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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>READING</b>		
3.1.K A. Concepts About Print 2-3	Distinguish letters from words. Recognize that words are separated by spaces.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> shows each new letter on its own page and provides examples of the letter used in words that are part of a rhyming text. <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> does the same at the opening page for every letter.
3.1.K B. Phonological Awareness 4	Learn many one-to-one letter-sound correspondences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer entertaining poems and illustrations to demonstrate and describe the sound-letter correspondences of each letter of the alphabet.
3.1.K C. Decoding and Word Recognition 2	Recognize and name most uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer full-page illustrations showing the shapes of both capital and lowercase letters.
3.1.K D. Fluency 4	Listen and respond attentively to literary texts (e.g., nursery rhymes) and functional texts.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> serves as both literary and functional text: it is generously interspersed with rhymes and verse and stories, as well as explanations and word histories that are appropriate for reading aloud.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.K C. Word Choice 2	Suggest rhyming words during word play, songs, or read-aloud.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer opportunity for student read-aloud participation.
<b>VIEWING AND MEDIA LITERACY</b>		
3.5.K A. Constructing Meaning 1	Make predictions about visual information (e.g., pictures in books).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> have hundreds of pictures used to illustrate words, context, and concepts that students can use to make predictions.
3.5.K B. Visual and Verbal Messages 2	Show understanding of purpose for pictures in books.	

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## GRADE ONE

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<b>READING</b>		
3.1.1 B. Phonological Awareness 1	Demonstrate understanding of all sound-symbol relationships.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer exposure to sound-letter correspondence with entertaining poems and illustrations for each letter.
3.1.1 B. Phonological Awareness 5	Add, delete, or change sounds to change words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> use poems to show students words that begin with the same letter and words that begin with different letters but end with the same spelling or sound.
3.1.1 C. Decoding and Word Recognition 1	Identify all consonant sounds in spoken words (including blends such as <i>bl</i> and <i>br</i> , and digraphs such as <i>th</i> , <i>wh</i> ).	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> use the featured letter in blends and digraphs where appropriate.
3.1.1 C. Decoding and Word Recognition 2	Recognize and use rhyming words to reinforce decoding skills.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer abundant examples of rhyming words.
3.1.1 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 2	Use and explain common antonyms and synonyms.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> include information about synonyms and antonyms.
3.1.1 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 3	Comprehend common and/or specific vocabulary in informational texts and literature.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> presents nearly 1,000 entry words with explanations and examples, rhymes, riddles, jokes, stories, and word histories and exposes students to nearly 3,000 words.
3.1.1 G. Comprehension Skills and Response to Text 1	Draw simple conclusions from information gathered from pictures, print, and people.	The more than 700 illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> give students many opportunities to use pictures to gather information.
3.1.1 G. Comprehension Skills and Response to Text 2	Demonstrate familiarity with genres of text, including story-books, expository texts, poetry, and newspapers.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is an appropriate first introduction to reference texts.
<b>WRITING</b>		
3.2.1 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 2	Begin to use basic punctuation and capitalization.	Frequent exposure to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> familiarizes students with the rules of capitalization and basic punctuation.
3.2.1 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 5	Develop awareness of conventional spelling.	Frequent exposure to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> leads to an awareness of spelling, as students see the featured words repeated several times at every entry.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.1 C. Word Choice 2	Use descriptive words to clarify and extend ideas.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer synonyms, and some also offer suggestions for descriptive words and phrases that can be applied to the headword.
3.3.1 D. Oral Presentation 1	Recite poems, stories, or rhymes orally (e.g., favorite nursery rhymes).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is interspersed with original and classic rhymes, poems, and stories to inspire students.

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## GRADE TWO

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<b>READING</b>		
3.1.2 C. Decoding and Word Recognition 4	Read many irregularly spelled words and such spelling patterns as diphthongs, special vowel spelling, and common endings.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> provides a collection of brief, entertaining reading passages that expose students to nearly 3000 grade-level-appropriate words.
3.1.2 D. Fluency 3	Use appropriate inflection (e.g., dialogue, exclamations, questions).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> includes rhymes, riddles, jokes, stories, and comments that give students opportunities to read with expression.
3.1.2 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 1	Develop a vocabulary of 500–800 regular and irregular sight words.	Nearly 1,000 entry words are presented in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> with explanations and examples, rhymes, riddles, jokes, stories, and word histories to assist in vocabulary building.
3.1.2 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 2	Know and relate meanings of simple prefixes and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to common prefixes and suffixes at many entries; for example, at <b>do</b> , students also see <i>overdo</i> , <i>outdo</i> , <i>undo</i> and <i>redo</i> , and at <b>farm</b> , they read about <i>farmer</i> .
3.1.2 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 4	Understand concept of antonyms and synonyms.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> include information about synonyms and antonyms, as well as related words, such as different words for bird sounds at <b>caw</b> .
3.1.2 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 5	Begin to use a grade-appropriate dictionary with assistance from teacher.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is specially designed to introduce dictionary elements to students in grades K–2. Students can start to become familiar with a more conventional dictionary by looking at corresponding entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> (designed for grades 3–5).
3.1.2 H. Inquiry and Research 1	Locate information using alphabetical order.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> to practice using alphabetical order to look up words.
<b>WRITING</b>		
3.2.2 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 1	Use correct end point punctuation.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> provides a wide variety of comments and riddles where students can see punctuation in action—for example (at the entry for <b>burn</b> ) “When a house burns up, it burns down!”
3.2.2 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 2	Apply basic rules of capitalization.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> shows entry words at the beginning of example sentences as well as within them, so students can see the capitalization process in action.
3.2.2 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 3	Use correct spelling of some high frequency words.	Frequent exposure to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> builds students' spelling skills, as students see the featured words repeated several times at every entry.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.2 C. Word Choice 1	Use new vocabulary learned from literature and classroom experiences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers many new vocabulary choices, as students are introduced to synonyms and related words at entries.

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<b>READING</b>		
3.1.3 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 4	Use a grade-appropriate dictionary with assistance from teacher.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is a grade-level-appropriate dictionary with full-color illustrations. It includes an easy-to-follow "Using Your Dictionary" section.
3.2.3 A. Writing as a Process 5	Revise a draft by ... improving openings, closings, and word choice.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> helps with word choice. It has more than 32,000 entries, including multiple definitions, usage labels, verbal illustrations, derived forms, and defined run-on phrases, designed for students in grades 3-5.
3.2.3 A. Writing as a Process 9	Use reference materials to revise work, such as a dictionary or internet/software source.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is a grade-level-appropriate reference source designed to help students in the writing and editing process. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers free online access to a dictionary specially designed for students.
3.2.3 A. Writing as a Process 10	Edit work for basic spelling and mechanics.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for more than 32,000 commonly used words, including variant spellings.
3.2.3 B. Writing as a Product 5	Write a descriptive piece, such as a description of a person, place, or object.	Many of the entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> are supplemented with synonym paragraphs to encourage students to use descriptive words appropriately. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a student's first introduction to full synonym lists.
3.2.3 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 2	Use grade-appropriate knowledge of English grammar and usage to craft writing, such as singular and plural nouns, subject/verb agreement, and appropriate parts of speech.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows all irregular plurals, and verb forms are shown for every verb that requires more than simply adding <i>-s</i> , <i>-ed</i> , or <i>-ing</i> to the base form.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.3 C. Word Choice 1	Use vocabulary related to a particular topic.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> offers students more than 32,000 grade-level-appropriate entries from a wide variety of subjects.
3.3.3 C. Word Choice 3	Use new vocabulary and figurative language learned from literature and classroom experiences.	Regular use of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> exposes students to a wealth of multiple meanings for words to help expand their vocabulary.
3.3.3 D. Oral Presentation 3	Use appropriate strategies to prepare, rehearse, and deliver an oral presentation, such as word choice, expression, eye contact, and volume.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides students with correct pronunciations for the words they need for an oral presentation, with simplified pronunciation symbols that are explained at the front of the book. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free student dictionary.

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<b>READING</b>		
3.1.4 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 1	Infer word meaning from learned roots, prefixes, and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> provides a list of common Greek and Latin roots with their meanings and a list of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings.
3.1.4 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 3	Identify and correctly use antonyms, synonyms, homophones, and homographs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a student's first introduction to full lists of synonyms and antonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features synonym paragraphs that explain differences among hundreds of closely related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features a list of confusable homophones and their meanings.
3.1.4 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 4	Use a grade-appropriate dictionary (independently) to define unknown words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is a grade-level-appropriate dictionary that enables students to build valuable dictionary skills. It includes an easy-to-follow "Using Your Dictionary" section. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> helps students refine their dictionary skills further with games, puzzles, and quizzes.
<b>WRITING</b>		
3.2.4 A. Writing as a Process 5	Revise drafts by ... improving and word choice.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is designed for students in grades 3–5. It has more than 32,000 entries, including multiple definitions, usage labels, example phrases, derived forms, and defined phrases.
3.2.4 A. Writing as a Process 8	Use a variety of reference materials to revise work, such as a dictionary, thesaurus, or internet/ software resources.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> are specifically designed for students. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> has sections to help students in the use of a thesaurus as well as a dictionary. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers free access to an online student dictionary.
3.2.4 B. Writing as a Product 6	Write sentences of varying lengths and complexity, using specific nouns, verbs, and descriptive words.	Many of the entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> are supplemented with synonym paragraphs to encourage students to use descriptive words appropriately. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers full synonym lists, with meanings and example sentences.
3.2.4 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 3	Use grade-appropriate knowledge of English grammar and usage to craft writing, such as subject/verb agreement, pronoun usage and agreement, and appropriate verb tenses.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> show verb tenses for every verb that requires more than simply adding <i>-s</i> , <i>-ed</i> , or <i>-ing</i> to the base form. Example phrases at verb and pronoun entries give additional usage help.
3.2.4 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 4	Use punctuation correctly in sentences, such as ending punctuation, commas, and quotation marks in dialogue.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> can be a student's first style manual, providing guidance in all aspects of punctuation, including quotation marks. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes a Handbook of Style section with concise information about punctuation.

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3.2.4 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 5	Use capital letters correctly in sentences, for proper nouns, and in titles.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> provides a chapter on capitals, including capitalization of proper nouns and titles. The Handbook of Style in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes the basic rules of capitalization.
3.2.4 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 8	Spell grade-appropriate words correctly with particular attention to frequently used words, contractions, and homophones.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for more than 32,000 commonly used words, including variant spellings.
3.2.4 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 10	Use a variety of reference materials, such as a dictionary, grammar reference, and internet/software to edit written work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> are all grade-level-appropriate references for student editing.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.4 C. Word Choice 3	Use appropriate vocabulary to support or clarify a message.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has more than 32,000 grade-level-appropriate entries to provide students with vocabulary help.
3.3.4 D. Oral Presentation 4	Maintain audience interest during formal presentations, incorporating adequate volume, proper pacing, and clear enunciation.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides students with correct pronunciations for oral presentation, including simplified pronunciation symbols explained at the front of the book (and presented in a key on every two-page spread). <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free student dictionary.

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## GRADE FIVE

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<b>READING</b>		
3.1.5 C. Decoding and Word Recognition 1	Use the pronunciation key of a dictionary to decode new words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has simple pronunciation symbols that are explained at the front of the book and shown in a key at the bottom of every two-page spread. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> gives additional explanation of pronunciation symbols and includes exercises.
3.1.5 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 1	Infer word meaning from learned roots, prefixes, and suffixes.	Students can expand their understanding of roots, prefixes, and suffixes with <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , which has lists of common Greek and Latin roots with their meanings, and of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings.
3.1.5 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 3	Identify and correctly use antonyms, synonyms, homophones, and homographs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> introduce students to synonyms. Their synonym paragraphs explain slight differences among closely related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a student's first introduction to full lists of synonyms and antonyms.
3.1.5 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 4	Use a grade-appropriate dictionary independently to define unknown words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is a 32,000-entry dictionary designed for grades 3–5. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is a 70,000-word dictionary for more advanced students. Both include a "Using Your Dictionary" section that explains the elements of a dictionary. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> helps students refine their dictionary skills with games, puzzles, and quizzes.
3.1.5 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 5	Use a thesaurus to identify alternative word choices and meanings.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is designed for students in middle school. <i>Merriam-Webster's How to Use Your Dictionary</i> provides grade-level-appropriate instructions in how to use a thesaurus. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> , which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , a listing of synonyms, related words, and antonyms.
3.1.5 G. Comprehension Skills and Response to Text 13	Recognize figurative language in text.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> contains literary terms, from <i>alliteration</i> to <i>simile</i> , that students in the middle-school years will encounter. Many definitions include examples.
3.1.5 H. Inquiry and Research 6	Interpret and use graphic sources of information such as maps, graphs, timelines, or tables to address research questions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> is a four-color world atlas designed for students in grades 5–8 with full-color maps, charts, and graphs with geographical information.
<b>WRITING</b>		
3.2.5 A. Writing as a Process 7	Make decisions about the use of precise language, including adjectives, adverbs, verbs, and specific details, and justify the choices made.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help with word choice. Its more than 32,000 entries include multiple definitions, usage labels, verbal illustrations, derived forms, and defined run-on phrases designed for students in grades 3–5.

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3.2.5 A. Writing as a Process 10–11	Review and edit work for spelling, usage, clarity, organization, and fluency. Use a variety of reference materials to edit work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> helps students with the writing and editing process with its information about spelling, grammar, and word choice.
3.2.5 B. Writing as a Product 6	Write sentences of varying lengths and complexity, using specific nouns, verbs, and descriptive words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes definitions supplemented with synonym paragraphs that encourage students to use descriptive words appropriately. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers full synonym lists, with meanings and example sentences. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> offers handy lists of synonyms.
3.2.5 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 4–5	Use correct capitalization and punctuation, including commas and colons, throughout writing. Use quotation marks and related punctuation correctly in passages of dialogue.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> can be a student's first style manual, providing guidance in all aspects of punctuation, including colons and quotation marks. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes a Handbook of Style section with concise information about punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> also contains a brief punctuation guide.
3.2.5 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 6	Use knowledge of roots, prefixes, suffixes, and English spelling patterns to spell words correctly in writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for more than 32,000 commonly used words, including variant spellings. <i>Webster's Instant Word Guide</i> is a guide to the spelling and end-of-line divisions of 35,000 words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers free grade-level-appropriate games that help with spelling skills.
3.2.5 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 8–9	Edit writing for correct grammar usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Use a variety of reference materials, such as a dictionary, grammar reference, and/or internet/software resources to edit written work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com), and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> are grade-level-appropriate references for student editing.
3.2.5 D. Writing Forms, Audiences, and Purposes 10	Write persuasive essays with ...sources cited when needed.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> has a section on the correct form for citing different kinds of sources.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.5 C. Word Choice 2	Use varied word choice to clarify, illustrate, and elaborate.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has more than 32,000 grade-level-appropriate entries and offers students the vocabulary they need for oral presentations. More advanced students will find a broader selection of words in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> .
3.3.5 D. Oral Presentation 3	Use clear, precise, organized language that reflects the conventions of spoken English.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> gives students correct pronunciations for precise presentation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations with its free online student dictionary.

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<b>READING</b>		
3.1.6 C. Decoding and Word Recognition 1	Use a dictionary to decode new words independently.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is a 70,000-word dictionary especially designed for students in grades 6–8. It includes a “Using Your Dictionary” section that explains the elements of a dictionary.
3.1.6 C. Decoding and Word Recognition 3	Apply knowledge of new words correctly (refer to word parts and word origin).	Regular use of <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> introduces students to nearly 3,000 etymologies giving the roots and origins of words, and it offers nearly 300 expanded word history paragraphs to introduce word origins.
3.1.6 E. Reading Strategies 5	Use reference aids for word meanings when reading.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> offers thousands of meanings that can help students understand words encountered in a variety of written works. Its hundreds of illustrations and thousands of usage examples help clarify meanings and expand understanding of words in context. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> is a portable dictionary.
3.1.6 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 1	Infer word meaning from learned roots, prefixes, and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> has lists of common Greek and Latin roots with their meanings and also prefixes and suffixes and their meanings.
3.1.6 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 3	Identify and correctly use antonyms, synonyms, homophones, and homographs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> features nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that explain differences among closely related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> has full synonym and antonym lists and an example sentence for every synonym. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> contain brief explanations of differences between synonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a list of confusable homophones and their meanings.
3.1.6 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 4	Use the dictionary for a variety of purposes (e.g., definitions, word origins, parts of speech).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is a 70,000 word dictionary that has multiple definitions, etymologies, example phrases, word history paragraphs, and synonym paragraphs all designed for students in grades 6–8.
3.1.6 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 5	Use a thesaurus to identify alternative word choices and meanings.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is designed especially for students in the middle-school years. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> , which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , a listing of synonyms, related words, and antonyms.
3.1.6 G. Comprehension Skills and Response to Text 13	Recognize sensory details, figurative language, and other literary devices in text.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> contains the literary terms, from <i>alliteration</i> to <i>simile</i> , that students in the middle-school years will encounter. Many definitions include examples.
3.1.6 H. Inquiry and Research 4	Interpret and use graphic sources of information such as maps, graphs, timelines, or tables to address research questions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> is a four-color world atlas designed for middle-school students with full-color maps, charts, and graphs with geographical information.

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<b>WRITING</b>		
<b>3.2.6 A.</b> Writing as a Process 9–10	Review and edit work for spelling, usage, clarity, organization, and fluency. Use a variety of reference materials to edit work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> supports the writing and editing process with information about spelling, grammar, and word choice. Regular use will hone students' dictionary skills. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> can help with the difficult aspects of usage.
<b>3.2.6 B.</b> Writing as a Product 8	Prepare a works consulted page for reports or research papers.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have a section on the correct form for citing different sources.
<b>3.2.6 C.</b> Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 3	Use knowledge of English grammar and usage to express ideas effectively.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a list of often-confused words and the information needed to use them correctly. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a chapter on common problems in word usage, with a concise grammar glossary to help students understand grammatical concepts and common errors in grammar. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has entries for more than a thousand commonly confused words and phrases and disputed usage.
<b>3.2.6 C.</b> Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 4–5	Use correct capitalization and punctuation, including commas and colons, throughout writing. Use quotation marks and related punctuation correctly in passages of dialogue.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes a Handbook of Style section with concise information about punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offer more extensive guidance. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> also contains a brief punctuation guide.
<b>3.2.6 C.</b> Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 6	Use knowledge of roots, prefixes, suffixes, and English spelling patterns to spell words correctly in writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for nearly 70,000 commonly used words, including variant spellings. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers free grade-level-appropriate games that help with spelling skills.
<b>3.2.6 C.</b> Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 8–9	Use the dictionary for a variety of purposes (e.g., definitions, word origins, parts of speech). Edit writing for correct grammar usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Use a variety of reference materials, such as a dictionary, grammar reference, and/or internet/ software resources to edit written work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com), <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> are grade-level-appropriate references for student editing.
<b>3.2.6 D.</b> Writing Forms, Audiences, and Purposes 3	Develop and use knowledge of a variety of genres, including... poetry.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> provides help in writing original rhyme with its alphabetical listing of rhyming sounds.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
<b>3.3.6 D.</b> Oral Presentation 3	Use clear, precise, organized language that reflects the conventions of spoken English.	The 70,000 entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> offer students the vocabulary and the pronunciations they need for a precise presentation. The free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations.

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## GRADE SEVEN

Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
<b>READING</b>		
3.1.7 C. Decoding and Word Recognition 1	Distinguish among the spellings of homophones (e.g., <i>cite</i> , <i>site</i> , <i>sight</i> ).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a handy list of often confused homophones and their meanings.
3.1.7 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 2	Clarify word meanings through the use of a word's definition, example, restatement, or contrast.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides definitions written in language appropriate for middle-school students. Synonym paragraphs in that dictionary, as well as discussions in <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> help students clarify word meanings with explanations that distinguish slight differences between closely related words.
3.1.7 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 3	Clarify pronunciations, meanings, alternate word choice, parts of speech, and etymology using the dictionary, thesaurus, glossary, and technology resources.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is a full-featured 70,000 word dictionary appropriate for grades 6–8. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> is a more advanced dictionary with more than 100,000 entries. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers free online access to a student-level dictionary. <i>Merriam-Webster Online</i> (Merriam-Webster.com) offers free online access to a general adult dictionary. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a thesaurus designed for students in the middle-school years, based on the vocabulary in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> . <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> offers a single reference with its combined dictionary and thesaurus entries.
3.1.7 G. Comprehension Skills and Response to Text 17	Interpret idiomatic expressions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has over 700 idioms and phrases with their meanings. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> has nearly 1,000.
<b>WRITING</b>		
3.2.7 A. Writing as a Process 4	Revise and edit drafts by rereading for content and organization, usage, sentence construction, mechanics, and word choice.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) help students in the revising and editing process check their usage and word choice. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> can help students with some of the more difficult aspects of usage.
3.2.7 B. Writing as a Product 3	Write reports and subject-appropriate nonfiction pieces across the curriculum based on research and including citations, quotations, and a works-consulted page.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> has a chapter on incorporating quotations into texts. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers the same information in a condensed format. Both books have a section on bibliographies and parenthetical references, as does <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> .
3.2.7 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 6	Edit writing for correct grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes information about many spelling, grammar, and usage issues. It also includes a Handbook of Style section with concise information about punctuation and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> offer additional guidance in styling matters.

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3.2.7 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 7	Use a variety of reference materials, such as a dictionary, thesaurus, grammar reference, and/or internet/software resources to edit written work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com), as well as <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> are grade-level-appropriate references for editing.
3.2.7 D. Writing Forms, Audiences, and Purposes 4	Write personal narratives, short stories, memoirs, poetry, and persuasive and expository text.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> is a useful tool for writing original rhyme with its alphabetical listing of rhyming sounds.
3.2.7 D. Writing Forms, Audiences, and Purposes 7	Write reports based on research and include citations, quotations, and a works-consulted page.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> gives information on citing special types of references, such as non-print sources, unpublished materials, and online sources.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.7 D. Oral Presentation 3	Use clear, precise, organized language that reflects the conventions of spoken English.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has nearly 70,000 entries and offers students the vocabulary and the pronunciations they need for a precise presentation. The free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers audio pronunciations.

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<b>READING</b>		
3.1.8 C. Decoding and Word Recognition 1	Distinguish among the spellings of homophones to determine meaning (e.g., <i>cite</i> , <i>site</i> , <i>sight</i> ).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> contains a handy list of often confused homophones and their meanings.
3.1.8 D. Fluency 2	Read increasingly difficult texts silently with comprehension and fluency.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is a 70,000-word dictionary designed to help students in grades 6–8 understand words encountered in a wide variety of sources. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> is a 100,000-word dictionary designed for more advanced students.
3.1.8 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 2	Clarify word meanings through the use of a word's definition, example, restatement, or contrast.	The definitions in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> are written in language appropriate for middle-school students. More advanced students may consult <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> . <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , featuring synonyms, antonyms, and related words, provides students with the vocabulary they need to convey ideas.
3.1.8 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 3	Clarify pronunciations, meanings, alternate word choice, parts of speech, and etymology of words using the dictionary, thesaurus, glossary, and technology resources.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is a full-featured 70,000 word dictionary appropriate for middle-school students. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> is a more advanced dictionary with more than 100,000 entries. <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) offers free online access to a student-level dictionary. <i>Merriam-Webster Online</i> (Merriam-Webster.com) offers free online access to a general adult dictionary with audio pronunciations. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a thesaurus designed for students in the middle-school years, based on the vocabulary in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> . <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> is a guide to synonyms and antonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> features combined dictionary and thesaurus entries.
3.1.8 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 4	Expand reading vocabulary by identifying and correctly using idioms and words with literal and figurative meanings.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has over 700 idioms and phrases with their meanings. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> includes nearly 1,000.
3.1.8 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 5	Explain relationships between and among words including connotation/denotation, antonyms/synonyms, and words with multiple meanings.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> offers nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that show connotative and denotative differences among close synonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> has more than 500. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> contain brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between thousands of synonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> has complete lists of synonyms and antonyms.

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<b>WRITING</b>		
3.2.8 A. Writing as a Process 4	Revise and edit drafts by rereading for content and organization, usage, sentence construction, mechanics, and word choice.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> or the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) provide help in the revising and editing process and when checking usage and word choice. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students with some of the more difficult aspects of usage.
3.2.8 B. Writing as a Product 3	Write reports and subject-appropriate nonfiction pieces across the curriculum based on research and including citations, quotations, and a works-consulted page.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> has a chapter on incorporating quotations into texts. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers the same information in a condensed format. Both books have a section on bibliographies and parenthetical references, as does <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> .
3.2.8 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 6	Edit writing for correct grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides information about spelling, grammar, and usage issues. It also includes a Handbook of Style section with concise information about punctuation and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> offer more guidance in styling matters.
3.2.8 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 7	Use a variety of reference materials, such as a dictionary, thesaurus, grammar reference, and/or internet/software resources to edit written work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and the free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com), as well as <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> are grade-level-appropriate references for editing.
3.2.8 D. Writing Forms, Audiences, and Purposes 4	Write personal narratives, short stories, memoirs, poetry, and persuasive and expository text.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> helps students write original rhyme with its alphabetical listing of rhyming sounds.
3.2.8 D. Writing Forms, Audiences, and Purposes 6-7	Use a variety of primary and secondary sources...when writing a research report. Write reports based on research and include citations, quotations, and a works-consulted page.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> gives information on citing special types of references, such as non-print sources, unpublished materials, and online sources.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.8 C. Word Choice 2	Develop and use advanced vocabulary related to a topic.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> offer students the vocabulary and correct pronunciations they need for oral presentations. The free online student dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster's Word Central</i> (WordCentral.com) and the free dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster Online</i> (MerriamWebster.com) give audio pronunciations.

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<b>READING</b>		
3.1.12 D. Fluency 3	Read a variety of genres and types of text with fluency and comprehension.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> includes more than 100,000 entries to help students comprehend grade-level-appropriate material. <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> includes more than 165,000 entries and 225,000 definitions and is designed to support reading across a wide variety of types of text, including classic and contemporary literature, scientific and technical reporting, newspapers and magazines, and online sources. <i>Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged</i> includes nearly 500,000 entries and supports the widest range of reading.
3.1.12 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 1	Use knowledge of word origins and word relationships, as well as historical and literary context clues, to determine the meanings of specialized vocabulary.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> offers nearly 20,000 concise etymologies and more than 200 expanded word history paragraphs to introduce students to word origins. <i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> features dozens of Greek and Latin borrowings and words from classical mythology and history. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Allusions</i> explains the story behind hundreds of terms we use today that refer to mythology or historical and cultural events, with examples of their modern-day usage.
3.1.12 F. Vocabulary and Concept Development 2	Use knowledge of root words to understand new words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> introduces students to 200 of the most productive Greek and Latin roots to determine meanings of many terms used in science, politics, technology, and medicine. Each root is presented in a meaningful way (not merely in an alphabetical listing) with explanations and examples.
<b>WRITING</b>		
3.2.12 A. Writing as a Process 3	Analyze and revise writing to improve style, focus and organization, coherence, clarity of thought, sophisticated word choice and sentence variety, and subtlety of meaning.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> has 100,000 definitions, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> has 225,000 definitions to help students understand the subtle shades of meaning that words can have. The 500 synonym paragraphs in the <i>School Dictionary</i> and 600 synonym paragraphs in the <i>Collegiate Dictionary</i> help students make sophisticated word choices among close synonyms.
3.2.12 A. Writing as a Process 4	Review and edit work for spelling, usage, clarity, and fluency.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> (or the free online dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster Online</i> (MerriamWebster.com)) help students check their spelling, usage, and word choice in the revising and editing process. <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> provide usage advice.
3.2.12 B. Writing as a Product 7	Use primary and secondary sources to provide evidence or justification or to extend a position, and cite sources, such as periodicals, interviews, discourse, and electronic media.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have sections on bibliographies and parenthetical references. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> offer information on citing special types of references, such as non-print sources, unpublished materials, and online sources.

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3.2.12 B. Writing as a Product 8	Foresee readers' needs and develop interest through strategies such as using precise language, specific details, definitions, descriptions, examples, anecdotes, analogies, and humor.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> provide a ready source of precise definitions. The paperback <i>Merriam-Webster Dictionary</i> offers more concise definitions. Students who need help with specific word choice can use <i>The Merriam-Webster Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> , or <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus</i> . Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> , a single reference with dictionary and thesaurus entries combined.
3.2.12 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 1	Use Standard English conventions in all writing, such as sentence structure, grammar and usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> provide the final authority for students when questions of grammar, usage, and spelling arise. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> provide concise assistance with punctuation and capitalization matters.
3.2.12 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 6	Use knowledge of Standard English conventions to edit own writing and the writing of others for correctness.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreader's marks, and a list of common errors in grammar and punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> includes a section on proofreading and copyediting.
3.2.12 C. Mechanics, Spelling, and Handwriting 7	Use a variety of reference materials, such as a dictionary, grammar reference, and/or internet/software resources to edit written work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> and the free online dictionary at <i>Merriam-Webster Online</i> (MerriamWebster.com), as well as <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Handbook for Writers</i> are appropriate references for student editing.
3.2.12 D. Writing Forms, Audiences, and Purposes 2	Demonstrate command of a variety of writing genres, such as ... poetry.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Rhyming Dictionary</i> helps students write original rhyme with its alphabetical listing of rhyming sounds and more than 70,000 rhyming words.
<b>SPEAKING</b>		
3.3.12 D. Oral Presentation 3	Demonstrate effective delivery strategies.	Students can bolster the effectiveness of their oral presentations with correct pronunciations, which they can find in <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , or (for audio pronunciations) <i>Merriam-Webster Online</i> (Merriam-Webster.com). Interesting discussions of widely used variant pronunciations can be found in <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> .