

KINDERGARTEN		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
1 Reading : Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary	Concepts About Print K.1.6 Recognize and name all capital and lowercase letters of the alphabet.	Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book and Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary offer full-page illustrations showing the shapes of both capital and lowercase letters.
Development	Decoding and Word Recognition K.1.14 Match all consonant sounds to appropriate letters.	Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book and Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary offer entertaining poems and illustrations to demonstrate with word examples the sound-letter correspondences of each letter of the alphabet.
	Decoding and Word Recognition K.1.18 Understand the alphabetic principle, which means that as letters in words change, so do the sounds.	For every letter, <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduce students to words that begin with the same letter and end differently, and words that begin with a different letter and end the same (including rhyming words), plus other variations.
	Decoding and Word Recognition K.1.19 Learn and apply knowledge of alphabetical order (first letter) when using a classroom or school library/ media center.	Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book and Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary feature the alphabet in lower case across the top of every two-page spread.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students will listen to and begin to read grade-level-appropriate nonfiction, such as alphabet books and beginners' dictionaries.	Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book Book uses verse to make listening and reading enjoyable. Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary uses verses and full page illustrations along with pictures that invite students to read the short and simple sentences that explain the words and offer short example sentences in contrasting blue print.
6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Handwriting K.6.1 Write capital and lowercase letters of the alphabet, correctly shaping and spacing the letters.	Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book and Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary offer exposure to letter shapes.
7 Listening and Speaking Skills	Speaking Applications K.7.4 Recite short poems, rhymes, and songs.	The entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> are interspersed with original and classic rhymes and verse.



FIRST GRADE		
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1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Concepts About Print 1.1.2 Identify letters, words, and sentences. 1.1.3 Recognize that sentences start with capital letters and end with punctuation, such as periods, question marks, and exclamation points.	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary helps students see the letters of the alphabet, words that begin with each letter, and short sentences that are built around those words. It also includes short, entertaining, easy-to-read passages using punctuation in action, including periods, question marks, and exclamation points.
	Phonemic Awareness1.1.7 Create and state a series of rhyming words.1.18 Add, delete, or change sounds to change words.	Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book and Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary introduce students to words that begin with the same letter and end differently, and words that begin with a different letter and end the same (including rhyming words), plus other variations.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 1.1.17 Read and understand root words and their inflectional forms.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> incorporate inflected forms into the explanation of the word or into example sentences.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students begin to read a variety of nonfiction, such as alphabet books and beginner's dictionaries.	Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book uses verse to make listening and reading fun. Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary includes the same verses and full page illustrations plus hundreds of pictures that invite students to read the short and simple sentences that explain and provide examples of the words.
6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Capitalization 1.6.7 Capitalize the first word of a sentence, names of people, and the pronoun I .	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary includes example sentences, so students can see the capitalization process in action.
	Spelling 1.6.8 Spell correctly three- and four- letter words and grade-level-appropriate sight words.	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary provides coverage of 3,000 words aimed at grades K-2, so students can check spelling of grade-level-appropriate words.





SECOND GRADE		
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1 Reading: Word Recognition,	Decoding and Word Recognition 2.1.5 Identify and correctly use regular plural words and irregular plural words.	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary includes coverage of 3,000 words and frequently incorporates plurals of entry words.
Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Vocabulary and Concept Development 2.1.7 Understand and explain common synonyms and antonyms.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> include information about synonyms and antonyms.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 2.1.8 Use knowledge of individual words to predict the meaning of unknown compound words.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> show examples of compound words built from entry words.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 2.1.10 Identify simple multiple-meaning words.	Entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduce the concept of multiple meanings and parts of speech.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and In-	Students read a variety of nonfiction, such as books in many different subject areas, children's magazines and periodicals, dictionaries, and other reference and technical materials.	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary introduces students to the dictionary with entries that include lively explanations and examples, rhymes, riddles, jokes, stories, and word histories.
formational Text	Structural features of Informational and Technical Materials 2.2.11 Identify text that uses sequence or other logical order (alphabetical order or time).	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary introduces and explains alphabetical order and reinforces alphabet skills through its page design. It also includes a timeline of languages to introduce students to that visual concept.
4 Writing: Process and Features	Research Process and Technology 2.4.4 Understand the purposes of various reference materials (such as a dictionary).	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary introduces many features of a dictionary. Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary expands on these features using the format of a traditional dictionary.
5 Writing: Applications	2.5.5 Use descriptive words when writing.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> give synonyms and related words.
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6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Grammar 2.6.4 Identify and correctly write various parts of speech, including nouns and verbs.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> show and explain the entry word as both noun and verb.
	Capitalization 2.6.7 Capitalize all proper nouns and words at the beginning of sentences.	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary often shows entry words at the beginning of example sentences or used as a proper noun.
	Spelling 2.6.8 Spell correctly words like was, were, says, said, who, what, and why which are used frequently but do not fit common spelling patterns.	Students can use the main vocabulary section of <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> for spelling help; tricky spelling words are listed in the back of the book.
	2.6.9 Spell correctly words with short and long vowel sounds, <i>r</i> -controlled vowels, and consonant-blend patterns.	
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Speaking Applications Recite poems, rhymes, songs, and stories.	Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary is heavily interspersed with original and classic rhymes and poems to inspire students.



THIRD GRADE		
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1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Vocabulary and Concept Development 3.1.4 Determine the meanings of words using knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, homophones, and homographs.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary explains meanings in a variety of ways, including synonymy and separate entries for homographs.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 3.1.7 Use a dictionary to learn meaning and pronunciation of unknown words.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary is a 36,000-entry dictionary with grade-level-appropriate definitions. "Sounds Paragraphs" at the beginning of each alphabetical section introduce students to easy-to-understand pronunciation symbols. Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary is an easy-to-read guide to all the features of the dictionary.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 3.1.8 Use knowledge of prefixes and suffixes to determine the meaning of words.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary includes entries for all common prefixes and suffixes.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 3.1.9 Identify more difficult multiplemeaning words (such as puzzle).	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary has more than 36,000 entries, many with multiple definitions. Homographs are given separate entries.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Structural Features of Informational and Technical Materials 3.2.11 Identify text that uses sequence or other logical order (alphabetical, time, categorical).	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary is a grade-level-appropriate reference that helps students refine alphabetization skills. The "Signs and Symbols" section and "A Guide for Writers" are organized by categories.
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Students read and respond to a wide variety of significant works of children's literature.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary are designed to assist students in understanding words encountered in a wide variety of written works. Entries in Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary include nearly 1,300 quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature to encourage interest in reading. A list of quoted works can be used by students, parents, and teachers as a source of recommended books.
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4 Writing: Process and Features	Research Process and Technology 3.4.4 Use various reference materials (such as a dictionary, thesaurus, atlas, encyclopedia, and online resources).	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary is a grade-level-appropriate dictionary that helps with writing and research. Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary is a guide to using a dictionary or thesaurus. Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers free access to an age-appropriate dictionary.
5 Writing: Applications	3.5.4 Use varied word choices to make writing interesting.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary includes synonym paragraphs to help students make varied word choices.
6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Grammar 3.6.4 Identify and use past, present, and future verb tenses properly in writing.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary shows regular and irregular past and present participle verb forms, and past participle forms when they differ from the past.
	Punctuation 3.6.6 Use commas in dates, locations, and addresses and for items in a series.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary includes "A Guide for Writers" at the back of the book with a pronunciation section that covers commas in dates, locations, addresses, items in a series, and more.
	Capitalization 3.6.7 Capitalize correctly geographical names, holidays, historical periods, and special events.	"A Guide for Writers" at the back of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has a capitalization section. The dictionary includes many entries for holidays and historical periods, and a special alphabetical section features geographical names.
	Spelling 3.6.8 Spell correctly one-syllable words that have blends, contractions, compounds, common spelling patterns (e.g.,changing win to winning, changing the ending of a word from -y to -ies), and common homophones.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary includes entries for contractions and many compounds. It shows both regular and irregular verb forms and all noun plural forms that are formed in any way other than by adding -s or -es. It offers extra help with some common homophones (e.g., there, their, they're).
	Spelling 3.6.9 Arrange words in alphabetical order.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary introduces and explains alphabetical order in its explanation of guide words at the front of the dictionary.
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Organization and Delivery of Oral Communication 3.7.7 Use clear and specific vocabulary to communicate ideas and establish the tone.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary can help students correctly choose and pronounce words.



FOURTH GRADE		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Vocabulary and Concept Development 4.1.2 Apply knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, homographs, and idioms to determine the meaning of words and phrases.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary introduces students to synonyms and multiple meanings for words and includes thousands of definitions for phrases and idioms. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus provides full synonym and antonym lists. It also lists hundreds of idioms.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 4.1.4 Use common roots and word parts derived from Greek and Latin to analyze the meaning of complex words.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary features word root paragraphs throughout that show how Greek and Latin roots are found in families of words; 250 word history paragraphs introduce the concept of word origins.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 4.1.5 Use a thesaurus to find related words and ideas.	Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary includes instructions for using a thesaurus. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus is designed for young students.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material Students read a variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, books in many different subject areas, magazines and periodicals, reference and technical materials, and online information.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary is a 36,000-entry dictionary with up-to-date vocabulary that helps students understand words encountered in a wide variety of sources. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary is a nearly 70,000-entry dictionary for more advanced reading. Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers free access to an age-appropriate dictionary.
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary text	Students read and respond to a wide variety of significant works of children's literature.	Entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> include nearly 1,300 quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature to encourage interest in reading. A list of quoted works can be used by students, parents, and teachers as a source of recommended books.
	Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Literary Text 4.3.5 Define figurative language, such as similes, metaphors, hyperbole, or personification, and identify its use in literary works.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary features literary terms that students will use, with examples at each definition.
4 Writing: Process and Features	Research Process and Technology 4.4.5 Quote or paraphrase information sources, citing them appropriately.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary features "A Guide for Writers" that shows stu- dents how to style titles and use quotation marks when quoting text.
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	Research Process and Technology 4.4.7 Use multiple reference materials and online information (the Internet) as aids to writing.	Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers free online access to an age-appropriate dictionary.
5 Writing: Applications	Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary provides grade-level-appropriate definitions to clarify standard use of commonly confused words.
	4.5.5 Use varied word choices to make writing interesting.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary includes synonym paragraphs to help students make varied word choices.
6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Grammar 4.6.4 Identify and use in writing regular and irregular verbs, adverbs, and prepositions.	Frequent use of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> familiarizes students with parts of speech and inflected forms of verbs.
	Punctuation 4.6.5 Use parentheses to explain something that is not considered of primary importance to the sentence, commas in direct quotations, apostrophes to show possession, and apostrophes in contractions.	"A Guide for Writers" in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes a section on punctuation that covers parentheses, commas in quotations, apostrophes, and more, with examples.
	Capitalization 4.6.7 Capitalize names of magazines, newspapers, works of art, musical com- positions, organizations, and the first word in quotations, when appropriate.	"A Guide for Writers" section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> addresses capitalization of proper names, and offers guidance and examples for using capitals in direct quotations.
	Spelling 4.6.8 Spell correctly roots, inflections, words with more than one acceptable spelling, suffixes and prefixes, and syllables.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary give inflected forms, alternate spellings, and syllable divisions at every entry where appropriate.
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Students deliver brief oral presentationsStudents use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary helps students choose the right words and pronunciations. The free student dictionary at Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations.





	FIFTH GRADE		
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1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Vocabulary and Concept Development 5.1.2 Use word origins to determine meaning of unknown words.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary includes 250 word history paragraphs to introduce the concept of roots and word origins. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary offers nearly 3,000 concise etymologies and nearly 300 expanded word history paragraphs to introduce word origins.	
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 5.1.3 Understand and explain frequently used synonyms, antonyms, and homographs.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary offers synonym paragraphs that describe and illustrate more than 400 close synonyms. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus is a grade-level-appropriate source of synonyms and antonyms and is based on Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary.	
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 5.1.4 Know less common roots and word parts from Greek and Latin and use this knowledge to analyze the meaning of complex words.	Word root paragraphs scattered throughout Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary show how Greek and Latin roots are found in families of words. Merriam-Webster's Note- book Thesaurus has a list of common roots with their meanings. Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary includes vocabulary- building exercises with a variety of word decoding strategies.	
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material Students read a variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, books in many different subject areas, magazines and periodicals, reference and technical materials, and online information.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary contains 36,000 entries and is designed to help students understand words encountered in a wide variety of written works. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary is written especially for students in the middle-school years, beginning with grade five. It contains nearly 70,000 entries and presents up-to-date coverage of words from science and technology. Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers free online access to an age-appropriate dictionary.	
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Students read a wide variety of fiction, such as classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, folklore, mythology, poetry, songs, plays, and other genres.	Entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> include nearly 1,300 quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature to encourage interest in reading. A list of quoted works can be used by students, parents, and teachers as a source of recommended books.	
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4 Writing: Process and Features	Students write clear, coherent, and focused essays.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provide help in spelling, word meaning, and grammar.
	Research Process and Technology 5.4.7 Use a thesaurus to identify alternative word choices and meanings.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus is a 30,000-entry thesaurus designed especially for students in the middle-school years, beginning with grade five. Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary provides easy-to-read instructions in how to use a thesaurus.
	Evaluation and Revision 5.4.9 Proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others, using an editing checklist or set of rules, with specific examples of corrections of frequent errors.	Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation includes a section on proofreading and a list of common errors in grammar and punctuation.
5 Writing: Applications	Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary include thousands of usage examples to illustrate standard usage. Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary features "Headscratchers" and "Hints" to further help students understand confusing usage.
	5.5.5 Use varied word choices to make writing interesting.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary offers synonym paragraphs that describe and illustrate more than 400 close synonyms. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus is a grade-level-appropriate source of 30,000 synonyms and antonyms based on Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary.
	Research Application 5.5.3 Write or deliver a research report that has been developed using a systematic research process and that uses information from a variety of sources.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary, Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary, and the free online dictionary at Merriam- Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) contain the words a student might need to look up in the research process.
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6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Grammar 5.6.3 Identify and correctly use appropriate tense for verbs that are often misused (lie/lay, sit/set, rise/raise).	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary show all irregular forms of verbs. Examples within the definitions illustrate proper use. Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary gives regular verb forms as well.
	Punctuation 5.6.5 Use a colon to separate hours and minutes and to introduce a list; use quotation marks around the exact words of a speaker and titles of articles, poems, songs, short stories, and chapters in books; use semicolons and commas for transitions.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary includes "A Guide for Writers" section with concise information about punctuation marks, including colons, semicolons, commas, and quotation marks. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary includes "A Handbook of Style" that covers the same topics in more depth. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation offers more extensive guidance.
	Capitalization 5.6.6 Use correct capitalization.	"A Guide for Writers" at the back of Merriam- Webster's Elementary Dictionary and "A Handbook of Style" in Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary include sections on capitalization. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation offers more extensive coverage of the use of capitals.
	Spelling 5.6.7 Spell roots or bases of words, prefixes, suffixes, contractions, and syllable constructions correctly.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary include entries and explanations for suffixes, prefixes, and contractions. Pronunciation information at all entries indicates syllable boundaries. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus has a list of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings.
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Students deliver focused, coherent presentations that convey ideas clearlyStudents use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.	Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provide students with grade-level-appropriate guidance in word choice and grammar throughout the speech-writing process and offer complete pronunciation guidance for oral presentations. The free dictionary at Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) for students offers audio pronunciations.



SIXTH GRADE		
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1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Vocabulary and Concept Development 6.1.2 Identify and interpret figurative language and words with multiple meanings.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary is a 70,000-word dictionary that helps students choose the meaning of a word that fits its context.
	6.1.3 Recognize the origins and meanings of frequently used foreign words in English and use those words accurately in speaking and writing.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary includes nearly 3,000 etymologies that explain the origins of English words. It also has 300 Word History paragraphs that tell the stories behind words.
	6.1.5 Understand and explain slight differences in meaning in related words.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary includes synonym paragraphs to show the differences among hundreds of closely related words. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus gives example sentences for the 24,000 words in its synonyms lists so students can see differences among related words. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms contain brief explanations that help students understand differences among synonyms.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material In addition to regular classroom reading, students read a variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, books in many different subject areas, magazines, newspapers, reference and technical materials, and online information.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary is a 70,000-word dictionary that includes words from the fields of science, technology, entertainment, and health, as well as words found in classic and contemporary literature. It includes hundreds of illustrations to help clarify meanings. Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers free online
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Students read a wide variety of fiction, such as classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, mysteries, adventure, folklore, mythology, poetry, short stories, dramas, and other genres.	access to an age-appropriate dictionary. continued



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3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Analysis of Grade-Level Appropriate Text 6.3.4 Define how tone or meaning are conveyed through word choice, figurative languagealliteration, and rhyme. 6.3.7 Explain the effects of common	Definitions in Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary describe shades of meaning and help students understand figurative uses. It also contains a wide variety of literary terms that students in the middle-school
	literary devices, such as symbolism, imagery, or metaphor.	years will encounter. Many definitions include examples.
4 Writing: Process and Features	Students write clear, coherent and focused essays.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary assists in the writing process with help in spelling, word meaning, and grammar.
	Evaluation and Revision 6.4.9 Edit and proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others, using an editing checklist or set of rules, with specific examples of corrections of frequent errors.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides correct spellings for more than 70,000 words. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation includes a section on proofreading and a list of common errors. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus covers often-confused words. Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation includes common problems in word usage.
5 Writing: Applications	Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides grade-level-appropriate definitions to clarify standard use. Entries have usage labels (such as nonstandard) where appropriate. It also includes 15,000 usage examples to illustrate standard usage.
	6.5.6 Use varied word choices to make writing interesting.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus offers nearly 80,000 synonyms and related words to expand word choice. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus has complete synonym lists.
	Research Application 6.5.3 Write or deliver a research report that has been developed using a systematic research process and that uses information from a variety of sources.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary and the free online dictionary at Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) provide information about the words students will need to look up in the research process.
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6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary gives information about conventions of standard English in a brief Handbook of Style section. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation provide comprehensive guidance to the conventions.
	Grammar 6.6.2 Identify and properly use indefinite pronouns, present perfect, past perfect, and future perfect verb tenses.	Entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> show all irregular past participles. (The formation of regular verb forms is explained in the front matter.) Indefinite pronoun entries give usage examples.
	Punctuation 6.6.3 Use colons after the salutation in business letters, semicolons to connect main clauses, and commas before the conjunction in compound sentences.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary includes a Handbook of Style section with concise information about punctuation marks, including colons, semicolons, and commas, and capitalization. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation and Merriam-Webster's
	Capitalization 6.6.4 Use correct capitalization.	Pocket Guide to Punctuation and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation provide more comprehensive information about punctuation and capitalization and provide additional examples.
	Spelling 6.6.5 Spell correctly frequently misspelled words.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides spellings for 70,000 words, including acceptable variants. Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers free grade-level-appropriate games that help with spelling skills.
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Students deliver focused, coherent presentations that convey ideas clearlyStudents use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides students with grade-level-appropriate guidance in word choice and grammar throughout the speech-writing process and offers complete pronunciation guidance for oral presentations.
	 Speaking Applications 6.7.10 Deliver narrative presentations thatinclude sensory details and specific language to develop the plot and character. 6.7.11 Make descriptive presentations that use concrete sensory details to set forth and support unified impressions of people, places, things, experiences. 	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary help students with appropriate word choice and offer complete pronunciation guidance for oral presentations. The free dictionary for middle school students at Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations.



SEVENTH GRADE		
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Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development 7.1.2 Use knowledge of Greek, Latin, and Anglo-Saxon roots and word parts to understand subject area vocabulary (science, social studies, mathematics). 7.1.3 Clarify word meanings through the use of definition, example restatement 7.1.2 Use knowledge of Greek, Latin, appropriate source for contains thousands of tries for many suffixes forms used in word for	7.1.2 Use knowledge of Greek, Latin, and Anglo-Saxon roots and word parts to understand subject area vocabulary (science, social studies, mathematics).	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary is a 70,000-word dictionary with grade-level-appropriate source for students' definitions. It contains thousands of specialized vocabulary words and concise etymologies. It includes entries for many suffixes, prefixes, and combining
	forms used in word formation. It is up-to-date with new words from the fields of science and	
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material In addition to regular classroom reading, students read a variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, autobiographies, books in many different subject areas, magazines, newspapers, reference and technical materials, and online information.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary is up-to-date with new words from today's world. In addition, it offers hundreds of illustrations to clarify meanings. Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers free online access to an age-appropriate dictionary.
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Students read a wide variety of fiction, such as classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, mysteries, adventure, folklore, mythology, poetry, short stories, dramas, and other genres.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary helps students understand words encountered in a wide variety of classic and contemporary literary works.
	Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text 7.3.7 Explain the effects of common literary devices, such as symbolism, imagery, or metaphor, in a variety of fictional texts.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary contains the literary terms that middle-school students will encounter. Many definitions include examples.
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SEVENTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
4 Writing: Process and Features	Students write clear, coherent, and focused essays.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides help in spelling, word meaning, and grammar. It also contains usage notes and labels to help with appropriate word choice.
	Research Process and Technology 7.4.6 Give credit for both quoted and paraphrased information in a bibliography by using a consistent format for citations.	Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have chapters on preparing a bibliography and handling quotations. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation include information on preparing a bibliography.
	Evaluation and Revision 7.4.9 Edit and proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others, using an editing checklist or set of rules, with specific examples of corrections of frequent errors. 7.4.10 Revise writing to improve organization and word choice after checking the logic of the ideas and the precision of the vocabulary.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides correct spellings and definitions for more than 70,000 words. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation includes a section on proofreading and a list of common errors in grammar and punctuation. Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation includes common word usage problems. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus helps students improve word choices.
5 Writing: Applications	Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides grade-level-appropriate definitions to clarify standard use of commonly confused words. Entries contain usage labels where appropriate. Also includes 15,000 usage examples to illustrate standard English.
	7.5.6 Use varied word choices to make writing interesting and more precise.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus offers thousand of synonyms and related words to expand word choice. Synonyms include example sentences to help students distinguish subtle differences in meaning. Each word can also be found in Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus has complete synonym lists. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Syn- onyms and Antonyms and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms contain brief explanations to help students distinguish slight differences between synonyms.
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SEVENTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
5 Writing: Applications	Research Application 7.5.3 Write or deliver a research report that has been developed using a systematic research process and that uses information from a variety of sources.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary and the online dictionary at Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) contain the words a student may look up during the research process.
6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Students write using Standard English conventions appropriate to the grade level.	Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation, Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation, and Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style provide comprehensive guidance to the conventions of punctuation, capitalization, and other mechanics of writing.
	Grammar 7.6.2 Identify and use infinitives and participles.	Verb entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> show all irregular participles and identify infinitives. The formation of regular verb forms is explained in the dictionary's front matter.
	7.6.4 Identify all parts of speech.	Every entry in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has a part-of-speech label.
	7.6.5 Demonstrate appropriate English usage (such as pronoun reference).	Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage contains entries that help with pronoun reference and other challenging usage issues.
	Punctuation and Capitalization 7.6.6 Identify and correctly use hyphens, dashes, brackets, and semicolons. 7.6.7 Demonstrate the correct use of quotation marks and the use of commas with subordinate clauses. 7.6.8 Use correct capitalization.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary includes capitalized main entries. The Handbook of Style section provides rules for the use of capitals and for punctuation marks, including hyphens, dashes, brackets, semicolons, quotation marks, and commas with subordinate clauses. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation illustrate rules with examples.
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SEVENTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Spelling 7.6.9 Spell correctly derivatives (words that come from a common base or root word) by applying the spellings of bases and affixes.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary includes entries and explanations for suffixes and prefixes. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus has a list of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings. Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) offers grade-level-appropriate games that help with spelling skills.
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Students deliver focused, coherent presentations that convey ideas clearlyStudents use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides students with grade-level-appropriate guidance in word choice and grammar throughout the speech writing process, and offers complete pronunciation guidance for oral presentations.
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Speaking Applications 7.7.10 Deliver descriptive presentations thatcontain effective, factual descriptions of appearance, concrete images, shifting perspectives, and sensory details.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary help students with appropriate word choice and offer complete pronunciation guidance for oral presentations. The free dictionary at Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) for middle-school students offers audio pronunciations.



EIGHTH GRADE		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and	Vocabulary Concept and Development 8.1.2 Understand the influence of historical events on English word meaning and vocabulary expansion.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary has 300 word-history paragraphs in addition to thousands of brief etymologies.
Vocabulary Development	8.1.3 Verify the meaning of a word in its context, even when its meaning is not directly stated, through the use of definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary is a grade-level-appropriate source for definitions. Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary offers more refined definitions for more advanced reading. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus offers alternative words in its synonym and related words lists that students can use to restate a word's meaning, and antonyms and near antonyms to help contrast.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material Students [also] read a variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, autobiographies, books in many different subject areas, magazines, newspapers, reference and technical materials, and online information.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary offer up-to-date words from all subject areas.
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Students read a wide variety of fiction, such as classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, mysteries, adventure, folklore, mythology, poetry, short stories, dramas, and other genres.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary can help students understand words encountered in a wide variety of written works. Its thousands of usage examples clarify meanings and expand understanding of words. Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary offers additional word choices. Both dictionaries present a word's definitions in historical order (older uses first), and help students determine the meanings of words as they are used in both classic and modern literature.
4 Writing: Process and Features	Students write clear, coherent, and focused essays.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary enhances the writing process with help in spelling, word meaning, and grammar. It also contains usage notes and labels to help with appropriate word choice.
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EIGHTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
4 Writing: Process and Features, continued	Evaluation and Revision 8.4.8 Edit and proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others, using an editing checklist or set of rules, with specific examples of corrections of frequent errors.	Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation includes information about common errors in grammar and punctuation. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus and Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style list often-confused words. Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style includes a section on proofreading with proofreader's marks.
	8.4.9 Revise writing for word choice.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus help students revise and improve word choices. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus combines dictionary entries and synonym lists.
5 Writing: Applications	Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides grade-level-appropriate definitions to clarify standard use of commonly confused words. Many entries contain usage labels (such as nonstandard) where appropriate. Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage contains brief discussions of common usage problems. Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style has a section on word usage.
	8.5.6 Write using precise word choices to make writing interesting and exact.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus offers thousand of synonyms and related words to expand word choice. Every word in the synonym lists comes with an example sentence to help students distinguish subtle differences in meaning. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary defines every word in the thesaurus so that students can be sure they've made the right choice. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus has complete synonym lists. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms contain brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between synonyms.
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EIGHTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
5 Writing: Applications	Research Application 8.5.3 Write or deliver a research report that has been developed using a systematic research process and that uses information from a variety of sources.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary, Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary, and the free online dictionaries at Merriam-Webster's Word Central (WordCentral.com) and Merriam- Webster Online (Merriam-Webster.com) contain the words a student needs to look up in the research process.
6 Writing: English Language	Grammar 8.6.4 Edit written manuscripts to ensure that correct grammar is used.	Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage offers quick answers about common grammar problems.
Conventions	8.6.8 Identify and use infinitives and participles.	Verb entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> show all irregular participles (the formation of regular verb forms is explained in the front of the dictionary) and identify infinitives.
	Punctuation Capitalization 8.6.5 Use correct punctuation. 8.6.6 Use correct capitalization	Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation, Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers offer advice on correct punctuation and capitalization.
	Spelling 8.6.7 Use correct spelling conventions.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides correct spellings for more than 70,000 words, including variant spellings.
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Students deliver focused, coherent presentations that convey ideas clearlyStudents use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary provides students with grade-level-appropriate guidance in word choice and grammar throughout the speech-writing process and offers complete pronunciation guidance for oral presentations.
	Speaking Applications 8.7.15 Deliver descriptive presentations thatcontain effective, factual descriptions of appearance, concrete images, shifting perspectives, and sensory details.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary help students with word choice for effective imagery and engaging oral presentation. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus combines dictionary and thesaurus entries.



NINTH GRADE		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Students apply their knowledge of word origins (words from other languages or from history or literature) to determine the meaning of words encountered in reading and use those words accurately.	Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder introduces students to 200 of the most productive Greek and Latin roots to aid new-vocabulary acquisition, as well as 200 more words derived from classical mythology or history.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 9.1.1 Identify and use the literal and figurative meanings of words and understand the origins of words.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary offers nearly 20,000 brief etymologies and more than 200 expanded word history paragraphs to introduce students to word origins.
	9.1.2 Distinguish between what words mean literally and what they imply and interpret what the words imply.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary uses more than 500 synonym paragraphs to show connotative and denotative differences among close synonyms.
	9.1.3 Use knowledge of mythology (Greek, Roman, and other mythologies) to understand the origin and meaning of new words.	Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Allusions offers capsule presentations of the story behind the word, including terms from mythology as well as words from history, politics, science, and sports. Each entry includes examples of modern-day usage.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material In addition to regular classroom reading, students read a wide variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, autobiographies, books in many different subject areas, essays, speeches, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, technical documents, and online information.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary, with more than 85,000 entries, supports reading across a wide range of texts including essays, technical documents, periodicals, and online sources. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary is a 165,000-entry dictionary designed to support college-bound high-school students as they read a variety of texts. Merriam-Webster Online (Merriam-Webster.com) offers free online access to a complete dictionary with audio pronunciations.
	Structural Features of Informational and Technical Materials 9.2.2 Prepare a bibliography of reference materials for a report using a variety of public documents from consumer, government, workplace, and other sources.	Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers and Editors addresses bibliographies, demonstrating how to list sources such as articles, government publications, online sources, and unpublished materials.
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Students read a wide variety of literature, such as classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, folklore, mythology, poetry, short stories, and drama.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary with more than 85,000 entries and Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary with more than 165,000 entries list a word's various meanings in historical order and help the student determine the meanings of words as they are used in classic and modern literature.
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NINTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
4 Writing: Process and Features	Students write coherent and focused essays that show a well-defined point of view and tightly reasoned argument. They progress through the stages of the writing process (prewriting, writing, editing, and revising).	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary assists students in the writing process by providing information and guidance about proper spellings and meanings of words, parts of speech, status level, and discrimination of close synonyms. A Handbook of Style section provides information about punctuation marks, capitals, and italics.
	Organization and Focus 9.4.3 Use precise language, action verbs, sensory details, and appropriate modifiers.	Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus offer more word choices with their lists of synonyms, their usage examples, and related words. Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus gives usage examples for every single one of its more than 24,000 synonyms. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus contains complete synonym lists. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms contain brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between synonyms.
	Research Process and Technology 9.4.5 Develop the main ideas within the body of the composition through supporting evidence, such as scenarios, commonly held beliefs, hypotheses, and definitions.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary gives clear definitions designed for the high-school student, including definitions of technical terms.
	9.4.7-8 Integrate quotations and citations into a written text while maintaining the flow of ideas. Use appropriate conventions for documentation in text, notes, and bibliographies, following the formats in specific style manuals.	Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have chapters on notes and bibliographies. Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers and Editors covers footnotes, endnotes, parenthetical citations, and bibliographies in detail.
	Evaluation and Revision 9.4.10 Review, evaluate, and revise writing for meaning, clarity, content, and mechanics.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style answer questions of grammar, usage, and spelling. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation is a quick-reference guide to punctuation and styling.
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NINTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
5 Writing: Applications	Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English.	Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage provides guidance to more than 2,000 words or concepts involving confusing or disputed usage. Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage contains 1,500 similar but shorter entries.
	9.5.3 Write expository compositions, including analytical essays, thatuse technical terms and notations accurately.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary includes definitions of technical terms. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary offers even more technical terms and definitions for the collegebound student. A Signs and Symbols section covers the symbols used in science and technology.
	9.5.6 Write technical documents, such as a manual on rules of behavior for conflict resolution, that include scenarios, definitions, and examples to aid comprehension.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary gives clear definitions designed for the high-school student.
	9.5.7 Use varied and expanded vocabulary, appropriate for specific forms and topics.	Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus with more than 90,000 synonyms and related words and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus with more than 78,000 synonyms and related words, offer more word choices. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus also offers complete synonym lists.
	Research Application 9.5.9 Write or deliver a research report that has been developed using a systematic research process and thatdocuments sources independently by using a consistent format for citationsand includes a bibliography.	Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have chapters on notes and bibliographies. Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers and Editors is a complete guide to footnotes, endnotes, parenthetical citations, and bibliographies.
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NINTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Grammar and Mechanics of Writing 9.6.2 Demonstrate an understanding ofproper English usage, including the use of consistent verb tenses.	Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage offer quick answers to common usage problems.
	Manuscript Form 9.6.3 Produce legible work that shows accurate spelling and correct use of the conventions of punctuation and capitalization.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary provides correct spellings for over 85,000 words, including variant spellings. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation, Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have information on spelling plurals and possessives, using capitals, styling compounds, and correct punctuation. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus features a list of oftenconfused words, such as affect and effect (and shows the differences).
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Students deliver focused and coherent presentations that convey clear and distinct perspectives Students use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary provides students with grade-level-appropriate guidance in word choice and grammar throughout the speech-writing process, and it offers complete pronunciation guidance for oral presentations. Merriam-Webster's free online dictionary at Merriam-Webster Online (Merriam-Webster.com) offers audio pronunciations.
	Speaking Applications 9.7.19 Deliver descriptive presentations thatcontain effective, factual descriptions of appearance, concrete images, shifting perspectives, and sensory details.	Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus, Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus, and Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus help students choose words to present an engaging oral presentation. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus offers combined dictionary and thesaurus entries.



TENTH GRADE		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Students apply their knowledge of word origins (words from other languages or from history or literature) to determine the meaning of words encountered in reading and use those words accurately.	Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder introduces students to 200 of the most productive Greek and Latin roots to aid new-vocabulary acquisition, as well as 200 more words derived from classical mythology or history.
	Vocabulary and Concept Development 10.1.2 Distinguish between what words mean literally and what they imply and interpret what the words imply.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary offers more than 500 synonym paragraphs that show connotative and denotative differences among close synonyms.
	10.1.3 Use the knowledge of mythology (Greek, Roman, and other mythologies) to understand the origin and meaning of new words.	Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Allusions offers capsule presentations of the story behind the word, including terms from mythology, history, politics, science, and sports. Each entry includes examples of modern-day usage.
	10.1.4 Identify and use the literal and figurative meanings of words and understand origins of words.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary offers nearly 20,000 brief etymologies and more than 200 expanded word history paragraphs to introduce students to word origins.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material In addition to regular classroom reading, students read a wide variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, autobiographies, books in many different subject areas, essays, speeches, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, technical documents, and online information.	With more than 85,000 entries, Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary supports reading across a wide range of texts including essays, technical documents, periodicals, and online sources. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary is a 165,000-entry dictionary designed to support college-bound high-school students as they read a variety of texts.
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Students read a wide variety of literature, such as classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, folklore, mythology, poetry, short stories, drama, and other genres.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary with more than 85,000 entries and Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary with more than 165,000 entries list a word's various meanings in historical order and help the student determine the meanings of words as they are used in classic and modern literature.
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TENTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
4 Writing: Process and Features	Students write coherent and focused essays that show a well-defined point of view and tightly reasoned argument. They progress through the stages of the writing process (prewriting, writing, editing, and revising).	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary assists students in the writing process by providing guidance about proper spellings and meanings of words, parts of speech, status level, and discrimination of close synonyms. The Handbook of Style section includes information about punctuation marks, capitals, and italics.
	Organization and Focus 10.4.3 Use precise language, action verbs, sensory details, and appropriate modifiers.	Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus offers more word choices with lists of synonyms, usage examples, and related words, and gives usage examples for more than 24,000 synonyms. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus contains complete synonym lists. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms contain brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between synonyms.
	Research Process and Technology 10.4.5 Develop the main ideas within the body of the composition through supporting evidence, such as scenarios, commonly held beliefs, hypotheses, and definitions.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary gives clear definitions designed for the high-school student, including definitions of technical terms. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary includes expanded technical terms for the college-bound student.
	10.4.7-8 Integrate quotations and citations into a written text while maintaining the flow of ideas. Use appropriate conventions for documentation in text, notes, and bibliographies, following the formats in different style manuals.	Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have chapters on notes and bibliographies. Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers and Editors is a complete guide to footnotes, endnotes, parenthetical citations, and bibliographies.
	Evaluation and Revision 10.4.10 Review, evaluate, revise, edit, and proofread writing using an editing checklist.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary, Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary, and Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style answer questions of grammar, usage, and spelling. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation assists with punctuation and styling matters.
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TENTH GRADE, continued			
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering	
5 Writing: Applications	Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English.	Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage provides guidance to more than 2,000 words or concepts involving confusing or disputed usage. Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage contains 1,500 similar but shorter entries.	
	10.5.3 Write expository compositions, including analytical essays thatuse technical terms and notations accurately. 10.5.6 Write technical documents, such as a manual on rules of behavior for conflict resolution thatinclude scenarios, definitions, and examples to aid comprehension.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary includes clear definitions of technical terms. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary offers more technical terms and definitions, and is ideal for the college-bound student. Its Signs and Symbols section covers the symbols used in science and technology.	
	10.5.7 Use varied and expanded vocabulary, appropriate for specific forms and topics.	Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus, with more than 90,000 synonyms and related words and Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus with more than 78,000 synonyms and related words offer more word choices. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus provides complete synonym lists.	
	Research Application 10.5.9 Write or deliver a research report that has been developed using a systematic research process and thatdocuments sources independently by using a consistent format for citationsand includes a bibliography.	Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have chapters on notes and bibliographies. Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers & Editors is a complete guide to footnotes, endnotes, parenthetical citations, and bibliographies.	
6 Writing: English Language Conventions	Grammar and Mechanics of Writing 10.6.2 Demonstrate an understanding ofproper English usage, including the use of consistent verb tenses.	Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage offer quick answers to common usage problems.	
	Manuscript Form 10.6.3 Produce legible work that shows accurate spelling and correct use of the conventions of punctuation and capitalization.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary provides correct spellings for over 85,000 words, including variant spellings. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation, Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style, and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have information on spelling plurals and possessives, using capitals, and styling of compounds plus coverage of correct punctuation. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus features a list of often confused words, such as affect and effect (and shows the differences).	



TENTH GRADE, continued		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Students deliver focused and coherent presentations that convey clear and distinct perspectives Students use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary provides students with grade-level-appropriate guidance in word choice and grammar throughout the speech-writing process, and it offers complete pronunciation guidance for oral presentations. Merriam-Webster's free online dictionary at Merriam-Webster Online (Merriam-Webster.com) offers audio pronunciations.
	Speaking Applications 10.7.19 Deliver descriptive presentations thatcontain effective, factual descriptions of appearance, concrete images, shifting perspectives, and sensory details.	Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus, Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus, and Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus help students choose words to present an engaging oral presentation. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus offers combined dictionary and thesaurus entries.



ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH GRADE		
Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
1 Reading: Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development	Vocabulary and Concept Development 1.1 Understand unfamiliar words that refer to characters or themes in literature or history.	Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Allusions offers capsule presentations of the story behind the word, including terms from literature and history, politics, science, and sports. Each entry includes examples of modern-day usage.
	1.2 Apply knowledge of roots and word parts from Greek and Latin to draw inferences about the meaning of vocabulary in literature or other subject areas.	Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder introduces students to 200 Greek and Latin roots to aid new-vocabulary acquisition. Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus features a list of common Greek and Latin roots.
	11.1.4, 12.1.3 Analyze the meaning of analogies encountered, analyzing specific comparisons as well as relationships and inferences. For example, consider what is meant in a sentence that defines a story character with non-literal comparisons; consider what is meant by literary comparisons and analogies, such as Shakespeare's a sea change.	Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary offers 225,000 definitions of words (including archaic words from Shakespeare) in sufficient detail for students to distinguish subtleties of meaning in non-literal comparisons.
2 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text	Students read and understand grade-level-appropriate material In addition to regular classroom reading, students read a wide variety of nonfiction, such as biographies, autobiographies, books in many different subject areas, essays, speeches, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, technical documents, and online information.	With more than 85,000 entries, <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> supports reading across a wide range of texts including essays, technical documents, periodicals, and online sources. <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> is a 165,000-entry dictionary designed to support college-bound high-school students as they read a variety of texts. <i>Merriam-Webster Online</i> (Merriam-Webster.com) offers free online access to a complete dictionary.
3 Reading: Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text	Students read a wide variety of literature, such as classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, folklore, mythology, poetry, short stories, drama, and other genres.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary with more than 85,000 entries and Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary with more than 165,000 entries list a word's various meanings in historical order and help the student determine the meanings of words as they are used in classic and modern literature. Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged includes nearly 500,000 entries and is designed to support the widest range of reading.



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4 Writing: Process and Features	Students write coherent and focused essays that show a well-defined point of view and tightly reasoned argument. Student writing demonstrates students' progression through the stages of the writing process (prewriting, writing, editing, and revising).	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary assists students in the writing process by providing guidance about proper spellings and meanings of words, parts of speech, status level, and discrimination of close synonyms. The Handbook of Style section includes information about punctuation marks, capitals, and italics.
	Organization and Focus 4.6 Use language in creative and vivid ways to establish a specific tone.	The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus offers thousands of word choices with lists of synonyms, usage examples, and related words. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms and Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms contain brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between synonyms. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms gives more comprehensive explanations and examples for over 85,000 synonyms.
	Research Process and Technology 4.13 Integrate quotations and citations into a written text while maintaining the flow of ideas.	Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers and Editors offers guidance in the mechanics of incorporating quotations and citations in text.
	Evaluation and Revision 11.4.10, 12.4.11 Review, evaluate, and revise writing for meaning, clarity, achievement of purpose, and mechanics; Reviseone's own writing.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary answer questions of grammar, usage, and spelling. Both dictionaries include a Handbook of Style section.
	4.11 Edit and proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others, using an editing checklist.	Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers and Editors includes chapters on proofreading and copyediting. Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style has special sections on word usage and grammar and a section on copyediting and proofreading.
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5 Writing: Applications	Student writing demonstrates a command of Standard English.	Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage provides guidance to more than 2,000 words or concepts involving confusing or disputed usage. Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage contains 1,500 similar but shorter entries.
	5.9 Write academic essays, such as an analytical essay, a persuasive essay, or a research report thatuse technical terms and notations accurately.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary includes definitions of technical terms. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary offers more technical terms and definitions for the college-bound student. Its section on Signs and Symbols features symbols used in science and technology.
	5.4 Write historical investigation reports that include a formal bibliography.	Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have chapters on notes and bibliographies. Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers & Editors is a complete guide to footnotes, endnotes, parenthetical citations, and bibliographies.
	5.6 Use varied and expanded vocabulary, appropriate for specific forms and topics.	The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus helps with word choice, particularly when used with Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary.
	5.7 Use precise technical or scientific language when appropriate for topic and audience.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary includes definitions of technical terms. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary offers more technical terms and definitions for the college-bound student.
	Research Application 5.10 Write or deliver a research report that has been developed using a systematic research process and thatdocuments sources independently by using a consistent format for citationsand includes a bibliography.	Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers have chapters on notes and bibliographies. Merriam-Webster's Manual for Writers and Editors is a more complete guide to footnotes, endnotes, parenthetical citations, and bibliographies. Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary has instructions for documentation of sources in its back matter.
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6 Writing: English Language Conventions	6.1 Demonstrate control of grammar, diction, paragraph and sentence structure, and an understanding of English usage.	Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style includes guidance on the mechanics of writing and a concise guide to grammar and word usage. Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage provides guidance to more than 2,000 words or concepts involving confusing or disputed usage.
	6.2 Produce writing that shows accurate spelling and correct punctuation and capitalization.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary provides correct spellings for over 85,000 words, including variant spellings. Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style and Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers address spelling plurals and possessives, using capitals, styling of compounds, and correct punctuation.
7 Listening and Speaking: Skills, Strategies, and Applications	Students deliver focused and coherent presentations that convey clear and distinct perspectives Students use the same Standard English conventions for oral speech that they use in their writing.	Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary and Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary provide guidance in word choice and grammar throughout the speech-writing process, and offer pronunciation guidance for oral presentations. Merriam-Webster's free online dictionary at Merriam-Webster Online (Merriam-Webster.com) offers audio pronunciations.
	Speaking Applications 7.6 Use effective and interesting language.	Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus and The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus help students choose words to present an engaging oral presentation. Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus offers a one-stop reference with dictionary and thesaurus entries combined.