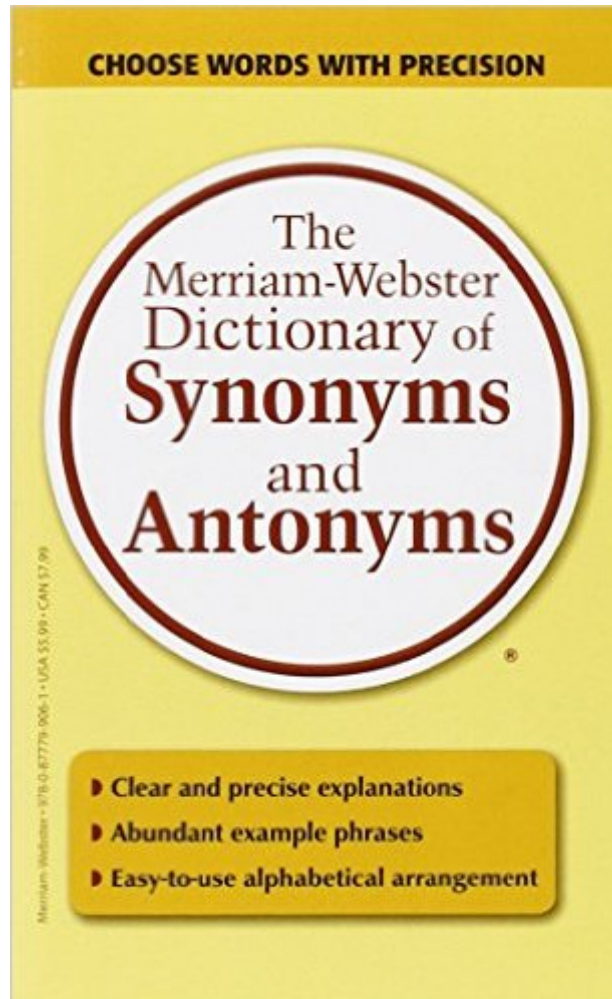


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I teach at a language school in Fort Lauderdale. Dozens of students each month ask me, "How can I improve my English?" I tell them, "Get a dictionary with synonyms and opposites." The Webster S and A is the best I've found -- and portable, too. It is vital for language learners to have something interesting to pull them forward. We tend to learn by what we are interested in and in what the opposite is. "That movie was _____" (interesting, great, fantastic...not boring, not slow, not hard to understand.) We tend to think in similars and opposites, so why not use a book that is designed to give you shades of meaning as well as the opposites? I highly recommend this book and I encourage students to pick it up. What is very good in this book? There is an example sentence to show the meaning, such as: weak, feeble frail weak is broad, like a weak muscle, a weak excuse, foundation. feeble usually shows ineffectiveness or something we should pity: a feeble old man, feeble joke. frail suggests an inherited weakness, that something is weak in the structure: her frail body, a frail conscience. You see what a valuable tool this is? I urge you to recommend this book to your learners of English, even if they are native speakers.

The quote that makes, forms, shapes, fashions, fabricates, manufactures, forges my title comes from the back of the book:~)"The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms" is the hands down best reference book I've ever bought. It groups synonyms together and then explains the subtle differences between them (e.g., "infer, deduce, conclude, judge, gather" are followed by definitions of each word explaining the subtle differences in their meanings -- and example of their usage in a sentence) If ever you spent five bucks on a writing reference book, this is the book to have. My only critique is that very few nouns are ever given (most synonyms given in this book are either verbs or adjectives). And it would be helpful to see all the subtle differences between nouns like "automobile, car, sedan." I hope this helps. Stacey Cochran Author of CLAWS available for 80 cents

This book is very nice, but may be not the best for your particular desire. If you want more detailed information and usage examples, I recommend the M-W's Dictionary of Synonyms, if you would like a convenient guide of using words, I would say M-W's Pocket Guide of Synonyms is better for you!

I like this reference material. I was looking for a thesaurus, but I got this, because the back cover said that it was "more in depth" than a thesaurus. There are not many words; mostly very common words. It is very helpful for those, though. I would say that if you are a serious college student, get the MW Collegiate Thesaurus. If you are a high school student, get the MW Thesaurus. If you are an elementary/middle school student, get this. - 4 Stars - Few Words - Serves its Purpose - Please Rate as Helpful -

This is a good rendition on classic synonyms and antonyms. It would be very helpful in augmenting vocabulary for standardized tests in high school or college. Classic word definitions are provided. i.e.- abate means to reduce -lustrous means bright- boorish means rude -nonchalant means cool- caustic means "a biting wit" -pensive means thoughtful- chide means to criticize -preponderant means dominant- consonant means agreement -scabrous means rough- decorum refers to proper conduct- eccentricity refers to singularity of behavior- estrange means to alienate- fawn means to seek favor- forestall means to prevent- gauche means awkward- implore means to beg- inconstant lacks firmness- melodorous means unpleasant- munificent means generous- slatternly means rundown- sojourn means to reside- suave means well-mannered-temerity means boldness-vociferous means to load This rendition would be very helpful for a wide constituency

of students, editors and school administrators.

I am returning this book, which was ordered alongside the Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. I had expected a sister volume to be the same dimensions as the dictionary, a replacement for my well-worn and beloved college companion. Unfortunately, this product was physically the dimensions of the old pocket books, possibly 4x6 (don't have a tape measure here), printed on newsprint quality paper. I know this is a good reference, so if you are looking for it, make sure the particular volume you are ordering is standard with respect to size and paper quality.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms is an interesting research - and I dare to say: entertaining - resource. Because, contrary to what some might think, this is not a thesaurus, but a book which groups words of similar meanings into a topic and explains in a very didactic way and with examples what distinguishes in nuance one from each other so you can use the most appropriate words depending on the situation. For being small, you will certainly not find about everything you want and when you need, but however, this has a reasonable scope of words that is worth the purchase. In the worst case, you can perfectly take this as a regular book that you could read in your spare time since it is pleasantly organized and well written. Trust me, it is not as boring as reading purposeless a regular dictionary.

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