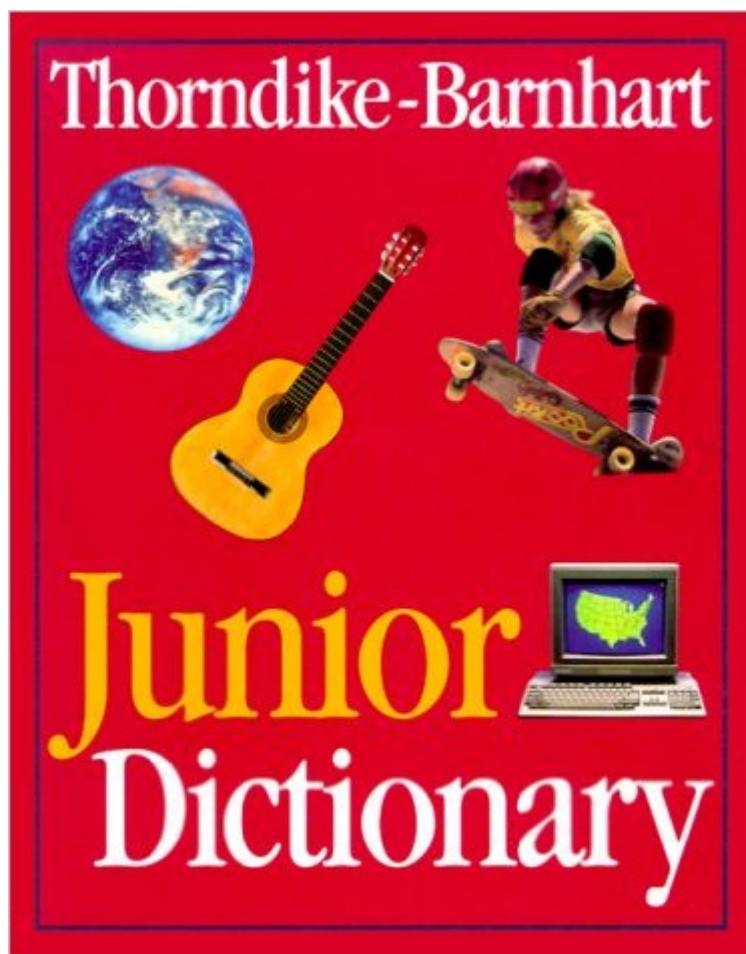


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# Thorndike-Barnhart Junior Dictionary



## **Synopsis**

With such features as Word Banks and Word Sources that teach Latin and Greek roots, Usage Notes and Synonym Studies, an 18-page reference section including world maps, a periodic table, U.S. presidents, and more, the Thorndike Barnhart Junior Dictionary offers an incredibly comprehensive children's reference. It includes 68,000 entries (over 4,000 new to this edition), 34,000 illustrative examples, 900 notes, and 1,200 full-color photos and illustrations.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm a 5th grade teacher. I've used and compared many different dictionaries. The Thorndike-Barnhart Junior Dictionary is the best by far that I've ever seen. Recently I decided to buy dictionaries for my class. I looked at over 20 different student dictionaries. Some of the dictionaries I looked at were Merriam-Webster Children's Dictionary, MacMillan Dictionary for Students, American Heritage Student Dictionary, and Scholastic Children's Dictionary. None of these held a candle to the Thorndike-Barnhart Junior Dictionary. I took a list of over 200 words that my students couldn't find in our current dictionaries and I looked them up in each of the dictionaries I compared. There were two things I was looking for. First, I wanted to know which dictionary had most of these words. Second I wanted to know which dictionary struck the best balance defining the words in such a way that my students could understand them without losing meaning or using language that was too difficult for my students to understand. The Thorndike-Barnhart Junior Dictionary was the best in

both categories by far. There is also a Thorndike-Barnhart Intermediate Dictionary. It has the same words and definitions as this dictionary but also includes a bunch of extras (maps, lists, and such) but costs almost twice as much. If you've got the money to spend, it might be worth it, but the price seemed high to me for what additional information it offered.

I wanted to get a more advanced dictionary for my 3rd grade son since the current Children's Dictionary he has often did not contain words we looked up. At first my Children's Dictionary search did not bring me to this book. But I read a review which recommended this dictionary. It was by a 5th Grade Teacher (Shannon Bradford), who also has her review here. I did my own comparisons of about 4 different dictionaries I found in my search. Using just the online reviews and descriptions, I decided to go with this one. When I received it, I was SO PLEASED! The book is so interesting. The beautiful color pictures and overall layout makes it interesting and fun to lookup words. Just flipping through it makes you want to stop and look at the pictures. I would have paid twice what I did for it.

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I bought this based on a recommendation by another reader, and I am so glad I did! My 10 year old is actually reading it for enjoyment, and doesn't hesitate to look up words anymore. The fact that there are pictures for some of the entries makes it enjoyable for her too. It's a nice, hardcover book that will be passed on to my 8 year old as well.

I would love this dictionary if it was updated. the layout is fantastic. it is easy for my son to use. But it sorely needs an update. The last president in the appendix is Bill Clinton. Even George W is not there, much less Barack Obama. I don't know if Foresman has an updated version that just doesn't carry or what the deal is. Looks like it was last updated in 1997. Internet was in its infancy and 9/11 hadn't even happened yet! Don't look up "Taliban" because it is not in there. I realize this information is on the product page, so I'm not saying it's false advertising. But I am rating the product for what it is: A great dictionary in 1997.

Thanks very much to those of you who wrote detailed reviews about this dictionary. It made my decision easy, and I have been very pleased.

This could be a very nice dictionary for kids if they would update some of the information. Seems to be well made, but the pages seem a little thin for younger kids to turn without tearing them. Even my

6 yr old grandson noticed that the Presidents of the United States only listed through Bill Clinton. It only showed when Clinton was elected and not when he left office, so the Presidents have not been updated since sometime before 2001. Why would you continue to print a dictionary with information that outdated when it would be so simple to at least update those few pages? When I purchase a reference book like this, I expect it to have up-to-date information. Not very useful for teaching children if it starts out lacking important information. Returned!

This junior dictionary is ideal for 8 to 12 years old kids, it has everything they need at that age. The dictionary is built in such a colorful way that is easy for them to find the words and their different meanings with examples, homographs, homophones, idioms and inflected forms. Pronunciation keys are presented at the bottom of every right hand page. A new edition is required to update the new countries and world map. The price is a real bargain.

My grandson is 9 and hasn't really taken to reading as a form of enjoyment yet. He is all soccer, skateboard, basketball, outdoors, etc. which is exactly as my son was prior to the Animorph series years ago. This dictionary is thorough and doesn't leave the child with more questions than he had when he started looking up a word. His vocabulary is beginning to expand now and his reading level has improved by two years since using this book to clean up the words he didn't understand or had an incomplete or skewed definition for. The Advance Junior also gives derivations which will help as they grow older in determining how the words fit together and how they came to be from the different languages.

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