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User's Manual

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Meet *Dictionary Plus*

What *Dictionary Plus* Can Do

Your new *Merriam-Webster® Dictionary Plus* is much more than a dictionary. It's a spelling corrector, dictionary, and thesaurus combined in one powerful and portable reference. Using *Dictionary Plus*, you can. . .

- find the words you need in spelling correction lists, dictionary definitions, thesaurus meanings, and synonym lists.
- distinguish frequently confused words,
- pick words on screen to look up, and
- review words that you have looked up in previous sessions.

You can even use *Dictionary Plus* to look up words from certain other digital books.

Your First Tip

Throughout this manual, look for gray-boxed tips like this one. They explain how to get the most from your *Dictionary Plus*.

How *Dictionary Plus* Works

Dictionary Plus is easy to use. You simply type in words, or pick them from on screen, and then look them up. Here's what a typical session looks like:

The screen says "Type a word. . ."

You type a word and press **ENTER.** You see the word's dictionary definitions.

You press **MORE.** You see its thesaurus meanings.

You press **MORE.** You see its synonyms.

You press **CLEAR.** And you're back at the main prompt, ready to type another word.

It's that easy.

This User's Manual explains how to use *Dictionary Plus* in detail. If you haven't used *Dictionary Plus* before, read its chapters in order and try the examples. If you're an experienced user, keep this manual for quick reference.

Starting *Dictionary Plus*

Before you can use *Dictionary Plus*, it must be installed in your Digital Book System. Here's how.

1. Turn the *Digital Book System* off.

WARNING If you install *Dictionary Plus* while the Digital Book System is on, information that you entered in the other installed digital book could be erased.

2. Put *Dictionary Plus* in either book slot on the back of the Digital Book System.

Align its tabs with the notches in the book slot. Make sure its metal contacts are facing down.

3. Press **ON/OFF** .

If the screen is blank, adjust the contrast control on the left side of the Digital Book System.

**contrast
control**

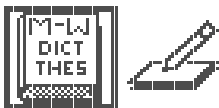
Starting

If the screen is still blank, check the batteries.

4. Press **CARD**.

You see the digital book symbols.

5. Highlight the *Dictionary Plus* symbol by pressing or .





6. Press **ENTER**.





Type a word...

...then press **ENTER**

This is *Dictionary Plus's* main prompt. It's where you type words to find spellings, dictionary definitions, thesaurus meanings, synonyms, and confusable words. You can get to the main prompt at any time by pressing **CLEAR**.


Help is Always at Hand

If you're ever unsure about what to do next, press **HELP** to see an appropriate help message. If you want to see the Gold key combinations (the keys you can press while holding ) , just press  .

To scroll through help messages, press  or  . To page through them, press  or  . To exit them, press **BACK** .

How to See a Demonstration

To see a brief demonstration of *Dictionary Plus's* main features, follow these steps:

- Press **MENU** .
- Then press  to highlight "Demo."
- Then press **ENTER** .

You can stop the demo at any time by pressing **CLEAR** .

Correcting Spellings

You don't have to be a perfect speller to look up words using *Dictionary Plus*. As the following example shows, when you enter a misspelled word, *Dictionary Plus* automatically displays a spelling correction list.

1. At the main prompt, type "kawphy".

If you're not at the main prompt, first press **CLEAR**. To erase letters, press **BACK**.

Type a word...

kawphy_

...then press **ENTER**

2. Press **ENTER**.

```
1  coffer
2  coffer
3  cuffed
4  cuffs
5  coughs
```

This is a spelling correction list.

3. Press .

You scroll down the list.

Here's what you can do now:

To . . .

Define a word

Go back to the list
from a definition

Press . . .

Highlight it.

Then 




4. When you're done, press .

Follow the Arrows

In *Dictionary Plus*, you'll often see a blinking arrow at the upper right of the screen, like this:



This arrow shows that more information is in the display than appears on screen now. To see more of the display, simply press .

Finding Spellings

Dictionary Plus's MatchMaker™ key-- **?** *****--helps you find spellings when you don't know all the letters in a word. You can use it to solve crossword puzzles, too.

Using the Letter Detective™

The question mark is called the Letter Detective because it finds missing letters in words. Type a question mark for every letter that you don't know.





1. At the main prompt, type a "conc??ve".
2. Press **ENTER**.

```
1 concelive
2 conclave
```

This is a MatchMaker list.

3. Press  to highlight a word. Then press **ENTER**

You see its definitions. When you're at long MatchMaker lists, you may want to page up and

down the list. Just press  or . To go to the end of the list, hold  and press .

4. When you're done, press **CLEAR**.

Using the Fragment Finder™

The asterisk is called the Fragment Finder because it finds words containing the word fragment that you type. To type an asterisk, hold **SHIFT** and press **? ***.

1. At the main prompt, type " abund*".

2. Press **ENTER**.

```
1 abundance
2 abundant
3 abundantly
```

3. Press  to highlight a word. Then press **ENTER**.

4. When you're done, press **CLEAR**.

MatchMaker Tips

You can type question marks and asterisks in the same word; for example, "pers?ver*".

But avoid typing question marks and asterisks in place of a word's first letters. If type them there, the search for a MatchMaker list may take a while.

Solving Crossword Puzzles

You can use the MatchMaker key to help solve crossword puzzles.

For example, let's say your crossword clue is "To lessen." You know its five-letter answer starts with an A and ends with TE.

Simply type "a??te" at *Dictionary Plus's* main prompt. Then press **ENTER**. You'll see a MatchMaker list including "abate," the answer.

Looking up Definitions

Dictionary Plus contains more than 270,000 dictionary definitions. You can find them in two ways:

- by typing words at the main prompt,
- or by picking words on screen.

The following example shows how to define words by typing them. To learn how to define words by picking them, read "Using the Pick Mode."


1. At the main prompt, type "run".

2. Press  .

Or you can hold  and press  .

```
run (verb)
ran; run; run+ning; runs; ↓
1: go rapidly or hurriedly
2: enter a race or elec-
tion
```

This is a dictionary definition. Dictionary definitions start with the word you entered, with its hyphenation points and part of speech shown.

3. Press  to scroll down the definition.

Looking up Definitions

You see inflections of the main word (unless you turned off the inflections at the Setup menu), one or more meanings, plus related words and phrases.

Here's what you can do now:

To . . .

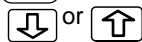
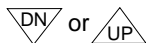
Page through the definition

Zoom to the end or start of the definition

See thesaurus meanings



and synonyms for the main word **MORE**



Press . . .



Browsing Through Definitions


With *Dictionary Plus*, you can flip through dictionary entries as you would in a book.

When you're at a definition, hold  while pressing  to see the next dictionary entry.

To return to previous entries, hold  and press .

Key Keys in *Dictionary Plus*

Here are some keys you'll use often:

- | | |
|---|--|
| CLEAR | clears screen to the main prompt |
|  | used with other keys |
| HELP | displays help messages |
| MORE | displays other reference entries
(See below.) |

Finding MORE Than Definitions

Dictionary Plus has the ability to quickly display different types of reference entries. The simplest way to see them is to press **MORE**.

For example, let's say you're looking at the definition of "capital." To see its first thesaurus meaning, press **MORE**. Then, to see its first list of synonyms, press **MORE** again. To go back to the previous entry, just press **BACK**.

You'll learn about thesaurus meanings and synonym lists in the next chapters.



Finding Thesaurus Meanings

A thesaurus meaning is a general definition shared by a list of synonyms. Since many words have more than one synonym list, thesaurus meanings help you decide which synonym list suits your needs.

As this example shows, you can easily switch between thesaurus meanings and synonym lists.

1. At the main prompt, type "cold".

2. Hold  and press .

Or you can press , highlight "Thesaurus meaning" on the Command menu, and then press .

```
cold: ədʒ, marked by a  
deficiency of warmth.
```

—■—

This is a thesaurus meaning. Did you notice the "Thesaurus meaning 1 of 7" message? It means that the word you typed has more than one thesaurus meaning.

3. To see the next thesaurus meaning, hold



4. Press **BACK**.

You return to the first thesaurus meaning.

Here's what you can do now:

To . . .

Press . . .

See synonyms for a
thesaurus meaning

MORE

To go back to the
thesaurus meaning

BACK

In this way, you can flip between thesaurus meanings and their synonyms.

5. When you're done, press **CLEAR** .


Finding MORE Information

Remember, when you're at a reference display, you can see other references--synonym lists, thesaurus meanings, and confusable words -- simply by pressing **MORE** .

Finding Synonyms

Dictionary Plus contains nearly 500,000 synonyms. Not all words in *Dictionary Plus* have synonyms, but most do.

This example shows the basic way to find synonyms--by typing a word at the main prompt. You can also find synonyms by pressing **(MORE)** at dictionary definitions and thesaurus meanings.

1. At the main prompt, type "light".
2. Hold  while pressing **(S)**.

Or you can press **(MENU)**, highlight "Thesaurus synonyms" on the Commands menu, and then press **(ENTER)**.

```
1  SYN  
2  aurora  
3  cockcrow  
4  dawning  
5  daybreak
```

This is a synonym list. Did you notice the "Synonyms for meaning 1" message? It means that "light" has more than one list of synonyms.

3. Hold and press repeatedly.

You see its other synonym lists.

Here's what you can do now:

To ...



See the thesaurus meaning
of a synonym list





See previous thesaurus
meanings or synonym lists

Define a synonym

Press ...





 + 

 to highlight
it. Then 
or  + 

4. When you're done, press .

Gold Key Combinations



Remember,  is used in combination with other keys. To see a list of the Gold key combinations in *Dictionary Plus*, press .



Finding Confusable Words

Confusable words are homonyms, contractions, and possessives that are easy to confuse with other words. For example, "doe" and "dough" are confusable words.

Most words in *Dictionary Plus* aren't confusable words. But here's how to find if they are.

1. At the main prompt, type "ere".

2. Hold  and press .

Or you can press , and then highlight "Confusable words" at the Command menu, and then press .

```
ERE : before
air : atmosphere
err : fail
heir : inheritor
```

This is a list of confusable words. Each confusable word is followed by a word identifying its meaning.

Finding Confusable Words

Here's what you can do now:

To . . .

Define a confusable word

See thesaurus meanings
and synonyms of a
confusable word


Press . . .

Highlight it.

Then **ENTER**

or  + **C**

Highlight it.

Then  +

T or **S**.

3. When you're done, press **CLEAR**.

Resuming Your Session

When you have to stop using *Dictionary Plus* in the middle of a session, you can resume where you left off even if the Digital Book System has shut off.

Just turn on the Digital Book System. You'll automatically return to the last definition, thesaurus meaning, synonym list, or other display that you saw.

Using Pick Mode

With *Dictionary Plus*, you can pick a word dictionary definitions and thesaurus meanings and then look it up in one of the references.

To pick words, you must first enter the Pick mode first. Then you press the arrow keys to highlight a word. And then you press the appropriate Gold key combination to go to a reference. Here's an example.

1. **At the main prompt, type "empathy". Then press **ENTER**.**

You see its dictionary definition.

2. **Press **ENTER** again.**

Or you can press **MENU**, highlight "Pick mode" at the Command menu, and then press **ENTER**.

```
em*path*ic (noun)
: capacity for experi-      ↓
  encing the feelings and
  thoughts of another
em*path*ic (adjective)
```

Now you're in Pick mode. Notice that the first word is highlighted, or picked.

3. **To pick another word, press the arrow keys.**

em+pa+thy (noun) ↑
 # capacity for experi-
 encing the feelings and
 thoughts of another
 em+path+ic (adjective)

The highlighted word is the picked word.

Here's what you can do now:

To . . .

Press . . .

Define the picked word

ENTER or + **D**

See thesaurus meanings
of the picked word

+ **T**

See synonyms of
the picked word

+ **S**

4. When you're done, press **CLEAR**.

Looking up Words in Lists

In spelling, MatchMaker, synonym, and confusable word lists, you don't have to enter the Pick mode to look up words. Just press or to highlight a word in the list. Then press a Gold key combination.

Reviewing Your Path List

Dictionary Plus's Path list lets you review words that you looked up during current or previous sessions. The Path list saves the last 26 words that you entered by typing or picking words.

Your Path list is erased only when the Digital Book System's batteries are allowed to run out of power or are removed for more than two minutes.

1. After you've looked up words, press **LIST**.



```
1 test
2 sure
3 light
4 large
5 big
```

This is a sample Path list. The words in your Path list depend on the words you've looked up during your use of *Dictionary Plus*.

2. Press  to highlight a word.


3. Press a Gold key combination.

Here are the keys you can press:


To...

Press...


Define a word

ENTER or  + **D**

See thesaurus meanings

 + **T**



See synonyms



 + **S**

4. To go back to the Path list, press **BACK** repeatedly.

5. When you're done, press **CLEAR**.

Two Ways to Back Up

At most displays, you can back up either by holding  and pressing  or simply by pressing **BACK**.

 +  display the previous reference entry of the same type. For example, when you're looking at synonyms, you see the previous synonym list.

BACK takes you back to whatever display you last saw, regardless of what type of reference it was.

Using With Other Books

Dictionary Plus can send and receive words to and from other digital books. This means that you can highlight a word in an installed digital book and then look it up in *Dictionary Plus*. Or you can pick a word in *Dictionary Plus* and send to the other book.

Note that *Dictionary Plus* can receive only one or two words at a time. Don't try to send more. Also, not all digital books can receive words from *Dictionary Plus*.

The example below requires that you have *Dictionary Plus* and *Word Games* installed in your Digital Book System.

1. Go to the end of a round of Hangman by guessing the mystery word or by pressing the question mark key.

```
fumes
guesses  0: #####
Press  to continue
```



2. Hold  and press .

3. Highlight the *Dictionary Plus* symbol. Then press **ENTER**.

Type a word...

fumes

...then press **ENTER**

This is *Dictionary Plus*'s main prompt with the word you highlighted in it.

4. Press **ENTER**.



fume (noun)

fumes

: irritating gas

(verb)

fumed; fumed; fum-ing;

5. To return to the *Word Games* menu, first press **CARD**. Then highlight its symbol by pressing  or . Then press **ENTER**.



Selecting Menu Settings

The Commands and Setup menus let you select reference and display settings.

1. Press **MENU** .

```
Commands Setup Demo
Dictionary definition
Thesaurus meaning
Thesaurus synonyms
```

This is the Commands menu. To use a reference:

- First type a word at the main prompt.
- Then press **MENU** and highlight "Commands" by pressing  .
- Then highlight a reference By pressing  . Then press **ENTER** .

2. Press .

```
Commands Setup Demo
air : Select Typeface
err : Set Shutoff
heir : Turn off inflections
```

This is the Setup menu. Here you can change typefaces, adjust the shutoff timing, and decide if inflections appear in dictionary definitions.

Typefaces, or fonts, are how letters appear on screen. You may want to select a large or bold one for visibility.

Shutoff is how long the Digital Book System will stay on when you forget to turn it off.

Inflections are variations of words, such as plurals and participles, that normally appear in dictionary definitions. You may want to turn them off to shorten your definitions.

3. Press  to highlight the type of setting you want to change. Then press **ENTER** .

You'll see a list of settings.

4. Press  to highlight a setting. Then press **ENTER** .

You return to the previous display, with the setting changed.

NOTE: The Demo menu is explained on page 7.

Appendixes

Installing Digital Books

NOTE: Your Digital Book System will operate only when one or two digital books are installed.

1. Turn the Digital Book System off.

1. Align the digital book's tabs with the notches in either book slot on the back of the Digital Book System.

If you install only one digital book, it doesn't matter which slot you use. But make sure that the digital book's metal contacts are facing down.

2. Gently snap the digital book into the slot.

Removing Digital Books

1. Turn the Digital Book System off.

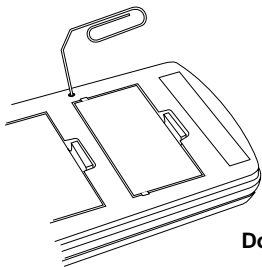
WARNING If you install or remove digital books while the Digital Book System is on, you may erase information that you entered in them.

2. Using your fingernail, compress the digital book's tab while lifting it from the slot.

Restarting the Digital Book System

If the keyboard fails to respond or the screen performs erratically, follow these steps:

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Press **ON/OFF**.
3. Hold **CLEAR** and press **ON/OFF**.*
4. Using a paper clip, press the recessed reset button on the back.*



Do not use a pen or pencil.

*** WARNING** When you reset your Digital Book System, information that you entered in the currently installed digital books, and notes in your notepad, will be erased.

Switching Between Digital Books

1. With two digital books installed, press **CARD**.

You see the digital book symbols.

2. Highlight a symbol by pressing  or . Then press **ENTER**.


You switch to the other digital book. To return to the first digital book, repeat the steps above.

Sending Words Between Books

Some digital books can send and receive words from other digital books. Generally, here's how:

1. Highlight a word in a digital book.

Read its User's Manual to learn how.

2. Hold  and press **CARD**.
3. Highlight the other digital book symbol. Then press **ENTER**.

You see its main prompt or display. You may have to press **ENTER** again to look up the word.

Using the Notepad

Your Digital Book System comes with a built-in notepad that can store up to 60 lines of text.

You can edit your notes as you would in a word processor. And you can copy words into your notepad from digital books, as well as send words to books from your notepad.

1. Press **CARD**.
2. Highlight the notepad symbol. Then press **ENTER**.
3. Type your notes.

To . . .

Type numbers

Erase characters


Insert a line

Move the cursor

Zoom the cursor

Page up or down


Press . . .



 + letters

BACK

ENTER

 + arrows

 UP or  DN

Using the Notepad (cont'd.)

4. Edit your notes.

To . . .

highlight a word

unhighlight a word

highlight a line

highlight all notes

unhighlight notes

cut highlighted notes

copy highlighted notes


paste highlighted notes

erase highlighted notes

Press . . .


MORE


BACK


 + **MORE**

 + **SHIFT**
+ **MORE**

any arrow key

 + **X**

 + **C**

 + **V**

CLEAR


If you cut or copy notes, and then cut or copy more before pasting the first, the first will be erased. Also, you can't undo cut, copy, and paste commands.

5. Press **CARD**.



Your notes are saved as you exit the notepad.

Sending Words to & from the Notepad

To look up words from your notepad in certain digital books, follow these steps:

- Press the arrow keys to move the cursor to a word in your notepad.
- Then press **MORE** to highlight the word.
- The hold  and press **CARD**.
- * Highlight the symbol of the digital book you want to send the word to. Then press **ENTER**.

To copy words from digital books into your notepad, follow these steps:

- Highlight a word in the digital book. (Read its User's Manual to learn how.)
- Then hold  and press **CARD**.
- Highlight the notepad symbol. Then press **ENTER**.
- In the notepad, move the cursor to where you want to insert the word. Then hold  and press **V**.

Replacing the Batteries

Your unit uses CR2032 lithium batteries. Before replacing them, have four new batteries ready.

1. **Turn your Digital Book System off.**
2. **Remove the battery cover on the back. Then remove all batteries.**
3. **Promptly slide two new batteries into the battery cavity with the metal clip over it.**

Don't bend the clip; it's an electrical contact. And make sure the batteries' plus (+) signs face up.

4. **Slide two new batteries into the other cavity. Then replace the battery cover.**

WARNING To prevent data loss from installed digital books and the notepad:

- Always replace the batteries before they completely lose power.
- Never remove batteries while the unit is on.
- Never mix old and new batteries.
- Once batteries have been removed, install new ones within two minutes.

Protecting Your Digital Book System

To get the longest use from your Digital Book System, follow these precautions.

- **Don't touch the metal contacts on the back of your digital books or the rubber contacts in the book slots of the Digital Book System.**

CAUTION Touching the contacts with statically charged objects, including your fingers, could erase information you entered in your currently installed digital books.

- **Don't put excessive pressure or weight on your digital books or Digital Book System.**

In particular, avoid carrying either in your back pocket.

- **Don't expose your digital books to extreme or prolonged heat, cold, or other adverse conditions.**

Storing and Cleaning

When you're not using your Digital Book System, keep two digital books or dummy books installed in its book slots to prevent dust build-up. Store your other digital books in their carrying case.

For extra protection, slide the plastic cover over the front of the Digital Book System. During normal use, however, you can carry the Digital Book System without its cover.

To clean your digital books, apply isopropyl alcohol with cotton swab. To clean your Digital Book System, apply a mild household cleaner onto a soft cloth.

CAUTION Spraying liquids directly on your Digital Book System could damage its circuitry.

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















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

Function Keys

CLEAR	Clear the screen to the main prompt.
MENU	Show the Command, Setup, and Demo menus.
GAMES	Doesn't apply.
MORE	Show more reference information.
LIST	Show your Path list.
SPEC	Doesn't apply.
CARD	Show the digital book symbols.




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-  +  Show confusable words.
-  +  Show dictionary definitions.
-  +  Show a thesaurus meaning.
-  +  Show synonyms.
-  +  Show the previous entry.
-  +  Show the next entry.
-  +  Zoom to the start of a entry.
-  +  Zoom to the end of entry.

Direction Keys

-  Page up.
-  Page down.
-     Move cursor.

MatchMaker™ Key

-  Letter Detective™, find letters in words.
-  +  Fragment Finder™, find fragments of words.

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Other Keys

BACK

Backspace, or go back to the previous display.

ENTER

Find definitions or spelling lists.

HELP

Show a help message.

ON/OFF

Turn unit on or off.

SHIFT

Shift keys to type capitals and other characters.

SPACE

Type a space.

, - ; .
: ' !

Type punctuation.

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