotation marks... italics...colons...semicolons... apostrophes...hyphens, dashes, parentheses, ellipses, and brackets correctly.	
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 9	Spell words correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , with over 100,000 entries, helps with spelling. Students can also use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , a compact guide to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words that includes special help for frequently confused words.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 11	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing parts of speech.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> can clear up many confusing grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation, Second Edition</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, Second Edition</i> contain lists of often-confused word pairs and their meanings.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in [using] subject/verb agreement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> include articles that deal with problems in subject-verb agreement.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 11, <i>continued</i>	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing comparative and superlative degrees of adjectives.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> gives all irregular comparative and superlative forms of adjectives. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> offers further guidance on matters of difficult adjective usage. <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> has articles that cover improper use of comparatives and superlatives.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in ...modifier placement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> have entries that address dangling modifiers, placement of adverbs, and split infinitives.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing homonyms.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section with 200 frequently confused word pairs, along with the information needed to use them correctly. A shorter version with the most often confused words is included in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> .
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 12	Use appropriate format, according to type of writing, to cite sources (e.g., Chicago, APA, MLA, UPI, any other recognized style manual).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> provide the consensus versions—versions that can be translated readily into the special style of any of a myriad of style manuals or authorities—of citation style, accompanied by examples that make the rules clear.
Writing Applications/ Expressive PO 1	Write a personal narrative that ... describes with specific details the sights, sounds, and smells of the scenes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> offers a treasury of synonyms, antonyms, and related and contrasted words for students to select from to make their writing more descriptive. An example sentence is provided to illustrate every word in its synonym lists.
Writing Applications/ Expository PO 1	Write an explanatory, multi-paragraph essay that... attributes sources of information as appropriate.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> give information on how to list all kinds of sources in bibliographies, footnotes, and endnotes.
Writing Applications/ Research PO 1	Write an essay that... integrates direct quotes.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> for comprehensive guidance in incorporating quotations into their text.

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GRADE TEN

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1	Determine the meaning of vocabulary, using linguistic roots and affixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> gives students the tools to decipher unfamiliar words derived from 200 Greek and Latin roots. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features a helpful list of over 75 prefixes and suffixes, their meanings, and examples of words that incorporate them.
Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 3	Identify the meanings, pronunciations, contextually appropriate synonyms and antonyms, replacement words and phrases, etymologies, and correct spellings of words by using resources such as general and specialized dictionaries, thesauri, glossaries, and CD-ROM and the Internet when available.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , especially written for grades 9–11 and offering nearly 20,000 etymologies, or the comprehensive <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> . They can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus</i> , or <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> , which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries. <i>Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary</i> are two more specialized lexicons. On the Internet, <i>Merriam-Webster OnLine</i> (MerriamWebster.com) offers a free dictionary and thesaurus. <i>Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary</i> is designed to aid advanced learners of English.
Comprehending Informational Text/ Functional Text PO 2	Synthesize information from multiple sources (e.g., texts, maps, illustrations...) to draw conclusions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Visual Dictionary</i> includes 6,000 detailed color illustrations and diagrams covering 94 specific themes, along with comprehensive defining text. <i>Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary</i> covers the key political and physical features of today's world.
Writing Process/ Revising PO 8	Use resources and reference materials (e.g., thesaurus, dictionary) to select more effective and precise language.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> , created for students in grades 9–11, is an essential word-choice tool. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between closely related words. Used in conjunction with <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , these are a student's best resources for choosing more effective and precise language.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> will help students proof-read spelling and grammar. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers a complete reference to the rules of capitalization and punctuation, with many examples.

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Writing Process/ Editing PO 3	Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, Second Edition</i> includes an entire chapter on proofreading and copyediting.
Writing Components/ Word Choice PO 1	Use accurate, specific, powerful words and phrases that effectively convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> , with their up-to-date content and word use examples, can help students find and accurately use the vocabulary they need.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 1	Use capitals correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> includes a "Handbook of Style" section that explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation, Second Edition</i> have chapters on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 2-8	Use commas...quotation marks... italics...colons...semicolons... apostrophes...hyphens, dashes, parentheses, ellipses, and brackets correctly.	
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 9	Spell words correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , with over 100,000 entries, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , with more than 165,000 entries, are resources for spelling help. Students can also use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , a compact guide to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words that includes special help for frequently confused words.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 11	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing parts of speech.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> can clear up many confusing grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, Second Edition</i> contain lists of often-confused word pairs and their meanings.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in [using] subject/verb agreement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> include articles that deal with problems in subject-verb agreement.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in [using] pronoun/antecedent agreement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use, including discussions on correct pronoun/antecedent agreement. A grammar glossary helps students find the articles they need. <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> goes into more detail.

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Writing Components/ Conventions PO 11, <i>continued</i>	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing comparative and superlative degrees of adjectives.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> gives all irregular comparative and superlative forms of adjectives. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> offers further guidance on matters of difficult adjective usage. <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> has articles that cover improper use of comparatives and superlatives.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in ...modifier placement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> have entries that address dangling modifiers, placement of adverbs, and split infinitives.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing homonyms.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section with 200 frequently confused word pairs, along with the information needed to use them correctly. A shorter version with the most often confused words is included in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> .
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 12	Use appropriate format, according to type of writing, to cite sources (e.g., Chicago, APA, MLA, UPI, any other recognized style manual).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> provide the consensus versions—versions that can be translated readily into the special style of any of a myriad of style manuals or authorities—of citation style, accompanied by examples that make the rules clear.
Writing Applications/ Expressive PO 1	Write a personal narrative that ... describes with specific details the sights, sounds, and smells of the scenes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> offers a treasury of synonyms, antonyms, and related and contrasted words for students to select from to make their writing more descriptive. An example sentence is provided to illustrate every word in its synonym lists.
Writing Applications/ Expository PO 1	Write an explanatory, multi-paragraph essay that... attributes sources of information as appropriate.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> give information on how to list all kinds of sources in bibliographies, footnotes, and endnotes.
Writing Applications/ Research PO 1	Write a research report that... integrates direct quotes.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> for comprehensive guidance in incorporating quotations into their text.
	Write a research report that... uses internal citations.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> explain how to use parenthetical citations.

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Reading Process/ Vocabulary PO 1	Draw inferences about meaning of new vocabulary, based on knowledge of linguistic roots and affixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> introduces students to 200 of the most productive Greek and Latin roots, which help determine meanings of many terms.
Writing Process/ Revising PO 8	Use resources and reference materials (e.g., thesaurus, dictionary) to select more effective and precise language.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> , created for students in grades 9–11, is an essential word-choice tool. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between closely related words. They can be used in conjunction with <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> to choose more effective and precise language.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 1/2	Identify punctuation, spelling, and grammar and usage errors in the draft. Use resources (e.g., dictionary...) to correct conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , with more than 100,000 entries, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , with more than 165,000 entries, will help students proofread for spelling and grammar. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers students a complete reference to the rules of capitalization and punctuation, with many examples.
Writing Process/ Editing PO 3	Apply proofreading marks to indicate errors in conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> includes an entire chapter on proofreading and copyediting.
Writing Components/ Word Choice PO 1	Use accurate, specific, powerful words and phrases that effectively convey the intended message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , with their up-to-date content and word use examples, can help students find and accurately use the vocabulary they need.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 1	Use capitals correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> include "A Handbook of Style" section that explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have chapters on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 2-8	Use commas...quotation marks... italics...colons...semicolons... apostrophes...hyphens, dashes, parentheses, ellipses, and brackets correctly.	

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Writing Components/ Conventions PO 9	Spell words correctly.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , with over 100,000 entries, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> , with more than 165,000 entries, are a student's ideal resources for spelling help. Students can also use <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> , a compact guide to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words that includes special help for frequently confused words.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 11	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing parts of speech.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> address many confusing grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation, Second Edition</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, Second Edition</i> both contain lists of often-confused word pairs and their meanings.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in [using] subject/verb agreement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> include articles that deal with problems in subject/verb agreement.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in [using] pronoun/antecedent agreement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief, helpful sections on correct pronoun use, including discussions on correct pronoun/antecedent agreement. A grammar glossary helps students find the articles they need. <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> goes into more detail.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing comparative and superlative degrees of adjectives.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> give all irregular comparative and superlative forms of adjectives. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> offers further guidance on matters of difficult adjective usage. <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> covers improper use of comparatives and superlatives.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in ...modifier placement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> have entries that address dangling modifiers, placement of adverbs, and split infinitives.
	Demonstrate control of grammar and usage in writing homonyms.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section with 200 frequently confused word pairs, along with the information needed to use them correctly.
Writing Components/ Conventions PO 12	Use appropriate format, according to type of writing, to cite sources (e.g., Chicago, APA, MLA, UPI, any other recognized style manual).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> provide the consensus versions—versions that can be translated readily into the special style of any of a myriad of style manuals or authorities—of citation style, accompanied by examples that make the rules clear.

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Writing Applications/ Expressive PO 1	Write in a variety of expressive forms (e.g., poetry...).	Students who want to use rhyme in their poetry will appreciate the alphabetical listings of rhyming sounds in <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Rhyming Dictionary</i> .
Writing Applications/ Expository PO 1	Write an explanatory, multi-paragraph essay that... attributes sources of information as appropriate.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> give information on how to list all kinds of sources in bibliographies, footnotes, and endnotes.
Writing Applications/ Research PO 1	Write a research report that... integrates direct quotes.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> for comprehensive guidance in incorporating quotations into their text.
	Write a research report that... uses internal citations.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> explain how to use parenthetical citations.