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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Phonological Awareness K.1a	Listen to a variety of literary forms, including stories and poems.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> is composed of lively and engaging alphabet rhymes that introduce the different sounds each letter can make when spoken. <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers explanations and examples, short word histories, little stories, riddles, poems, and jokes for fun and informative listening.
Phonological Awareness K.1e	Recognize rhyming words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> is written in rhyming text.
Phonological Awareness K.1f	Generate rhyming words in a rhyming pattern.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer opportunities for student participation and response.
Oral Communication K.2b-d	Use words to describe/name people, places, and things. Use words to describe location, size, color, and shape. Use words to describe actions.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , especially written for students in grades K–2, introduces students to the ways words are used—to describe, to name things, and to name actions—with a variety of information at every entry. Some entries show how a word is used differently as a noun or a verb; others, how a word describes different things (e.g., a heavy dictionary, heavy traffic, heavy rain). The information is presented in explanations that are easy for very young students to understand, with lots of examples and illustrations.
Phonological Awareness K.4b	Identify orally words according to shared beginning or ending sounds.	For every letter, <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduce students to words that begin with the same letter and end differently, words that begin with a different letter and end the same, and other patterns of word-formation.
Concept of Print K.5d	Match voice with print: syllables, words, and phrases.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is a beginning dictionary that highlights the individual letters of the alphabet in yellow, shows words that begin with each letter in contrasting red, and has short sentences that are built around those words in blue.
Letters and Sounds K.7a	Identify and name the uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer colorful full-page illustrations showing the shapes of both capital and lowercase letters.
Letters and Sounds K.7b	Match consonant and short vowel sounds to appropriate letters.	The entertaining poems and colorful illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> describe and demonstrate the sound-letter correspondences of each letter of the alphabet.
Vocabulary and Comprehension K.8a	Use pictures to make predictions about content.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> has hundreds of clearly rendered illustrations by acclaimed children's artist Ruth Heller that help students understand text and concepts (for example, a picture of child in a tidy bedroom at the entry for <i>neat</i>).

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Oral Communication 1.1a	Listen and respond to a variety of media, including books, audiotapes, videos, and other age-appropriate materials.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> is composed of lively and engaging alphabet rhymes. <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers explanations and examples, short word histories, little stories, riddles, poems, and jokes for fun and informative listening and reading.
Oral Communication 1.1c	Participate in a variety of oral language activities, including choral speaking and reciting short poems, rhymes, songs, and stories with repeated patterns.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is interspersed with original and classic rhymes and poems as well as short stories that can provide inspiration for student recitation.
Oral Communication 1.2a	Increase oral descriptive vocabulary.	The entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> use complete sentences in their description of word meaning. Many entries for general terms (such as <i>planet</i> , <i>fruit</i> , and <i>shape</i>) offer clear examples and discussions of more specific language.
Oral Communication 1.2b	Begin to ask for clarification and explanation of words and ideas.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , especially designed for students in grades K–2, is filled with things to know about words and offers lots of opportunity for discussion about the meanings and uses of words.
Oral Communication 1.2e	Use singular and plural nouns.	Many noun entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> show use of plurals of entry words, both regular and irregular, in explanations and example sentences.
Phonological Awareness 1.4a	Count phonemes in syllables or words with a maximum of three syllables.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer an array of single- and multi-syllable words for student practice in syllabication.
Phonological Awareness 1.4b	Add or delete phonemes orally to change syllables or words.	For every letter, <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduce students to words that begin with the same letter and end differently, words that begin with a different letter and end the same, and other patterns of word-formation.
Phonological Awareness 1.4c	Create rhyming words orally.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer opportunities for student participation and response.
Concept of Print 1.5c	Identify letters, words, sentences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> highlights the individual letters of the alphabet in yellow, shows words that begin with each letter in contrasting red, and has short sentences that are built around those words in blue.

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Decoding and Spelling 1.6c	Use beginning consonant digraphs to decode and spell single-syllable words.	Students see featured letters emphasized in blends and digraphs in the rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> .
Decoding and Spelling 1.6g	Use compound words.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> have examples of compound words built from entry words; for example, <i>lunchbox</i> and <i>lunchroom</i> at the entry for <i>lunch</i> .
Decoding and Spelling 1.6h	Read and spell common, high-frequency sight words, including <i>the</i> , <i>said</i> , and <i>come</i> .	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers help with reading and spelling sight words both through the main A-Z section and with separate lists of high-frequency spelling words in the back of the book, with an example sentence for each.
Vocabulary and Comprehension 1.7a	Use titles and pictures to expand vocabulary when reading.	The many detailed illustrations in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> enrich meanings of words and concepts (for example, a bird flying away from a cage to illustrate escape).
Fluency 1.8	Read familiar stories, poems, and passages with fluency and expression.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> includes many familiar stories, poems, and passages that students can use for reading practice.
Vocabulary and Comprehension 1.10a	Use knowledge of alphabetical order by first letter.	Students use their knowledge of alphabetical order whenever they look up a word in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , which shows the entire alphabet in lowercase across the top of every two-page spread.
Vocabulary and Comprehension 1.10b	Use a picture dictionary to find meanings of unfamiliar words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> is especially written to introduce students in grades K-2 to the dictionary. It has entries for nearly 1,000 words, definitions in the form of simple explanations, and detailed color illustrations that help with meanings of words and concepts. It also includes jokes, poems, short stories, and fun facts to further foster and develop a child's language skills.
Written Communication Skills 1.12c	Use descriptive words when writing about people, places, things, and events.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> encourages students to use descriptive and specific words. Many entries offer colorful synonyms (for example, <i>yell</i> , <i>scream</i> , <i>bellow</i> and <i>shriek</i> at the entry for <i>shout</i>). Some also offer suggestions for descriptive words and phrases that can be applied to the headword (for example, words to describe a fox at the entry for <i>fox</i>), or for words that are more specific than the entry word itself (for example, different parts of a castle at the entry for <i>castle</i>).

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Oral Communication 2.2a	Use words that reflect a growing range of interests and knowledge.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , written especially for students in grades K–2, offers a wide variety of entertaining and informative text. Students who use <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> often as a source, not to just look up meanings but to find information about words, will be exposed to nearly 3,000 grade-level-appropriate vocabulary words.
Oral Communication 2.2b	Clarify and explain words and ideas orally.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> has definitions written in the form of simple explanations, along with detailed illustrations that help with meanings of words and concepts.
Decoding, Word Analysis, and Spelling 2.4a	Use knowledge of consonants, consonant blends, and consonant digraphs to decode and spell words.	Students see featured letters in consonant blends and digraphs where appropriate in the rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> .
Decoding, Word Analysis, and Spelling 2.4b	Use knowledge of short, long, and r-controlled vowel patterns to decode and spell words.	The alphabet rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> give both short and long sounds of featured vowels.
Decoding, Word Analysis, and Spelling 2.4c	Decode regular multisyllabic words.	The rhymes in <i>Merriam-Webster's Alphabet Book</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offer a rich array of multisyllabic words to demonstrate each letter of the alphabet.
Vocabulary and Comprehension 2.5a	Use information in a story to read words.	In the simple explanations and stories that accompany entry words, <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> highlights the word in boldface type, offering opportunity for new vocabulary acquisition from context.
Vocabulary and Comprehension 2.6a	Use knowledge of prefixes and suffixes.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> introduces students to common prefixes at some entries, such as <i>overdo</i> , <i>undo</i> , and <i>redo</i> at the entry for <i>do</i> , and <i>unhappy</i> at the entry for <i>happy</i> .
Vocabulary and Comprehension 2.6d	Use knowledge of antonyms and synonyms.	Many entries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> include synonyms and antonyms.

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Fluency 2.7a	Preview a selection by using pictures, diagrams, titles, and headings.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> uses illustrations, icons, shading, boldfaced and italic print, and other features to aid students. A "How To Use Your Dictionary" section introduces and explains all the features.
Fluency 2.7c	Read stories, poems, and passages with fluency and expression.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> offers a variety of text, including stories, poems, and nonfiction passages, to help build students' reading fluency.
Vocabulary and Comprehension 2.9c	Use dictionaries and indices.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> , especially designed for students in grades K–2, offers students more than a way to look up words they don't recognize: every entry features information about words—examples of use, synonyms, antonyms, and related words, interesting language facts, word histories, and much more. More advanced students may benefit from <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary's</i> greatly expanded vocabulary and more formal entries.
Usage and Mechanics 2.12b	Use and punctuate declarative, interrogative, and exclamatory sentences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes "A Guide for Writers" that introduces and explains punctuation marks, the formation of plurals, and the uses of capitalization.
Usage and Mechanics 2.12c	Capitalize all proper nouns and the word <i>I</i> .	
Usage and Mechanics 2.12d	Use singular and plural nouns and pronouns.	
Usage and Mechanics 2.12f	Use correct spelling for high-frequency sight words, including compound words and regular plurals.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> includes a list of high-frequency spelling words.

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Decoding, Word Analysis, and Spelling 3.3	Apply word-analysis skills when reading. (Apply knowledge of roots.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , designed for students in grades 3–5, 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.
Decoding, Word Analysis, and Spelling 3.3	(Apply knowledge of affixes, such as <i>dis-</i> , <i>ex-</i> , <i>non-</i> , <i>pre-</i> , <i>-ly</i> , and <i>-ness</i> .)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has entries for common prefixes and suffixes as well as words formed with them.
Decoding, Word Analysis, and Spelling 3.3b	Use knowledge of homophones.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has definitions and usage examples that make correct usage of homophones clear.
Fluency 3.4a	Preview and use text formats.	The "Using Your Dictionary" section in the front of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> explains all the dictionary's features, including text features such as boldfaced entry words, italic labels, and special pronunciation symbols. It includes a two-page color-coded "Key to Using Your Dictionary."
Vocabulary and Comprehension of Nonfiction 3.7a	Use dictionary, glossary, thesaurus, encyclopedia, and other reference books.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is written especially for students in grade 3–5. It contains over 36,000 entries that include part-of-speech labels, pronunciation, syllabication, multiple definitions for words, synonym paragraphs, and more, all accompanied by 900 full-color illustrations and diagrams as well as quotations from works of classic and contemporary children's literature to show how words are used and to enliven entries.
Composing and Written Expression 3.9d	Include descriptive details that elaborate the central idea.	The synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students choose more descriptive and vivid words and phrases. Students can also continue to refer to <i>Merriam-Webster's Primary Dictionary</i> for its offerings of colorful synonyms and descriptive words.

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Composing and Written Expression 3.10d	Revise writing for specific vocabulary and information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes more than 36,000 entries, many with multiple definitions and examples of use in context to help students use vocabulary correctly.
Usage and Mechanics 3.11c	Use past and present verb tense.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows tenses for every verb entered that does not require simply adding <i>-s</i> , <i>-ed</i> , or <i>-ing</i> to the base form.
Usage and Mechanics 3.11f	Use simple abbreviations.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> enters abbreviations as their own entry in the main A-Z section of the book.
Usage and Mechanics 3.11h	Use correct spelling for high-frequency sight words, including irregular plurals.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for more than 36,000 commonly used words, including variant spellings and all irregular plurals.

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Word Analysis and Spelling 4.3b	Explain words with multiple meanings. (Use context to select the most appropriate definition of a multiple-meaning word from a glossary or dictionary.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , written especially for students in grade 3–5, contains over 36,000 entries that include multiple definitions for words and usage examples, including over 1,300 quotes from favorite children's literature, that help students see how a word is used in context.
Word Analysis and Spelling 4.3c	Use knowledge of word origins.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes 250 word history paragraphs and additional word root paragraphs that introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed from them. Word root cross-references throughout the dictionary lead students to the paragraphs.
	Use knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> features more than 120 synonym paragraphs that explain slight differences among closely-related words.
Word Analysis and Spelling 4.3d	Use word-reference materials, including the dictionary, glossary, and thesaurus. (Identify the word reference material(s) most likely to contain needed information.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> is the essential reference for students in grades 3–5.
Vocabulary and Comprehension of Nonfiction 4.6a	Construct questions about a topic. (Select and use appropriate references, such as dictionaries, atlases, almanacs, encyclopedias, and thesauruses.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help students understand words encountered in nonfiction texts.

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Composing and Written Expression 4.7e	Utilize elements of style, including word choice and sentence variation. (Use specific vocabulary and vivid word choice.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has definitions, usage notes, and synonym paragraphs written in grade-level-appropriate language to help students choose words with precision.
Usage and Mechanics 4.8	Edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes the words students in grades 3–5 need to look up for spelling. “A Guide for Writers” section introduces and explains punctuation marks and the uses of capitalization.
Usage and Mechanics 4.8f	Incorporate adjectives and adverbs. (Use adverbs instead of adjectives, where appropriate, e.g., “played really well” instead of “played real well.”)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> can help with adjectives and adverbs. All irregular comparative and superlative forms are shown at adverb and adjective entries. Many adjective entries also show corresponding adverbs. Other adverbs (such as <i>really</i>) are entered as main entries with usage examples.
Usage and Mechanics 4.8h	Use correct spelling for frequently used words, including common homophones.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for more than 36,000 frequently used words. Usage examples help distinguish differences between homophones. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> has a handy list that clarifies the meanings and spellings of often confused word groups, including many homophones, with their meanings to help students use the correct spelling.

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Word Analysis and Spelling 5.4a	Use context clues to clarify meaning of unfamiliar words. (Use word references and context clues to determine which meaning is appropriate in a given situation.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , written especially for students in grade 3-5, contains over 36,000 entries that include multiple definitions for words and usage examples, including over 1,300 quotes from favorite children's literature, that show how a word is used in context.
Word Analysis and Spelling 5.4b	Use knowledge of root words, prefixes, and suffixes. (Continue to learn about Greek and Latin affixes.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes 250 word history paragraphs and additional word root paragraphs that introduce Greek and Latin roots and show how English words are formed from them. Word root cross-references throughout the dictionary lead students to the paragraphs. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features lists of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings and common Greek and Latin roots and their meanings.
Word Analysis and Spelling 5.4c	Use dictionary, glossary, and thesaurus, and other word-reference materials. (Identify the word-reference materials that are most likely to contain the information needed.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> , written in grade-level-appropriate language, is an ideal reference. More advanced students may want to 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> fit in a student's binder.
Vocabulary and Comprehension of Nonfiction 5.6f	Skim materials to develop a general overview of content and to locate specific information. (Understand how text features, e.g.,... charts, maps, make information accessible and usable.)	The "Using Your Dictionary" section in the front of <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> explains all the dictionary's features, including text features such as bold-faced entry words, italic labels, and special pronunciation symbols. Students will learn how to use charts, maps, and graphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Student Atlas</i> , designed for students in grades 5 and up.
Vocabulary and Comprehension of Nonfiction 5.7a	Develop notes that include important concepts, summaries, and identification of information sources.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> has a chapter on bibliographies that introduces students to the basics of identifying the sources used in their research.

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Composing and Written Expression 5.8d	Use precise and descriptive vocabulary to create tone and voice.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> has definitions, usage notes, and synonym paragraphs written in grade-level-appropriate language to help students choose words with precision. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> can help students with word choice as well.
Composing and Written Expression 5.8f	Revise writing for clarity.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes expanded usage examples, multiple definitions for words, usage notes, and "A Guide for Writers" to help students write with clarity.
Composing and Written Expression 5.8g	Use available technology to access information.	WordCentral.com offers free access to a dictionary and thesaurus designed for student use.
Usage and Mechanics 5.9b	Use adjective and adverb comparisons.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows all irregular comparative and superlative forms at adjective and adverb entries.
Usage and Mechanics 5.9c	Identify and use interjections.	Every interjection entered in <i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> includes a usage note explaining how it is used. Many entries have usage examples as well.
Usage and Mechanics 5.9d/e/f/g	Use apostrophes in contractions and possessives. / Use quotation marks in dialogue. / Use commas to indicate interrupters and in the salutation and closing of a letter. / Use a hyphen to divide words at the end of a line.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Elementary Dictionary</i> shows students where to divide words at the end of a line. It also includes "A Guide to Writers" section that describes the use of punctuation marks, capitalization, and italics. In addition, <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> each have chapters on the rules of capitalization and punctuation.

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Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 6.3a	Identify word origins, derivations, and inflections.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes nearly 300 word history paragraphs that tell the story behind a word's adoption into English and nearly 3,000 etymologies giving the roots and origins of words. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features lists of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings and common Greek and Latin roots and their meanings. <i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> is organized by Latin and Greek roots for effective study and includes quizzes for added review and reinforcement.
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 6.3b	Identify analogies and figurative language. (Recognize relationships common to analogy construction, including synonyms, antonyms.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has entries, often with examples, for the figurative language terms students need to know. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> can help students identify and understand synonyms and antonyms.
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 6.3d	Use word-reference materials.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, contains the words students in grades 6–8 need to know. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a grade-level-appropriate reference with nearly 30,000 main entries that presents information about synonyms, related words, idiomatic phrases, near antonyms, and antonyms. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> combines dictionary and thesaurus entries. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> fit conveniently in a student's binder.
Comprehension of Narrative and Poetic Text 6.4d	Describe how word choice and imagery contribute to the meaning of a text. (Recognize poetic elements in prose and poetry, including rhyme, rhythm, alliteration, onomatopoeia.)	Nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> explain slight differences among closely related words to help students understand how word choice contributes to meaning. The dictionary also has entries, often with examples, for the literary terms—from <i>alliteration</i> to <i>verse</i> —that students need to know.
Comprehension of Informational Text 6.5g	Select informational sources appropriate for a given purpose. (Understand and use the references available in the classroom, school, and public libraries, including general and specialized dictionaries, thesauruses, atlases and globes, and Web sites appropriate for school use.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> are especially designed for students in grades 6–8. WordCentral.com is a free Web site, designed especially for students, with a dictionary, thesaurus, word games, and more. 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. <i>Merriam-Webster's Visual Dictionary</i> includes 6,000 detailed color illustrations and diagrams covering 94 specific themes, along with comprehensive definitions for 20,000 terms.

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Composing and Revising 6.6c	Select vocabulary and information to enhance the central idea, tone, and voice.	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. <i>The Merriam-Webster 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 those differences. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , which gives an example sentence for every word in its synonyms lists so students can make informed word choices.
Composing and Revising 6.6e	Revise writing for clarity.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with its nearly 70,000 entries, grade-level-appropriate definitions, usage labels, and verbal illustrations can help students make appropriate word choice decisions in the revision process. To aid clarity, "A Handbook of Style" section explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Usage and Mechanics 6.7	Edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief discussions of common usage and grammar problems. <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.
Usage and Mechanics 6.7c	Use pronoun-antecedent agreement to include indefinite pronouns.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use, including discussions on correct pronoun-antecedent agreement.
Usage and Mechanics 6.7e	Choose adverbs to describe verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> helps students choose the right adverb with hundreds of entries for adverbs including complete lists of synonyms, antonyms, and related and contrasted words for each one. Each adverb is accompanied by a usage example. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> shows all irregular comparative and superlative forms at adverb entries. Many adjective entries show corresponding adverbs, and other adverbs are entered as main entries with usage examples.
Usage and Mechanics 6.7f	Use correct spelling for frequently used words.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> provides correct spellings for nearly 70,000 words, including variant spellings.

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SEVENTH GRADE

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Standard	Description *	Merriam-Webster Offering
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 7.4a	Use roots and affixes to expand vocabulary.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> is organized by 250 of the most productive Latin and Greek roots for effective study and includes quizzes for added review and reinforcement. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features handy lists of prefixes and suffixes and their meanings and common Greek and Latin roots and their meanings.
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 7.4b	Recognize analogies and figurative language.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has entries, often with examples, for the figurative language terms students need to know.
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 7.4c	Identify connotations. (Recognize that synonyms may have connotations, e.g., <i>elderly</i> and <i>mature</i> ; <i>youthful</i> and <i>juvenile</i> .)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that discuss connotative and denotative differences among synonyms. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences among synonyms with usage examples to illustrate those differences.
Comprehension of Narrative and Poetic Text 7.5c	Describe the impact of word choice, imagery, and poetic devices.	The nearly 200 synonym paragraphs in <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> can help students understand the impact of word choice by discussing differences in meaning among synonyms.
Comprehension of Informational Text 7.7a	Use print and electronic sources to locate information in books and articles. (Understand the characteristics of resource tools, including reference books,...[and] the Internet, as appropriate for school use.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with nearly 70,000 entries, contains the information students in grades 6–8 need to know. It includes a "Using Your Dictionary" section that explains the features of the book. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> is a grade-level-appropriate reference with nearly 30,000 main entries presenting information on thousands of synonyms, related words, and antonyms. WordCentral.com is a Web site designed especially for students, with a free dictionary, thesaurus, word games, and more.
Comprehension of Informational Text 7.7d	Credit primary and secondary sources.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> have a chapter on bibliographies that introduces students to the basics of identifying the sources used in their research. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> has a more detailed chapter on citing references, including information on how to list special types of sources, such as non-print sources, unpublished materials, and online sources.

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Composing and Revising 7.8c	Choose vocabulary and information that will create tone and voice. (Use written expression to draft and revise compositions with attention to...vivid and precise vocabulary.)	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. <i>The Merriam-Webster 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 those differences. Students can also use <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> , which gives an example sentence for every word in its synonyms lists so students can make the best word choices.
Composing and Revising 7.8e	Revise writing for clarity and effect.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with its nearly 70,000 entries, grade-level-appropriate definitions, usage labels, and verbal illustrations, can help students make appropriate word choice decisions in the revision process. To aid clarity, "A Handbook of Style" section explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization.
Usage and Mechanics 7.9	Edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing. (Use complete sentences with appropriate punctuation, including the punctuation of dialogue.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief discussions of common usage and grammar problems. <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> offer guidance on the basics of capitalization and punctuation, including punctuation of dialogue, that students need to know.
Usage and Mechanics 7.9b	Demonstrate understanding of sentence formation by identifying the eight parts of speech and their functions in sentences.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains articles that deal with difficult usage and grammar issues for all parts of speech. Students can make sure they understand all the grammar terms related to sentence formation with <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> , which include a grammar glossary with definitions and helpful discussions.
Usage and Mechanics 7.9c	Choose pronouns to agree with antecedents.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use, including discussions on correct pronoun-antecedent agreement.

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EIGHTH GRADE

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Standard	Description *	Merriam-Webster Offering
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 8.4	Apply knowledge of word origins, derivations, inflections, analogies, and figurative language to extend vocabulary development.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> features 250 Greek and Latin borrowings and words from classical mythology and history, with definitions, pronunciations, sample sentences, and brief word histories. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> offers interesting word history paragraphs at many entries, each followed by a traditional dictionary etymology. Thousands more entries offer etymologies that stand alone. For more advanced study, <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> has nearly 19,000 etymologies. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Thesaurus</i> features lists of common Greek and Latin roots and their meanings.
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 8.4a	Identify simile, metaphor, personification, and analogy.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> has entries for the figurative language terms students need to know, often accompanied by example phrases and sentences.
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Acquisition 8.4b	Use context, structure, and connotations to determine meaning of words and phrases. (Recognize the relationships between words related by structure and derivation, such as <i>polygraph</i> and <i>graffiti</i> or <i>carnival</i> and <i>valedictorian</i> .)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Vocabulary Builder</i> introduces nearly 3,500 words, organized by 250 of the most productive Latin and Greek roots for effective study, and includes quizzes for added review and reinforcement.
	(Use context and reference skills independently to determine the nuances and connotations of words.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes nearly 200 synonym paragraphs that discuss connotative and denotative differences among synonyms. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> are devoted entirely to brief explanations that help students distinguish slight differences between synonyms with usage examples to illustrate those differences.
Composing and Revising 8.7c	Select specific vocabulary and information. (Write in a variety of forms, including informational—writing to put forth information—frequently used in textbooks and the news media.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> includes nearly 70,000 entries and includes coverage of new words from the fields of science, technology, social sciences, and health. 22,000 usage examples clarify meanings. More advanced students may want to use <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , which has more than 100,000 definitions.

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Composing and Revising 8.7d	Revise writing for word choice, sentence variety, and transitions among paragraphs. (Use written expression to draft and revise compositions with attention to vivid and precise vocabulary.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> , with its nearly 70,000 entries, grade-level-appropriate definitions, usage labels, and verbal illustrations can help students make appropriate word choice decisions in the revision process. To aid clarity, "A Handbook of Style" section explains the use of punctuation marks and capitalization. <i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> offers synonyms, antonyms, and related and contrasted words for students to select from as they revise.
Usage and Mechanics 8.8	Edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> contains brief discussions of common usage and grammar problems. <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> offer guidance on the basics of capitalization and punctuation that students need to know.
	(Use a singular verb with a singular subject and a plural verb with a plural subject.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> offers help with subject/verb agreement with concise articles that deal with compound subjects and with collective nouns. A grammar glossary helps students find the articles they need.
	(Use a singular pronoun to refer to a singular antecedent and a plural pronoun to refer to a plural antecedent, e.g., "All students should bring their notebooks to class." "Each student must provide his own pen.")	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has brief, helpful discussions of correct pronoun use, including discussions on correct pronoun/antecedent agreement (such as when to use <i>their</i> versus <i>his</i>).
Usage and Mechanics 8.8b	Use and punctuate correctly varied sentence structures to include conjunctions and transition words. (Use and correctly punctuate conjunctions, such as <i>either/or</i> and <i>neither/nor</i> .)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> offer discussions on the uses of conjunctions that cause problems, including the correlative conjunctions <i>either...or</i> and <i>neither...nor</i> . <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> explain conventions for punctuating varied sentence structures.
Usage and Mechanics 8.8c	Choose the correct case and number for pronouns in prepositional phrases with compound objects.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> discusses correct pronoun use, including correct pronoun case in prepositional phrases.
Usage and Mechanics 8.8e	Use comparative and superlative degrees in adverbs and adjectives.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary</i> gives all irregular comparative and superlative forms of adjectives.

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NINTH GRADE

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Standard	Description *	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading Analysis/ Comprehending Narrative and Poetic Text 9.3c	Use literary terms in describing and analyzing selections. (Identify types of figurative language: metaphor, simile, analogy, symbolism, personification, paradox, oxymoron, apostrophe, allusion, pun, understatement.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> has entries, often with usage examples, for the literary terms students need to know.
Reading Analysis/ Comprehending Narrative and Poetic Text 9.3e	Explain the relationship between the author's style and literary effect. (Identify and analyze an author's use of diction to convey ideas and content: rhetorical question, cliché, connotation, denotation....)	<i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> can help students understand an author's use of connotation to convey literary effect. Brief explanations explain slight differences in connotation between closely related words, and usage examples illustrate those differences.
Writing/ Composing and Revising 9.6e	Use specific vocabulary and information.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> are designed to help students express themselves with clarity and precision. <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> includes the precise definitions high school students need as well as more than 500 synonym paragraphs. For more advanced students, <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary, Eleventh Edition</i> , has more than 165,000 entries, including up-to-date specialized vocabulary from the fields of science, technology, social sciences, and health.
Writing/ Composing and Revising 9.6g	Revise writing for clarity.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Thesaurus</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> can help students make better word choices to convey their messages more clearly.
Writing/ Composing and Revising 9.6h	Proofread and prepare final product for intended audience and purpose.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks, and a list of common errors in grammar and punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> includes an entire chapter on proofreading and copyediting.
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 9.7	Edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> will help students proofread for spelling and grammar. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a grammar glossary and guide to proofreading. <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.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 9.7a	Use and apply rules for the parts of a sentence, including subject/verb, direct/indirect object, and predicate nominative/predicate adjective.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> has articles that help students deal with problems involving subject/verb agreement and correct use of objective and nominative case. Grammar glossaries in <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> include definitions and discussions of all the grammar terms related to sentence parts.
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 9.7b	Use parallel structures across sentences and paragraphs. (Use parallel structure when linking ideas with correlative conjunctions.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> offers discussions on the uses of conjunctions that cause problems, including the correlative conjunctions <i>either...or</i> and <i>neither...nor</i> .
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 9.7d	Use commas and semicolons to distinguish and divide main and subordinate clauses.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> can help with any punctuation problems involving clauses, with sections that deal separately with commas and with semicolons.
Research/Documentation of Sources 9.8a	Define the meaning and consequences of plagiarism. (Avoid plagiarism by using quotation marks when someone else's exact words are quoted.)	Students can use <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> for guidance in incorporating quotations into their text.
Research/Documentation of Sources 9.8c	Use a style sheet, such as that of the MLA or the APA, for citing sources.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> provides the consensus versions—versions that can be translated readily into the special style of any of a myriad of style manuals or authorities—of citation style, accompanied by examples that make the rules clear.
Research/Resource for Research 9.9d	Distinguish between reliable and questionable Internet sources and apply responsible use of technology.	MerriamWebster.com provides free access to authoritative resources such as <i>Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary</i> and <i>Online Thesaurus</i> .

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TENTH GRADE

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Standard	Description *	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading Analysis/ Comprehending Narrative and Poetic Text 10.3	Read, comprehend, and critique literary works.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , with over 100,000 definitions, is written especially for students in grades 9–11. Its clear definitions and thousands of usage examples in grade-level-appropriate language can help students understand the vocabulary they encounter in their reading.
Reading Analysis/ Comprehending Informational Text 10.4	Read and interpret informational materials.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> is up-to-date with new words from the fields of science, technology, entertainment, and health. Its nearly 1,000 clearly rendered illustrations help clarify meanings. <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary</i> includes more than 165,000 entries and 225,000 definitions that help students comprehend a wide variety of informational texts, including scientific and technical reporting, newspapers and magazines, and online sources.
Writing/ Composing and Revising 10.7b	Elaborate ideas clearly through word choice and vivid description.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> , created for students in grades 9–11, is an essential word-choice tool. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> integrates thesaurus entries with dictionary entries. <i>The Merriam-Webster 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 closely related words. Used in conjunction with <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , these are a student's best resources for choosing more effective and precise language.
Writing/ Composing and Revising 10.7e	Revise writing for clarity of content and presentation.	Students can verify word meanings and usage with <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> .
Writing/ Composing and Revising 10.7f	Proofread and prepare final product for intended audience and purpose.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks, and a list of common errors in grammar and punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> includes an entire chapter on proofreading and copyediting.

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 10.8	Edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> will help students proofread for spelling and grammar. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a grammar glossary and guide to proofreading. <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/Usage and Mechanics 10.8a	Use a style manual, such as that of the MLA or the APA, to apply rules for punctuation and formatting of direct quotations.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> provide guidance in incorporating quotations into their text. These references have entire chapters on the subject matters of block quotations, omissions in quotations, and quoting verse, and also have complete information on punctuation rules.
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 10.8b	Apply rules governing use of the colon.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> , <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> , and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> each include a section that deals exclusively with colons.
Research/Presentation of Information 10.11d	Credit sources for both quoted and paraphrased ideas. (Cite primary and secondary sources of information, using the MLA or APA method of documentation.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> provide the consensus versions—versions that can be translated readily into the special style of any of the style manuals—of approved conventions for documentation of sources, including articles, government publications, online sources, and unpublished materials. They also give abundant examples that make the rules clear.

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Standard	Description *	Merriam-Webster Offering
Reading Analysis/ Comprehending Narrative and Poetic Text 11.3d	Describe how use of context and language structure conveys an author's intent and viewpoint in contemporary and historical essays, speeches, and critical reviews. (Describe the language choices and devices that authors use, such as rhetorical question, sarcasm, satire, parallelism, connotation, denotation....)	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate® Dictionary, Eleventh Edition</i> , present a word's definitions in historical order (older uses first), which helps students determine the meanings of words as they are used in both classic and modern texts. <i>The Merriam-Webster Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Synonyms</i> can help students understand an author's use of connotation to convey intent and viewpoint. Brief explanations explain slight differences in connotation between closely related words, and usage examples illustrate those differences.
Reading Analysis/ Comprehending Informational Text 11.4a	Use information from texts to clarify or refine understanding of academic concepts. (Analyze and use the basic vocabulary and concepts of informational texts in all disciplines.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> , with over 100,000 definitions, is written especially for students in grades 9–11. Its clear definitions and thousands of usage examples in grade-level-appropriate language can help students understand vocabulary they encounter in their reading. <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> includes more than 165,000 entries and 225,000 definitions that help students comprehend a wide variety of informational texts, including scientific and technical reporting, newspapers and magazines, and online sources.
Reading Analysis/ Comprehending Informational Text 11.4c	Apply concepts and use vocabulary in informational and technical materials to complete a task. (Analyze key vocabulary, such as jargon, technical terms, and content-specific vocabulary.)	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> include up-to-date, content-specific terms from the fields of science, communication, social sciences, and health, to help students understand and use specialized subject-area vocabulary accurately.
Writing/ Composing and Revising 11.7e	Elaborate ideas clearly and accurately.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Thesaurus</i> , created for students in grades 9–11, is an essential word-choice tool. <i>Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus</i> integrates thesaurus entries with dictionary entries. Used in conjunction with <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> or <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> , these are a student's best resources for choosing more effective and precise language.
Writing/ Composing and Revising 11.7g	Revise writing for accuracy and depth of information.	Students can verify word meanings and usage with <i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary</i> .

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Standard	Description	Merriam-Webster Offering
Writing/ Composing and Revising 11.7h	Proofread final copy and prepare document for intended audience and purpose.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks, and a list of common errors in grammar and punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> includes an entire chapter on proofreading and copyediting.
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 11.8	Edit writing for correct grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, sentence structure, and paragraphing.	<i>Merriam-Webster's School Dictionary</i> will help students proofread for spelling and grammar. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to English Usage</i> helps students address sticky grammar and usage issues. <i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a grammar glossary and guide to proofreading. <i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> offers students a complete reference to the rules of capitalization and punctuation, with many examples.
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 11.8a	Use a style manual, such as that of the MLA or the APA, for producing research projects.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> provide the consensus versions—versions that can be translated readily into the special style of any of the style manuals—of approved conventions for punctuation, quotation, and documentation of sources.
Writing/Usage and Mechanics 11.8b	Use verbals and verbal phrases to achieve sentence conciseness and variety.	Articles in <i>Merriam-Webster's Concise Dictionary of English Usage</i> can clarify the use of gerunds, infinitives, participles, and verbal phrases including absolute phrases. Quotations from published authors illustrate usage.
Research/ Research Project 11.10f	Document sources of information, using a style sheet, such as that of the MLA or the APA.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> tell how to document all kinds of sources, including articles, government publications, online sources, and unpublished materials, in footnotes, endnotes, and bibliographies. They also give abundant examples that make the rules clear.
Research/ Research Project 11.10i	Proofread final copy and prepare document for publication or submission.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks, and a list of common errors in grammar and punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> has a whole chapter on proofreading and copyediting.

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Writing/ Composing and Revising 12.7g	Proofread final copy and prepare document for publication of submission.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Notebook Guide to Punctuation</i> includes a section on proofreading that shows proofreaders' marks, and a list of common errors in grammar and punctuation. <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> has a whole chapter on proofreading and copyediting.
Research/ Documented Research Paper 12.8e	Cite sources of information, using a standard method of documentation, such as that of the MLA or the APA.	<i>Merriam-Webster's Pocket Guide to Punctuation</i> and <i>Merriam-Webster's Guide to Punctuation and Style</i> provide the consensus versions—versions that can be translated readily into the special style of any of the style manuals—of approved conventions for documentation of sources.