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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Concepts of Print	Distinguish letters from words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> introduces each letter on its own page and provides examples of the letter used in words that are part of a rhyme.
	Recognize and name all uppercase and lowercase letters.	The full-page illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> show the shapes of both capital and lowercase letters.
	Given a spoken word, produce another word that rhymes with it.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> offers rhymes that provide opportunities for student participation and response.
Decoding and Word Recognition	Understand that as letters of words change, so do the sounds (alphabetic principle).	For every letter, <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> introduces students to words that begin with the same letter and end differently, along with words that begin with a different letter and end the same and other patterns of word-formation.
	Learn most one-to-one letter/sound correspondences.	The entertaining poems and illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> describe and demonstrate the sound-letter correspondences of each letter of the alphabet.
Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to and experience a wide variety of children's literature including alphabet books, informational stories, classic and contemporary literature, and nursery rhymes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> uses lively and entertaining verses to introduce the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers more variety—simple explanations and examples of what words mean and how they are used, short word histories, short stories, poems, riddles and jokes, and more.
	Demonstrate listening comprehension of more complex text through discussions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , created for students in grades K–2, offers nearly 1,000 engaging, content-rich entries that provide opportunities for students to think about and discuss the ways we use words.
Vocabulary	Describe common objects and events in both general (<i>ball</i>) and specific language (<i>large red ball with stripes</i>).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> encourages students to use descriptive and specific words. Many entries offer colorful synonyms. Some also offer suggestions for descriptive words and phrases that can be applied to the headword or for words that are more specific than the entry word itself.
Read to Perform a Task	Recognize and demonstrate familiarity with everyday print such as signs, notices, labels; newspapers; and informational books.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to what a dictionary is and how it works. As a point of entry into the text, the dictionary is heavily illustrated. A "How to Use Your Dictionary" section helps students make the most of the different kinds of interesting information in the book.
Speaking	Recite short poems, rhymes, and songs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is heavily interspersed with original and classic rhymes and poems suitable for student recitations.

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Concepts of Print	Identify letters, words, and sentences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is a dictionary specially designed for students in grades K–2. It shows the letters of the alphabet in yellow, words that begin with each letter in red, and short sentences that are built around those words in blue.
Phonemic Awareness	Listen and count the number of sounds in a syllable; count the number of syllables in a word.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer an array of multi-syllable and single-syllable words for student practice in syllabication.
	Add, delete, or change target sounds to change words (e.g., change <i>cow</i> to <i>how</i> ; <i>pan</i> to <i>an</i>).	For every letter, <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> introduces students to words that begin with the same letter and end differently, along with words that begin with a different letter and end the same and other patterns of word-formation.
Decoding and Word Recognition	Generate the sounds from all the letters and letter patterns, including consonant blends and long- and short-vowel patterns, and blend those sounds into recognizable words.	The alphabet rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> use featured consonants in blends and digraphs, and give short and long sounds of featured vowels.
	Read inflectional forms (e.g., <i>-s</i> , <i>-ed</i> , <i>-ing</i>) and root words (e.g., <i>look</i> , <i>looked</i> , <i>looking</i>).	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> incorporate inflected forms into the explanation of a word or into example sentences.
Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of grade-level informational and narrative texts including children's magazines and newspapers, dictionaries and other reference materials, online information, classic and contemporary literature, and poetry.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , especially created for students in grades K–2, has definitions written in the form of simple explanations along with detailed illustrations that help with meanings of words and concepts. There are also word histories, stories, riddles and jokes, and poems that offer engaging reading and listening.
Vocabulary	Use context to understand word and sentence meanings.	The information-packed entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer students opportunity for new vocabulary acquisition from context.
Read to Perform a Task	Read written directions, signs, captions, warning labels, and informational books.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to what a dictionary is and how it works. As a point of entry into the text, the dictionary includes colorful illustrations with captions. A "How to Use Your Dictionary" section helps students make the most of the different kinds of interesting information in the book.
	Alphabetize a list of words by the first letter.	Students practice their knowledge of alphabetical order whenever they look up a word in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> . Every page shows the entire alphabet in lowercase across the top to help with alphabetization and dictionary navigation.
	Obtain information from print illustrations.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> uses illustrations to help students understand concepts (for example, two equal piles of candy at the entry for <i>divide</i>).

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Writing	Use descriptive words when writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> encourages students to use descriptive and specific words. Many entries offer colorful synonyms. Some also offer suggestions for descriptive words and phrases that can be applied to the headword or for words that are more specific than the entry word itself.
Conventions	Use spelling/phonics-based knowledge to spell independently when necessary.	Opening pages of each alphabetical section in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> feature poems that reinforce understanding of sound-spelling correspondences.
	Identify and correctly write singular and plural nouns.	Many noun entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> show the plural form of the entry word.
Speaking	Recite poems, rhymes, songs, and stories.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is heavily interspersed with original and classic rhymes, poems, and stories suitable for student recitations.

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Decoding and Word Recognition	Recognize and use knowledge of spelling patterns (such as <i>cut/cutting</i> , <i>slide/sliding</i>) when reading.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> show forms of entry words that demonstrate spelling patterns, such as doubling of the final consonant or dropping the final silent e.
	Recognize and correctly use regular plurals (e.g., -s, -es, -ies) and irregular plurals (e.g., <i>fly/flies</i> , <i>wife/wives</i>).	There are many examples of both regular and irregular plurals of entry words in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> .
Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of grade-level informational and narrative texts including children's magazines and newspapers, dictionaries and other reference materials, online information, classic and contemporary literature, and poetry.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> has nearly 1,000 entries and is especially designed for students in grades K–2. It has definitions written in the form of simple explanations, along with word histories, stories, riddles and jokes, and poems that offer engaging reading and listening.
Vocabulary	Know and explain common antonyms and synonyms.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer synonyms and antonyms of the entry word.
	Use knowledge of individual words in unknown compound words to predict their meaning.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> show examples of compound words built from entry words (for example, <i>moonlight</i> at the entry for <i>moon</i>).
	Know the meaning of simple prefixes (such as <i>un-</i>) and suffixes (such as <i>-ful</i>).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to common prefixes and suffixes at some entries, such as <i>unhappy</i> at the entry for <i>happy</i> and <i>peaceful</i> at the entry for <i>peace</i> .
	Use context to identify simple multiple-meaning words (<i>change</i> , <i>duck</i>)	Explanations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduce students to the concept of multiple meanings and parts of speech; for example, many entries explain both verb and noun uses and give examples of their use.
	Determine meaning of words by using a dictionary or glossary.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> for simple explanations of what unfamiliar words mean. More advanced students might also want to turn to <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , which has more than 36,000 entries and easy-to-understand but more conventional dictionary definitions.
Read to Perform a Task	Read written directions, signs, captions, warning labels, and informational books.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to what a dictionary is and how it works. As a point of entry into the text, the dictionary includes colorful illustrations with captions. A "How to Use Your Dictionary" section helps students make the most of the different kinds of interesting information in the book.

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Literary Text: Examine Content and Structure	Recognize the use of rhyme, rhythm, and alliteration by a poet, and discuss its use.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> , which uses rhyming text to teach students letter sounds, is packed with examples of rhyme, rhythm, and alliteration. The same rhymes are found at the beginning of each letter section of <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> .
Writing	Select and use descriptive words when writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> encourages students to use descriptive and specific words. Many entries offer colorful synonyms. Some also offer suggestions for descriptive words and phrases that can be applied to the headword or for words that are more specific than the entry word itself.
Conventions/ Grammar	Identify and correctly write various parts of speech, including nouns and verbs.	Entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> are labeled with their part of speech, and many entries show and explain the entry word as more than one part of speech (for example, <i>garden</i> as a noun and a verb).
Research Report Writing	Understand the purpose of various reference materials (e.g., dictionary, encyclopedia, atlas).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is especially written to introduce K–2 students to the dictionary. It has entries for nearly 1,000 words and definitions in the form of simple explanations. More advanced students may want to use <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , with its greatly expanded vocabulary and more formal entries.

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Decoding and Word Recognition	Read regular words with several syllables.	The lively verses, riddles, and jokes throughout <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer a rich vocabulary that students will enjoy reading as they become more proficient.
Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of grade-level informational and narrative texts including children's magazines and newspapers, dictionaries and other reference materials, online information, classic and contemporary literature, and poetry.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grades 3–5. It contains over 36,000 entries that include part-of-speech labels, simple pronunciations, syllabication, multiple definitions for words, synonym paragraphs, quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature, and more, all accompanied by over 900 full-color illustrations and diagrams.
Vocabulary	Determine the meanings of words using knowledge of antonyms, synonyms, homophones, and homographs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features more than 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words.
	Infer word meanings from taught roots, prefixes, and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has entries for common prefixes and suffixes as well as words formed with them. The dictionary 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.
	Use a dictionary or glossary to learn the meaning and other features of unknown words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grades 3–5. It contains over 36,000 entries with part-of-speech labels, pronunciation, syllabication, word histories, synonym paragraphs, and more, all accompanied by over 900 full-color illustrations and diagrams.
Read to Perform a Task	Use dictionaries, encyclopedias, CD ROMs, and Internet to locate information.	In addition to its A-Z dictionary section, <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes a special section explaining various signs and symbols, "A Guide for Writers," geographical names, and maps of the U.S. and the world.
Writing	Use vivid adjectives and action verbs.	The synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students choose more descriptive words and phrases. Students can also continue to refer to Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary for its offerings of colorful synonyms and descriptive words.
	Begin to elaborate descriptions and incorporate figurative wording in own writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features over 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words so that students can choose more descriptive words and phrases. Definitions cover many figurative as well as literal uses of words.

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Conventions/ Spelling	Notice when words are not correct and use a variety of strategies to correct (e.g., word lists, dictionary).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for more than 36,000 commonly used words, including variant spellings.
Conventions/ Grammar	Correctly use past, present, and future verb tenses.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows verb tenses at every entry that does not require simply adding <i>-s</i> , <i>-ed</i> , or <i>-ing</i> to the base form.
	Correctly use pronouns, adjectives, compound nouns, and articles.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features thousands of examples of words used in context to help students use different parts of speech correctly.
Conventions/ Capitalization	Capitalize correctly geographical names, holidays, and special events.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that introduces and explains rules of capitalization.
Research Report Writing	Understand the structure and organization of various reference materials (e.g., dictionary, thesaurus, atlas, encyclopedia, CD ROM, and online sources).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes a "Using Your Dictionary" section that introduces and explains the structure and organization of the dictionary. WordCentral.com is a free Web site with a student dictionary and thesaurus.

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Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of informational and narrative texts including classic and contemporary literature, poetry, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, and online information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grades 3–5. It contains over 36,000 entries that include part-of-speech labels, simple pronunciations, syllabication, multiple definitions for words, synonym paragraphs, quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature, and more. WordCentral.com is a free student Web site with a dictionary and thesaurus.
Vocabulary	Apply knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, homographs, and idioms to determine the meaning of words and phrases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features more than 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words. The dictionary includes entries and meanings for idioms and expressions.
	Use common roots and word parts derived from Greek and Latin and use this knowledge to analyze the meaning of complex 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.
Writing	Create interesting sentences using a variety of sentence patterns by selecting words that describe, explain, or provide additional detail and connections.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features over 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words so that students can choose more descriptive words and phrases.
Conventions/ Spelling	Spell correctly roots, inflections, suffixes and prefixes, syllables, and homophones.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for more than 36,000 commonly-used words, including variant spellings, suffixes, and prefixes. The dictionary shows spellings of all irregular inflected forms, and gives syllabication of words. Root paragraphs throughout the dictionary introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed from them.
Conventions/ Grammar	Correctly use irregular verbs (<i>swim/swam, ride/rode, hit/hit</i>) in writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> gives all irregular verb forms at verb entries.
Conventions/ Grammar	Correctly use adverbs... prepositions... coordinating conjunctions in writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides thousands of usage examples that help students use adverbs, prepositions, and conjunctions correctly.
Conventions/ Punctuation	Correctly use apostrophes to show possession, apostrophes in contractions, and quotation marks.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that introduces and explains the use of punctuation marks and italics.
	Use underlining, quotation marks, or italics to identify titles of documents.	
	Correctly write plural possessive nouns.	

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Conventions/ Capitalization	Capitalize names of books, magazines, newspapers, works of art, musical compositions, organizations, and the first word in quotations when appropriate.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that introduces and explains the rules of capitalization, along with examples of their use.
Research Report Writing	Use multiple reference materials (e.g., dictionary, encyclopedia, online information) as aids to writing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is the essential reference for students in grade 3–5. In addition to the main A-Z dictionary section, "A Guide for Writers" section is included. WordCentral.com is a free student Web site with a dictionary and thesaurus.

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Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of informational and narrative texts including classic and contemporary literature, poetry, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, and online information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grades 3–5. It contains over 36,000 entries that include part-of-speech labels, simple pronunciations, syllabication, multiple definitions for words, synonym paragraphs, quotations from classic and contemporary children's literature, and more. <i>WordCentral.com</i> is a free student Web site with a dictionary and thesaurus. More advanced students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , which has nearly 70,000 entries.
Vocabulary	Understand and explain frequently used synonyms, antonyms, and homographs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> gives separate numbered entries for homographs, making it easier for students to determine their meaning. Over 120 synonym paragraphs clarify slight differences among closely-related words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> includes synonyms and antonyms.
	Use word origins to determine the meaning of unknown words and phrases.	<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. The dictionary includes an essay, "Greek and Latin Roots in English," explaining how these ancient languages played an important role in the development of English.
	Know less-common roots and word parts derived from Greek and Latin and use this knowledge to analyze the meaning of complex words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes word root paragraphs that introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed from them. Students can expand their understanding of roots with <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , which has lists of Greek and Latin roots with their meanings.
	Use a thesaurus to determine related words and concepts.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> is a handy source of synonyms, antonyms, and related words.
Read to Perform a Task	Use the features of informational texts, such as formats, graphics, diagrams, illustrations, charts, maps, and organizational devices to find information and support understanding.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features a "Using Your Dictionary" section which explains how to get the most out of the dictionary's features. Students will enjoy using the full-color charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> , designed for students in grades 5 and up.
Literary Text: Examine Content and Structure	Define figurative language, including simile, metaphor, exaggeration, and personification, and explain the effects of its use in a particular work.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> contains entries for terms of figurative language, including examples for many.
Writing	Use a variety of descriptive words, demonstrating awareness of impact and audience.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features over 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words so that students can choose more descriptive words and phrases.
Conventions/ Spelling	Spell correctly roots or bases of words, inflections, prefixes, suffixes, contractions, syllable constructions, and words with more than one acceptable spelling.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for more than 36,000 words, including inflected forms, variant spellings, and syllable divisions of words. Common prefixes and suffixes are at their own entries.

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Conventions/ Grammar	Correctly use verbs that are often misused (<i>lie/lay, sit/set, rise/raise</i>).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> shows 75 troublesome word groups, such as <i>sit/set</i> and <i>lie/lay</i> (and the correct use of each word).
	Correctly use modifiers and pronouns. Ensure that verbs agree with their subjects.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. It includes brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use, subject/verb agreement, and problems with modifiers.
Conventions/ Punctuation	Correctly use parentheses... a colon to separate hours and minutes and to introduce a list, and commas in direct quotations. Correctly place commas and periods inside quotation marks.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that thoroughly explains the use of parentheses, colons, commas, and quotation marks, along with examples of correct usage.
Conventions/ Capitalization	Use correct capitalization.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" section that introduces and explains the rules of capitalization, along with examples of their use.
Writing Applications/ Expository Writing: Research Reports/ Multimedia Presentations	Write research reports about ideas, issues, or events... Use a variety of information sources, including firsthand interviews, reference materials, and electronic resources to locate information to support the topic. Cite references appropriately.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have sections on the basics of creating notes and bibliographies. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> shows how to cite special types of sources, such as non-print sources, unpublished materials, and electronic sources.
Research Report Writing	Use organizational features of printed text to locate relevant information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features a "Using Your Dictionary" section which explains how to get the most out of the dictionary's features. Students will enjoy using the full-color charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> , designed for students in grades 5 and up.
	Use a thesaurus to identify alternative word choices and meanings (e.g., when paraphrasing information).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Thesaurus</i> provide synonyms, related words, and antonyms.
	Quote or paraphrase information sources, citing them appropriately.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> has a chapter on incorporating quotations into texts.
Speaking	Use appropriate technical words that support clear understanding.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> and the more advanced <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> offer students the vocabulary they will need for their oral presentations, with correct pronunciations. The free student dictionary at WordCentral.com offers audio pronunciations.

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Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of informational and narrative texts including classic and contemporary literature, poetry, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, and online information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, contains the words students in grades 6–8 need to know. Its companion, <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , has nearly 30,000 main entries presenting information on thousands of synonyms, related words, and antonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Compact Visual Dictionary</i> is a unique reference featuring 2,600 highly detailed, full-color illustrations and 9,500 clear and concise definitions. <i>WordCentral.com</i> is a free student Web site with a dictionary and a thesaurus.
Vocabulary	Understand and explain “shades of meaning” in related words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that discuss shades of meaning among groups of synonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between synonyms, along with usage examples to illustrate those differences.
	Determine pronunciations, meanings, alternate word choices, and parts of speech, using dictionaries and thesauruses.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook 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).
Read to Perform a Task	Locate information in...graphs, charts, diagrams, and tables to aid understanding of grade-level text.	The full-color charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> are designed for students in grades 5 and up.
Writing	Use a variety of descriptive words to paint a visual image in the mind of the reader.	Students can refer to the synonym and related words lists in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Thesaurus</i> to add variety to their word choice and color to their descriptions.
Conventions/ Spelling	Spell correctly frequently misspelled words (<i>their/they're/there</i> , <i>loose/lose/loss</i> , <i>choose/chose</i> , <i>through/threw</i> , <i>it's/its</i>).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> has a list of often confused words, along with clarification. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> has an even longer section with troublesome words.

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Conventions/ Grammar	Correctly use indefinite pronouns, present perfect verb tense, past perfect verb tense, and future perfect verb tense. Ensure that verbs agree with compound subjects.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use, confusing verb use, and many other issues. A grammar glossary helps students find the entries they need.
Conventions/ Punctuation	Correctly use colons...semicolons ...commas.	<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 Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> each have a chapter on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Conventions/ Capitalization	Use correct capitalization.	
Writing Applications/ Expository Writing: Research Reports/ Multimedia Presentations	Write research reports...Support the main idea or ideas with facts, details, examples, and explanations from multiple authoritative sources, such as speakers, newspapers and magazines, reference books, and online information sources. Include references used.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> each have a section on the basics of creating notes and bibliographies. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> tells how to cite special types of sources, such as non-print sources, unpublished materials, and electronic sources.
	Quote or paraphrase ideas from resource materials, citing them appropriately.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> have a chapter on incorporating quotations into texts.
Speaking	Use language effectively to convey the message and make content clear.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> offers students the vocabulary they will need for their oral presentations, with correct pronunciations. The free student dictionary at WordCentral.com offers audio pronunciations.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of informational and narrative texts including classic and contemporary literature, poetry, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, and online information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is especially written for students in grades 6–8. With nearly 70,000 entries, an up-to-date vocabulary, and definitions presented in grade-level-appropriate language with numerous usage examples, it is an ideal source to look up the unfamiliar words encountered while reading.
Vocabulary	Determine meanings of words using contextual and structural clues.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> gives students the tools to decipher unfamiliar words derived from 250 Greek and Latin roots.
	Demonstrate understanding of idioms and comparisons, such as analogies, metaphors, and similes in prose and poetry.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes entries and meanings for hundreds of expressions and idioms.
	Clarify word meanings through the use of definition, inference, example, restatement, or contrast.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides the definitions students need. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> can help convey contrasting meanings through its lists of antonyms and near antonyms.
Read to Perform a Task	Locate information in...graphs, charts, diagrams, and tables to aid understanding of grade-level text.	The full-color charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Atlas</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> are designed for students in grades 5 and up.
Writing	Use varied word choices to make writing interesting and more precise.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , which explain how closely related words differ, help students choose words with precision. Students can also refer to the synonym and related words lists in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Thesaurus</i> to add variety to their word choice. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> have brief explanations of the slight differences between synonyms that help students make precise word choices.
Conventions/ Spelling	Spell correctly derivatives by applying the spellings of bases and affixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> shows how to spell new words by adding affixes to bases. Suffixes and prefixes have their own entries, while base words and words formed by combining bases and affixes are also entered at their own places.
Conventions/ Grammar	Correctly use all parts of speech and types and structures of sentences. Demonstrate appropriate English usage.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has the information students need to use parts of speech correctly. More than 22,000 example phrases illustrate the use in context. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief discussions of common usage and grammar problems for all parts of speech.

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Conventions/ Punctuation	Use appropriate internal punctuation, including commas, semicolons, and colons.	<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 Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> each have a chapter on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Conventions/ Capitalization	Use correct capitalization.	
Writing Applications/ Expository Writing: Research Reports/ Multimedia Presentations	Write research reports... Include evidence compiled through the formal research process, including use of ... dictionaries and other reference books.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has the information students in grades 6–8 need to know. <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> offers up-to-date geographical and political information including full-color maps, charts, and graphs for students in grades 5–8. <i>Merriam-Webster's Compact Visual Dictionary</i> includes 2,600 highly detailed color illustrations that present a visual inventory of today's world, along with clear and concise definitions.
	Document sources.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> covers the mechanics of citing all types of sources.
Research Report Writing	Give credit for both quoted and paraphrased information by using a consistent format for parenthetical citations.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> give guidance on using parenthetical citations and have chapters on incorporating quotations into texts.
Speaking	Use a variety of descriptive and accurate words appropriate to audience and purpose.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely-related words to help students choose words with precision. Entries include correct pronunciations for oral presentations. The free student dictionary at WordCentral.com offers audio pronunciations.

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Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of informational and narrative texts including classic and contemporary literature, poetry, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, and online information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> is especially written for students in grades 6–8. With nearly 70,000 entries, an up-to-date vocabulary, and definitions presented in grade-level-appropriate language with numerous usage examples, it is an ideal source to look up the unfamiliar words encountered while reading. More advanced students might also want to use Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary, with over 100,000 definitions.
Vocabulary	Determine meanings of words using contextual and structural clues.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> introduces students to 250 of the most productive Greek and Latin roots, enabling them to determine meanings of many terms used in science, politics, technology, and medicine.
	Analyze idioms and comparisons, such as analogies, metaphors, and similes, to infer the literal and figurative meanings of phrases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes entries and meanings for hundreds of expressions and idioms. Students can find even more idioms in <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> .
	Verify the meaning of a word in its context, even when its meaning is not directly stated, through the use of definition, restatement, example, comparison, or contrast.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> provide the definitions students need, and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> can help convey contrasting meanings through its lists of antonyms and near antonyms.
	Determine pronunciations, meanings, alternate word choices, parts of speech, or etymologies of words, using dictionaries and thesauruses.	Students can refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> ; <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> ; <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook 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). The free student Web site WordCentral.com includes a thesaurus and a dictionary with audio pronunciations.
Writing	Use descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas by establishing tone and mood through figurative language, sensory images, and comparisons.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely-related words to help students choose effective language. The synonym and related words lists in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Thesaurus</i> can also help.
Conventions/ Spelling	Use correct spelling conventions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for nearly 70,000 words, including variant spellings.

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Conventions/ Grammar	Correctly use frequently misused words (e.g., <i>among/between</i> , <i>fewer/less</i> , <i>bring/take</i> , and <i>good/well</i>). Demonstrate appropriate English usage.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides labels where applicable (e.g., <i>nonstandard</i> , <i>slang</i>), and notes and examples of words in context further clarify correct usage. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief discussions of sticky grammar and issues such as misused word pairs, disputed usages, and more.
Conventions/ Punctuation	Use conventions of punctuation correctly, including commas, hyphens, dashes, and semicolons.	<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 Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> each have a chapter on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Conventions/ Capitalization	Use correct capitalization.	
Research Report Writing	Use appropriate methods of citation for quoted as well as paraphrased material.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> give guidance on using parenthetical citations, and also have a chapter on incorporating quotations into texts.
Speaking	Use precise language, action verbs, sensory details, appropriate colorful modifiers, and the active rather than the passive voice in ways that enliven oral presentations.	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely-related words to help students choose words with precision. Entries include correct pronunciations for oral presentations. The free student dictionary at WordCentral.com offers audio pronunciations.

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Reading: Listen to and Read Informational and Narrative Text EL.HS.RE.02	Listen to, read, and understand a wide variety of informational and narrative texts including classic and contemporary literature, poetry, magazines, newspapers, reference materials, and online information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , especially written for students in grades 9–11, includes more than 100,000 definitions to help students comprehend words they read or hear. <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary, Eleventh Edition</i> has over 225,000 definitions designed to support college-bound high-school students as they read a variety of texts. <i>Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Unabridged</i> includes nearly 500,000 entries and is designed to support the widest range of reading.
Reading: EL.HS.RE.07	Clearly identify specific words or wordings that are causing comprehension difficulties and use strategies to correct.	
Vocabulary EL.HS.RE.08	Understand, learn, and use new vocabulary that is introduced and taught directly through informational text, literary text, and instruction across the subject areas.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> introduces students to 250 of the most productive Greek and Latin word roots and gives students the tools to learn vocabulary derived from them. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , especially written for students in grades 9–11, includes more than 100,000 definitions to help students comprehend words they read or hear. <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , with more than 225,000 definitions, supports college-bound high-school students as they read a variety of texts. <i>Merriam-Webster.com</i> offers a free dictionary and thesaurus. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features a list of over 75 prefixes and suffixes, their meanings, and examples of words that incorporate them.
Vocabulary EL.HS.RE.10	Determine meanings of words using contextual and structural clues.	
Vocabulary EL.HS.RE.11	Identify and use the literal and figurative meanings of words and phrases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> offer broad coverage of idioms and figurative uses of language. <i>Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary</i> offers especially comprehensive coverage designed for ESL (English as a second language) students.
Vocabulary EL.HS.RE.12	Distinguish between the denotative and connotative meanings of words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary</i> all include synonym paragraphs that discuss denotative and connotative meanings of words.
Vocabulary EL.HS.RE.13	Use general dictionaries, specialized dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses, or related references to increase vocabulary.	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , especially written for grades 9–11, or the more comprehensive <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> . They can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus</i> , or <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> , which combines dictionary and thesaurus entries; <i>Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Geographical Dictionary</i> are two specialized lexicons. <i>Merriam-Webster.com</i> offers a free dictionary and thesaurus. <i>Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary</i> is designed to aid advanced learners of English as a second language (ESL). <i>Merriam-Webster's Visual Dictionary</i> teaches vocabulary through its 6,000 detailed color illustrations and diagrams with labels and definitions.

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Vocabulary EL.HS.RE.14	Understand technical vocabulary in subject area reading.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> includes coverage of words and senses from all fields of knowledge. <i>Merriam-Webster's Visual Dictionary</i> introduces more than 20,000 terms via 6,000 detailed illustrations from a wide range of subjects. Other specialized lexicons include <i>Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Law</i> .
Writing: Planning, Evaluation, and Revision EL.HS.WR.08	Revise drafts to improve the ... precision of word choice, and the tone—by taking into consideration the audience, purpose, and formality of the context.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus</i> introduce students to word-choice alternatives. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> offer brief explanations that help students distinguish the differences between closely related words. Used in conjunction with <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , these resources help students choose more effective and precise language.
Writing: Planning, Evaluation and Revision EL.HS.WE.09	Edit and proofread one's own writing, as well as that of others, using the writing conventions, and, for example, an editing checklist or list of rules with specific examples of corrections of specific errors.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> both include "A Handbook of Style" section. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers students a complete reference to all the rules of capitalization and punctuation with many examples.
Writing EL.HS.WR.12	Use precise language, action verbs, sensory details, and appropriate modifiers.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus</i> are designed to assist students in selecting precise language. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> include synonym paragraphs that explain how closely related words differ. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> offer brief explanations that help students distinguish the differences between closely related words.
Writing: Conventions EL. HS. WR.14	Produce writing that shows accurate spelling.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> will help students proofread for spelling.

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Writing: Conventions EL.HS.WR.15	Show control of clauses, including main and subordinate, and phrases, including gerund, infinitive, and participial.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> both include a Grammar Glossary that helps students understand these grammatical units, the placement of modifiers, and the use of verb tenses and forms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> include articles that deal with problems of confused and disputed usage.
Writing: Conventions EL.HS.WR.16	Understand and use proper placement of modifiers.	
Writing: Conventions EL.HS.WR.17	Demonstrate an understanding of proper English usage, including the consistent use of verb tenses and forms.	
Writing: Conventions EL.HS.WR.18	Use conventions of punctuation correctly, including semicolons, colons, ellipses, hyphens, and dashes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> include "A Handbook of Style" section that explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> each have chapters on the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Writing: Conventions EL.HS.WR.19	Use correct capitalization.	
Writing Applications EL.HS.WR.23	Write analytical essays and research reports: use technical terms and notation correctly. Document sources.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> help students understand and use specialized subject-area vocabulary accurately. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> provide instruction of citation style, accompanied by examples that make the rules clear.
Writing Applications EL.HS.WR.31	Integrate quotations and citations into a written text while maintaining the flow of ideas.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> provide explanations and instructions for the use of block quotations, omissions in quotations, and quoting verse.
Writing Applications EL.HS.WR.32	Use appropriate conventions for documentation in text, notes, and works cited, following the formats in specific style manuals (e.g., Works Cited Entries—MLA, Reference Entries—APA).	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> provides instruction in documentation of source styles that are used in various fields in the humanities and social and natural sciences, accompanied by examples that make the conventions clear.