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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
<b>A. Phonemic Awareness 2a</b>	Repeat and produce rhyming words.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> offer opportunities for student participation and response.
<b>A. Phonemic Awareness 2b</b>	Identify and repeat sentences that use alliteration.	The lively and engaging rhymes for each letter in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> have abundant examples of alliteration.
<b>B. Phonics 1a</b>	Identify in isolation all upper and lower case letters of the alphabet.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> introduces each letter of the alphabet in a large, colorful illustration showing the letter in isolation in its upper case and lower case forms.
<b>B. Phonics 1b</b>	Identify letters matched to sounds.	The entertaining alphabet poems and vivid illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> describe and demonstrate the sounds of each letter.
<b>D. Vocabulary 1a</b>	Acquire new vocabulary through listening to and reading a variety of texts on a daily basis.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , designed for students in grades K–2, offers lively word explanations and examples, short word histories, stories, riddles, poems, jokes and word trivia that will enrich students' vocabulary.
<b>D. Vocabulary 1b</b>	Discuss words and word meanings daily as they are encountered in texts, instruction, and conversation.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , with its entries filled with information about words, offers opportunity for instruction and discussion about the meanings and uses of words.
<b>D. Vocabulary 2b</b>	Name pictures of common concepts, such as sleeping, running, walking.	The many detailed illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> help students with concepts (for example, an illustration of a bird flying away from a cage accompanies the entry for the word <i>escape</i> ).
<b>D. Vocabulary 3c</b>	Use word structure to determine meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to common prefixes and suffixes and how they change word meanings, such as using <i>un-</i> to create the opposite of <i>happy</i> and <i>-y</i> to create a descriptive word from <i>glitter</i> .
<b>D. Vocabulary 3d</b>	Use resources to determine meaning of unknown words.	<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 that are easy for young students to understand. Detailed illustrations help with meanings of words and concepts.
<b>E. General Reading Comprehension 1i</b>	Recognize that letters build words and words build sentences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> helps students with letter, word, and sentence recognition: the starting letter of the words in each alphabet section is highlighted in yellow at the top of each page, entry words in each alphabet section are shown in red, and short sentences built around those words are in blue.

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<b>KINDERGARTEN, <i>continued</i></b>		
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<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
<b>A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2a</b>	Identify print features.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> uses boldface and italic print, different colors and different sizes of print, and other print features to aid students.
<b>A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2b</b>	Identify graphic aids.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> uses illustrations, icons, shading, and other graphic features to help students distinguish different offerings. A "Here's How To Use Your Dictionary" section explains the features of the book.
<b>3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text</b>		
<b>A. Comprehension of Literary Text 1b</b>	Listen to and discuss a variety of different types of fictional literary text, such as stories, poems, nursery rhymes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> includes original and classic rhymes, poems, and short stories.
<b>A. Comprehension of Literary Text 4a</b>	Identify rhyme, rhythm, and repetition in poems read to students.	The engaging and lively rhyming verses in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> invite enthusiastic student response.
<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
<b>A. Writing 4b</b>	Acquire and use new vocabulary.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> exposes students to nearly 3,000 words with explanations and examples, rhymes, riddles, jokes, stories, and word histories that make acquiring new vocabulary fun.
<b>A. Writing 5a</b>	Use descriptive words and other details to expand and improve student's own writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> encourages students to use descriptive and specific words. Many entries offer colorful synonyms and other suggestions to improve word choice.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
<b>D. Spelling 1d</b>	Use classroom resources to spell unknown words, such as labeled objects, word walls, charts, pictionaries.	The many illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , along with several boldface featured words at every entry, help students with spelling.

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## FIRST GRADE

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
<b>A. Phonemic Awareness 2a</b>	Produce sentences with rhyming and alliteration.	The alphabet verses in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> are rich in alliteration and rhyme and invite student response.
<b>A. Phonemic Awareness 4c-d-e</b>	Delete sounds, add sounds, [and] substitute sounds to form new words.	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.
<b>B. Phonics 2a</b>	Recognize and apply short vowels, long vowels, and y as a vowel.	The alphabet rhymes for the vowels in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> demonstrate both short and long sounds, and the rhyme for demonstrates that letter as both consonant and vowel.
<b>B. Phonics 2b</b>	Decode words with letter combinations, such as consonant digraphs, blends, and special vowel patterns.	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.
<b>D. Vocabulary 1a</b>	Acquire new vocabulary through listening to and reading a variety of grade-appropriate text daily.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , designed for students in grades K–2, offers lively word explanations and examples, short word histories, stories, riddles, poems, jokes and word trivia that will enrich students' vocabulary.
<b>D. Vocabulary 1b</b>	Discuss words and word meanings daily as they are encountered in texts, instruction, and conversation.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , with its information-packed entries, offers opportunity for instruction and discussion about the meanings and uses of words.
<b>D. Vocabulary 2b</b>	Identify antonyms and synonyms.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> include information about antonyms and synonyms.
<b>D. Vocabulary 3a</b>	Determine meaning of words using their context.	The definitions in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> are written in the form of short sentences that explain the words' meaning by placing them in context.
<b>D. Vocabulary 3c</b>	Use word structure to determine meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to common prefixes and suffixes and how they change word meanings, such as using <i>un-</i> to create the opposite of <i>happy</i> and <i>-y</i> to create a descriptive word from <i>glitter</i> .
<b>D. Vocabulary 3d</b>	Use resources to determine meaning of unknown words.	<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 that are easy for young students to understand. Detailed illustrations help with meanings of words and concepts.

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## FIRST GRADE, *continued*

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<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
<b>A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2a-b</b>	Use print features [and] graphic aids.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> uses boldface and italic print, different colors, different sizes of print, and other print features to aid students. Illustrations and other graphic features also help students. A "Here's How To Use Your Dictionary" section shows students how to use the features of the book.
<b>3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text</b>		
<b>A. Comprehension of Literary Text 1b</b>	Listen to, read, and discuss a variety of different types of fictional literary texts, such as ...poems, stories.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> includes original and classic rhymes, poems, and short stories.
<b>A. Comprehension of Literary Text 4a</b>	Identify rhyme, rhythm, and repetition in poems read to [students].	The engaging and lively rhyming verses in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> invite enthusiastic student response.
<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
<b>A. Writing 4b</b>	Acquire and use new vocabulary.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> exposes students to nearly 3,000 words with its explanations and examples, rhymes, riddles, jokes, stories, and word histories that make acquiring new vocabulary fun.
<b>A. Writing 5a</b>	Use descriptive words and other details to expand and improve student's own writing.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer colorful synonyms and suggestions for descriptive words and phrases that can help with word choice.
<b>A. Writing 6a</b>	Identify sources of information on a topic, such as...classroom dictionaries.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is especially written to introduce students in grades K-2 to the dictionary.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
<b>A. Grammar 1a</b>	Use various parts of speech, such as nouns, pronouns, verbs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to the concept of parts of speech. Entries are labeled as nouns, verbs, etc., and many demonstrate the entry word as more than one part of speech (for example, <i>whisper</i> as a noun and a verb).
<b>D. Spelling 1h</b>	Access resources to spell unknown words, such as labeled objects, word walls, charts, pictionaries.	The many illustrations and boldfaced featured words in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> help students with spelling.

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## SECOND GRADE

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
<b>B. Phonics 1a</b>	Identify digraphs, such as <i>ch</i> , <i>ph</i> , <i>sh</i> , <i>th</i> , and <i>wh</i> .	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.
<b>B. Phonics 2b</b>	Break compound words, contractions, and inflectional endings into known parts.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> incorporate inflected forms of entry words into the explanation of a word or into example sentences, and some have examples of compound words built from entry words.
<b>D. Vocabulary 1a</b>	Acquire new vocabulary through listening to and independently reading a variety of literary and informational texts.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , especially designed for students in grades K–2, offers opportunities for listening and reading a variety of literary and informational text, with simple explanations and examples, short word histories, stories, riddles, poems, and word trivia that will enrich students' vocabulary.
<b>D. Vocabulary 1b</b>	Discuss words and word meanings daily as they are encountered in texts, instruction, and conversation.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , with its abundant entries, offers opportunity for instruction and discussion about the meanings and uses of words.
<b>D. Vocabulary 1e</b>	Identify simple multiple meaning words.	Explanations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduce students to the concept of multiple meanings and uses of words.
<b>D. Vocabulary 2b</b>	Identify and explain common antonyms, synonyms, and homophones to increase vocabulary skills.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> include information about antonyms and synonyms. The dictionary introduces homophones through wordplay ("A pretty deer is dear to me, a hare with downy hair ...").
<b>D. Vocabulary 3c</b>	Use word structure to determine meanings of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to common prefixes and suffixes and how they change word meanings, such as using <i>un-</i> to create the opposite of <i>happy</i> and <i>-y</i> to create an adjective from <i>glitter</i> .
<b>D. Vocabulary 3d</b>	Use resources to determine meaning of unknown words.	<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 that are easy for young students to understand. Detailed illustrations help with meanings of words and concepts. Students who use a more expanded vocabulary will want to refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , which has more than 36,000 entries.

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<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
<b>A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2a-b</b>	Use print features [and] graphic aids.	A "Here's How to Use Your Dictionary" section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> shows students how to use the print and graphic features of the book, including boldface and italic print, different colors and different sizes of print, and hundreds of illustrations.
<b>A. Comprehension of Informational Text 5a</b>	Identify words and phrases with a specific effect on meaning (similes, metaphors).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to similes; for example, at the entry for <i>quiet</i> , it gives <i>quiet as a mouse</i> , and at the entry for <i>quick</i> it gives <i>quick as a wink</i> .
<b>3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text</b>		
<b>A. Comprehension of Literary Text 4a</b>	Identify the structure, shape, and form of a variety of poetic texts, including their lines and stanzas.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> , with its engaging rhyming text, is perfect for poetry lessons.
<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
<b>A. Writing 4b</b>	Acquire and use new vocabulary.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> exposes students to nearly 3,000 words in ways that make acquiring new vocabulary fun. More advanced students may want to refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , which has more than 36,000 entries.
<b>A. Writing 5a</b>	Use sensory words and other details to expand and improve student's own writing.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer colorful synonyms and suggestions for descriptive words and phrases.
<b>A. Writing 6a</b>	Revise own text for word choice.	Students who turn to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> to revise and edit will learn valuable dictionary skills in the process.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
<b>A. Grammar 1a</b>	Identify and use various parts of speech, such as nouns, pronouns, verbs, and 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 explains parts of speech further in grade-appropriate depth.
<b>D. Spelling 1h</b>	Access resources to spell unknown words, such as word wall, content word chart, dictionary, technology.	Students can turn to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> to check their spelling.



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## THIRD GRADE

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<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
D. Vocabulary 2b	Identify and explain word relationships to determine the meanings of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes 250 word history paragraphs and additional word root paragraphs that introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed. Word root cross-references throughout the dictionary lead students to the paragraphs.
D. Vocabulary 3b	Use word structure to determine the meaning of words: Grade appropriate prefixes and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has entries for common prefixes and suffixes, as well as entries for words formed with them.
D. Vocabulary 3c	Use resources to determine the meanings of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grade 3–5. It contains more than 36,000 entries with part-of-speech labels, simple pronunciations, syllabication, multiple definitions, and synonym paragraphs, accompanied by 900 full-color illustrations and diagrams.
<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2a	Use print features such as large bold print, font size/type, italics.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> introduces a variety of print features, including boldface entry words, italic part-of-speech labels, and cross-references in small capitals—features that remain consistent throughout other Merriam-Webster dictionaries.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2c	Use informational aids such as introductions and overviews,... pronunciation key, boxed text.	The front matter of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes a "Using Your Dictionary" section which shows students how to navigate a dictionary and explains the dictionary's features; a two-page color-coded "Key to Using Your Dictionary"; and a guide to pronunciation symbols. There is also a pronunciation key on every two-page spread of the book.
<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
A. Writing 2b	Describe in prose and poetry by using sensory details and vivid language with active verbs and colorful adjectives.	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 refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> for its offerings of colorful synonyms and descriptive words.
A. Writing 4b	Acquire and use new vocabulary.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has over 36,000 entries to help students expand their vocabulary.
A. Writing 6a	Revise own text for word choice.	Students who turn to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> to revise and edit will learn valuable dictionary skills in the process.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
A. Grammar 2a	Identify and use parts of speech such as nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives (including articles).	<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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## THIRD GRADE, *continued*

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
A. Grammar 2e	Identify and use verb tenses such as present, past, and future.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows verb tenses for every entered verb that does not require simply adding -s, -ed, or -ing to the base form.
B. Usage 2c/d	Recognize and correct common usage errors such as homophones, contractions, and commonly confused words. Use available resources to correct or confirm editorial choices.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides grade-level-appropriate definitions and examples of words in context to clarify standard use of commonly confused words. "Headscratcher" sections teach facts about words, such as homographs and homophones, in a humorous way. Usage notes and hints provide additional help.
C. Mechanics 2f	Use capital letters to begin a sentence and identify a proper noun.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that introduces and explains rules of capitalization.
D. Spelling 2c	Modify spellings when adding inflectional endings and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows all inflected forms that are formed in any way other than by simply adding a suffix.
D. Spelling 2f	Access resources as a spelling aid (word wall, dictionary, technology).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes the spellings students need, including variant spellings. <a href="http://WordCentral.com">WordCentral.com</a> is a free student Web site with a dictionary.



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<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
D. Vocabulary 2b	Identify and explain word relationships to determine the meanings of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes 250 word history paragraphs and additional word root paragraphs that introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed from them. Word root cross-references throughout the dictionary lead students to the paragraphs.
D. Vocabulary 3b	Use word structure to determine the meaning of words: Grade-appropriate prefixes and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has word root paragraphs that introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed from them. Word root cross-references throughout the dictionary lead students to the paragraphs.
	Use word structure to determine the meaning of words: Grade-appropriate root words.	
D. Vocabulary 3c	Use resources to determine the meanings of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grade 3–5. It contains more than 36,000 entries that include part-of-speech labels, simple pronunciations, syllabication, multiple definitions for words, and synonym paragraphs, accompanied by 900 full-color illustrations and diagrams.
<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 1b	Read, use, and identify the characteristics of functional documents such as ... instructional manuals.	A "Using Your Dictionary" section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows students how to use the features of the book. There is also a color-coded "Key to Using Your Dictionary." <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> gives grade-level-appropriate instruction to help students get the most out of a dictionary.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2a	Use print features such as large bold print, font size/type, italics...and other print features encountered in informational texts.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> introduces a variety of print features, including boldface entry words, italic part-of-speech labels, and cross-references in small capitals—features that remain consistent throughout other Merriam-Webster dictionaries.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2c	Use informational aids such as introductions and overviews, ...pronunciation key, boxed text.	The front matter of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes a "Using Your Dictionary" section which shows students how to navigate a dictionary and explains the dictionary's features; a two-page color-coded "Key to Using Your Dictionary"; and a guide to pronunciation symbols. There is also a pronunciation key on every two-page spread of the book.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 5a	Identify and explain specific words or phrases that contribute to the meaning of a text: Connotations of grade-appropriate words in context.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features nearly 1,300 quotations from children's literature, placed at entries throughout the book to illustrate how the entry word is used in context. Over 120 synonym paragraphs illuminate slight differences in connotation among similar words.

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<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
A. Writing 2b	Describe in prose and poetry by using purposeful imagery and sensory details with active verbs and colorful adjectives.	The synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students choose the right word.
A. Writing 6a	Revise own text for word choice.	Students who turn to <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> to revise and edit will hone valuable dictionary skills in the process.
A. Writing 7b	Use various information retrieval sources (traditional and/or electronic) to obtain information on a topic.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes special sections on signs and symbols and geographical names; maps of the United States and the world; and "A Guide for Writers." The free Web site, <a href="http://WordCentral.com">WordCentral.com</a> , offers an online student dictionary and thesaurus.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
A. Grammar 2a	Identify and use parts of speech such as prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides part-of-speech labels at each entry word, as well as separate numbered entries for homographs to help students look up and use parts of speech correctly. Thousands of verbal illustrations provide examples of words in context.
A. Grammar 2e	Identify and use verb tenses such as present, past, and future.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows verb tenses for every entered verb that does not require simply adding -s, -ed, or -ing to the base form.
B. Usage 2c/d	Recognize and correct common usage errors such as homophones, contractions, and commonly confused words. Use available resources to correct or confirm editorial choices.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides grade-level-appropriate definitions along with usage examples to clarify standard use of commonly confused words. Humorous head-scratcher sections teach facts about words, such as homographs and homophones. Usage notes and hints provide additional help. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a list of often-confused words and the information needed to use them correctly.
C. Mechanics 2f	Use capital letters correctly in titles.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that introduces and explains the rules of capitalization.
D. Spelling 2b	Modify spellings when adding inflectional endings and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows all inflected forms that are formed in any way other than by simply adding a suffix.
D. Spelling 2d	Access resources as a spelling aid (word wall, dictionary, technology).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes the spellings students need, including variant spellings. <a href="http://WordCentral.com">WordCentral.com</a> is a free student Web site with a dictionary.

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## FIFTH GRADE

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<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
D. Vocabulary 3b	Use word structure to determine the meaning of words: Grade appropriate prefixes and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has entries for common prefixes and suffixes, as well as entries for words formed from them. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> offers a list of common prefixes and suffixes with their meanings and examples of words that contain them.
D. Vocabulary 3c	Use resources to confirm definitions and gather further information about words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , written especially for students in grade 3–5, has 36,000 entries and includes usage examples, word history and word root information, synonym paragraphs, pronunciations, and more. More advanced students may want to use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , which has nearly 70,000 entries.
<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 1b	Read, use, and identify the characteristics of functional documents such as...atlases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> are colorful, engaging world atlases especially designed for students in grades 5 and up, with full-color maps, charts, and graphs, and other geographical and political information.
	Read, use, and identify the characteristics of functional documents such as ...instructional manuals.	A "Using Your Dictionary" section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows students how to use the features of the book. There is also a color-coded "Key to Using Your Dictionary." <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> gives grade-level-appropriate instruction to help students get the most out of a dictionary.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2c	Use informational aids such as introductions and overviews, ...pronunciation key, other informational aids encountered in informational texts.	The front matter of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes a "Using Your Dictionary" section which shows students how to navigate a dictionary and explains the dictionary's features; a two-page color-coded "Key to Using Your Dictionary"; and a guide to pronunciation symbols. There is also a pronunciation key on every two-page spread of the book.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 5a	Identify and explain specific words or phrases that contribute to the meaning of a text: Denotations of above-grade-level words in context.	Students can find the meanings of unfamiliar grade-level words they encounter in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , which has over 36,000 entries. For above-grade-level words, <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, is written for grades 6–8.
<b>3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Literary Text 7b	Identify and explain specific words and phrases that contribute to meaning: Connotations of grade-appropriate words and phrases in context.	Students can find the meanings of unfamiliar grade-level words they encounter in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , which has over 36,000 entries. The dictionary also features over 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences in connotation among closely-related words.

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## FIFTH GRADE, *continued*

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
A. Writing 2b	Describe in prose and/or poetic forms to clarify, extend, or elaborate on ideas by using vivid language such as imagery and figurative language.	The synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students choose more descriptive words and phrases. The dictionary features nearly 1,300 quotations from classic and contemporary works of children's literature to show how words are used and to provide creative inspiration. Students who want to write rhyming poetry will enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Rhyming Dictionary</i> , which have alphabetical listings of rhyming sounds.
A. Writing 7b	Use various information retrieval sources (traditional and/or electronic) to obtain information on a self-selected and/or given topic.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes special sections on signs and symbols and geographical names, maps of the United States and the world; and "A Guide for Writers." The free student Web site, <a href="http://WordCentral.com">WordCentral.com</a> , offers an online student dictionary and thesaurus.
A. Writing 7e	Credit sources when paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting to avoid plagiarism.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation</i> each have chapters providing guidance on creating notes and bibliographies.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
B. Usage 2b	Apply consistent and appropriate use of the principal parts of regular and irregular verbs; person, number, and case of pronouns; pronoun/ antecedent agreement; and degrees of comparison of modifiers.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows irregular verb tenses and gives irregular comparative and superlative forms of adverbs and adjectives. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use and other sticky grammar and usage issues (a grammar glossary helps students find the articles they need).
B. Usage 2c	Recognize and correct common usage errors such as misplaced modifiers and incorrect use of verbs such as <i>lie-lay</i> , <i>rise-raise</i> , <i>sit-set</i> .	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> includes coverage of troublesome word groups and the correct uses of the words, such as <i>sit-set</i> and <i>lie-lay</i> . <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> has brief discussions on many troublesome words and other common usage errors.
C. Mechanics 2a-e	Apply standard English punctuation and capitalization in written language.	<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.
D. Spelling 2c	Use suitable traditional and electronic resources as a spelling aid.	Students can turn to <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> to check their spelling. <a href="http://WordCentral.com">WordCentral.com</a> , a free student Web site, offers a student dictionary and grade-level-appropriate games that help with spelling skills.

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## SIXTH GRADE

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
D. Vocabulary 3b	Use word structure to determine the meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes nearly 3,000 etymologies that give the origins and meaning of a word's components. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features lists of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings and Greek and Latin roots and their meanings. <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.
D. Vocabulary 3c	Use resources to confirm definitions and gather further information about words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, contains the words students in grades 6–8 need to know. It also includes word history and synonym paragraphs and thousands of example sentences. Students can also consult <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate 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. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> fit in a student's binder.
<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 1b	Read, use, and identify the characteristics of functional documents such as...atlases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> are colorful, engaging world atlases especially designed for students in grades 5 and up, with full-color maps, charts, and graphs, and other geographical and political information.
	Read, use, and identify the characteristics of functional documents such as ...instructional manuals.	<i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> includes exercises and activities to help students understand how to use a dictionary and thesaurus.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2c	Use informational aids such as introductions and overviews, ...pronunciation key, other informational aids encountered in informational texts.	The front matter of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes a "Using Your Dictionary" section which shows students how to navigate a dictionary and explains the dictionary's features; a two-page color-coded "Key to Using Your Dictionary"; and a guide to pronunciation symbols. There is also a pronunciation key on every two-page spread of the book.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 5a	Identify and explain specific words or phrases that contribute to the meaning of a text: Denotations of above-grade-level words in context.	Students can find the meanings of unfamiliar grade-level words they encounter in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , which has nearly 70,000 entries. For more advanced texts, they may want to use <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , which has over 100,000 definitions.

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## SIXTH GRADE, *continued*

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text</b>		
<b>A. Comprehension of Literary Text 7a</b>	Identify and explain specific words and phrases that contribute to meaning: Significant words and phrases (e.g., idioms, colloquialisms, etc.) with a specific effect on meaning.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes entries with meanings for hundreds of idioms and expressions.
<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
<b>A. Writing 2b</b>	Describe in prose and/or poetic forms to clarify, extend, or elaborate on ideas by using vivid language such as imagery, figurative language, and sound elements.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> includes example sentences for every synonym to help students make effective word choices. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes nearly 200 synonym paragraphs to help students distinguish slight differences between similar words. Students who want to incorporate rhyme in their writing will enjoy using <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Rhyming Dictionary</i> , which have alphabetical listings of rhyming sounds.
<b>A. Writing 4b</b>	Consider the connotative and/or denotative meanings of words when selecting vocabulary.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that discuss connotative and denotative differences among synonyms. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences among synonyms, with usage examples to illustrate those differences.
<b>A. Writing 7e</b>	Use a recognized format to credit sources when paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting to avoid plagiarism.	<i>The Merriam-Webster Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> give students the basics for citing sources according to the rules of standard style manuals.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
<b>A. Grammar 2a-d</b>	Recognize, recall, and use grammar concepts and skills to strengthen control of oral and written language.	Students can make sure they understand grammar terms with <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , which include a grammar glossary with definitions and helpful discussions. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> has a list of 10 common grammar and punctuation errors and a brief grammar glossary with examples.
<b>B. Usage 2a</b>	Apply appropriate subject/verb agreement such as with collective nouns, indefinite pronouns, and inverted word order.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> features articles that discuss sticky grammar issues such as subject-verb agreement. (A grammar glossary helps students find the articles they need.)

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
B. Usage 2b	Apply consistent and appropriate use of the principal parts of regular and irregular verbs; person, number, and case of pronouns; pronoun/antecedent agreement; and degrees of comparison of modifiers.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> shows irregular verb tenses and gives irregular comparative and superlative forms of adverbs and adjectives. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief discussions of correct pronoun use.
B. Usage 2c	Recognize and correct common usage errors such as misplaced modifiers, incorrect use of verbs, double negatives; and commonly confused words such as <i>accept-except</i> .	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief discussions on many commonly confused words as well as articles on common usage problems. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> also has a list of frequently confused words plus brief entries for other common problem words.
C. Mechanics 2a-d	Apply standard English punctuation and capitalization in written language.	<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 Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> also provide guidance to the conventions of punctuation and capitalization.
D. Spelling 2c	Use suitable traditional and electronic resources as a spelling aid.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, is a student's resource for spelling help. It includes variant spellings and the spellings of all irregular inflected forms. <i>WordCentral.com</i> is a free student Web site that includes a dictionary.



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## SEVENTH GRADE

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
D. Vocabulary 3b	Use word structure to determine the meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> gives students tools to decipher unfamiliar words derived from 250 Greek and Latin roots. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features lists of prefixes, suffixes and Greek and Latin roots with their meanings. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> exposes students to nearly 3,000 etymologies that give the origins and meaning of a word's components.
D. Vocabulary 3c	Use resources to confirm definitions and gather further information about words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, contains the words students in grades 6–8 need to know. It also includes word history and synonym paragraphs and thousands of example sentences. Students can also consult <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate 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 fun. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> fit in a student's binder.
<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 1b	Read, use, and identify the characteristics of workplace and other real-world documents such as...atlases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> are especially designed for students, with full-color maps, charts, and graphs, and other geographical and political information.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2c	Analyze informational aids that contribute to meaning.	A "Using Your Dictionary" section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> helps students get the most out of their dictionary by explaining the dictionary's features. There is also a guide to pronunciation symbols.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 5a	Analyze specific word choice that contributes to the meaning and/or creates style: Denotations of above-grade-level words in context.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely-related words. For more advanced texts, students may want to consult <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , which is written for grades 9–11 and has over 85,000 entries.
<b>3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Literary Text 7a	Analyze how specific language choices contribute to meaning: Significant words (e.g., idioms, colloquialisms, etc.) with a specific effect on meaning.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes entries for hundreds of idioms and expressions that students encounter. In addition, <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers synonyms for many phrases and expressions.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
A. Writing 2b	Describe in prose and/or poetic forms to clarify, extend, or elaborate on ideas by using evocative language and appropriate organizational structure to create a dominant impression.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , used in conjunction with <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , can help students find the words they need. Students who want to write in rhyme can get help from <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Rhyming Dictionary</i> , which feature alphabetical listings of rhyming sounds.
A. Writing 4b	Make effective decisions regarding word choice according to connotative and denotative meanings.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> discuss connotative and denotative differences among synonyms to help students with word choice. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences among synonyms, with usage examples to illustrate those differences.
A. Writing 7e	Use a recognized format to credit sources when paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting to avoid plagiarism.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> give students the basics for citing sources according to the rules of standard style manuals.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
A. Grammar 2a-d	Apply knowledge of grammar concepts and skills to control oral and written language.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> include a grammar glossary with definitions, helpful discussions, and examples of grammatical terms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a list of 10 common grammar and punctuation errors and a brief grammar glossary with examples to help students with some basic grammar concepts.
B. Usage 2a	Apply appropriate subject/verb agreement such as agreement involving words of amount, time, and money.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> gives concise answers to many usage problems, including agreement.
B. Usage 2b	Apply consistent and appropriate use of the person, number, and case of pronouns; pronoun/antecedent agreement; special pronoun problems such as <i>who-whom...</i> ; active and passive voice, and verbal phrases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use, including use of <i>who</i> and <i>whom</i> . A grammar glossary in the back helps students find the articles they need.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
B. Usage 2c	Recognize and correct common usage errors such as misplaced and dangling modifiers; incorrect use of verbs; double negatives; and commonly confused words such as <i>accept-except</i> .	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief discussions on common usage errors and commonly confused words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> has a list of 75 troublesome word groups, such as <i>accept-except</i> , along with correct use of each word. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> has a longer list of frequently confused words plus brief entries for other common problem words.
C. Mechanics 2a-d	Apply standard English punctuation and capitalization in written language.	<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 Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> provide comprehensive guidance to the conventions of punctuation and capitalization.
D. Spelling 2c	Use suitable traditional and electronic resources as a spelling aid.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, is a student's resource for spelling help. It includes variant spellings and the spellings of all irregular inflected forms. <i>WordCentral.com</i> is a free student Web site that includes a dictionary.

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## EIGHTH GRADE

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>1.0 General Reading Process</b>		
D. Vocabulary 3b	Use word structure to determine the meaning of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> gives students tools to decipher unfamiliar words derived from 250 Greek and Latin roots. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features handy lists of prefixes, suffixes, and Greek and Latin roots with their meanings. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> exposes students to nearly 3,000 etymologies that give the origins and meaning of a word's components.
D. Vocabulary 3c	Use resources to confirm definitions and gather further information about words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, contains the words students in grades 6–8 need to know. It also includes word history and synonym paragraphs and thousands of example sentences. Students can also consult <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate 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 fun. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> fit in a student's binder.
<b>2.0 Comprehension of Informational Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 1b	Read, use, and identify the characteristics of workplace and other real-world documents such as...atlases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> are especially designed for students, with full-color maps, charts, and graphs, and other geographical and political information.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 2c	Analyze informational aids that contribute to meaning.	A "Using Your Dictionary" section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> helps students get the most out of their dictionary by explaining the dictionary's features. There is also a guide to pronunciation symbols.
A. Comprehension of Informational Text 5a	Analyze specific word choice that contributes to the meaning and/or creates style: Denotations of above-grade-level words in context.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely-related words. For more advanced texts, students may want to consult <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , which is written for grades 9–11 and has over 85,000 entries.
<b>3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text</b>		
A. Comprehension of Literary Text 7a	Analyze and evaluate how specific language choices contribute to meaning: Significant words (e.g., idioms, colloquialisms, etc.) with a specific effect on meaning.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes entries for hundreds of idioms and expressions that students encounter. In addition, <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers synonyms for many phrases and expressions.

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<b>Standard</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Merriam-Webster Offering</b>
<b>4.0 Writing</b>		
<b>A. Writing 2b</b>	Describe in prose and/or poetic forms to clarify, extend, or elaborate on ideas by using evocative language and appropriate organizational structure to create a dominant impression.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , used in conjunction with <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , can help students find the words they need. Students who want to write in rhyme can get help from <i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Rhyming Dictionary</i> , which feature alphabetical listings of rhyming sounds.
<b>A. Writing 4b</b>	Differentiate connotative from denotative meanings of words to make precise word choices.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> discuss connotative and denotative differences among synonyms to help students with word choice. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences among synonyms, with usage examples to illustrate those differences.
<b>A. Writing 7e</b>	Use a recognized format to credit sources when paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting to avoid plagiarism.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> give students the basics of citing sources according to the rules of standard style manuals.
<b>5.0 Controlling Language</b>		
<b>A. Grammar 2a-d</b>	Apply knowledge of grammar concepts and skills to control oral and written language.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> include a grammar glossary with definitions, helpful discussions, and examples of grammatical terms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a list of 10 common grammar and punctuation errors and a brief grammar glossary with examples, to help students with some basic grammar concepts.
<b>B. Usage 2a</b>	Apply appropriate English usage involving subject/verb agreement.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> gives concise answers to many usage problems, including agreement.
<b>B. Usage 2b</b>	Apply consistent and appropriate use of the person, number, and case of pronouns; pronoun/antecedent agreement; special pronoun problems such as <i>who-whom...</i> ; active and passive voice, and verbal phrases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use, including use of <i>who</i> and <i>whom</i> . A grammar glossary in the back helps students find the articles they need.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
B. Usage 2c	Recognize and correct common usage errors such as misplaced and dangling modifiers; incorrect use of verbs; double negatives; and commonly confused words such as <i>β</i> .	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief discussions on common usage errors and commonly confused words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> has a list of 75 troublesome word groups, such as <i>accept-except</i> , along with correct use of each word. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> has a longer list of frequently confused words plus brief entries for other common problem words.
C. Mechanics 2a-d	Apply standard English punctuation and capitalization in written language.	<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 Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> provide comprehensive guidance to the conventions of punctuation and capitalization, with separate sections for each component of punctuation and plentiful examples.
D. Spelling 2c	Use suitable traditional and electronic resources as a spelling aid.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, is a student's resource for spelling help. It includes variant spellings and the spellings of all irregular inflected forms. <i>WordCentral.com</i> is a free student Web site that includes a dictionary.