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Introduction

Congratulations. You now have a portable and powerful electronic reference that combines the features of a dictionary and a thesaurus.

Using *Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus*, you can:

- check and correct spellings,
- find unknown letters and fragments of words,
- find definitions, synonyms, and confusable words,
- pick and look up words on screen,
- review words that you've already looked up,
- look up words from other digital books.

This User's Manual shows you how. You can follow its numbered instructions using the examples shown or using words that interest you.

About User Notes

Throughout this User's Manual, notes like this provide tips and explain advanced uses of *Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus*. Look for them.
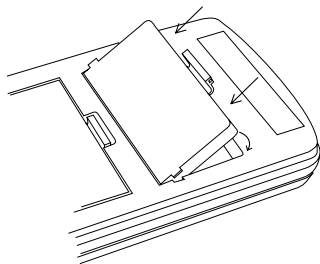
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Getting Started

If you're using
Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus
for the first time,
read this section.

Install the Digital Book

You must install the Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus *before you can use it.*

1. Turn the Digital Book System off.

2. Insert the digital book in a slot on the back.

Line up the digital book's tabs with the notches in the slot. Then snap the digital book in place.

3. Press (ON/OFF) .

⚠ Protecting Your Digital Books

Never install or remove a digital book while the Digital Book System is on. If you do, you may erase information that you entered in the other installed digital book.

Select the Dictionary

Once Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus *is installed, here's how to select and start using it.*

1. Press ⌒CARD⌒.

2. Press ⟨⊴⟩ or ⟨⊵⟩ to highlight the *Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus* symbol.

```
COLLINS
 DICT
 THES
```

3. Press ⌒ENTER⌒.

```
Type a word...

          ...then press ENTER
```

This is the entry line. You can always return to it by pressing ⌒CLEAR⌒.
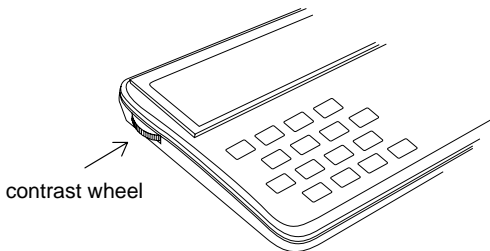
🔲 Resuming Your Session

If the Digital Book System is turned off while you're using the *Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus*, simply press ⌒ON/OFF⌒ to return to the previous screen.

Adjust the Contrast

If the screen contrast is not to your liking, here's how to adjust it.

1. Turn the contrast wheel.

contrast wheel

2. If the screen is still blank, check the batteries.

See "Replacing the Batteries" in Reference.

> ⌨ **See a Demonstration**
>
> To see a brief demonstration of *Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus*, press (MENU)
> and ⇨ to highlight Run Demo under
> DEMO . Then press (ENTER). To stop the
> demo, press (CLEAR).

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Select Setup Options

Using the Setup menu, you can select typefaces, shutoff times, and inflection displays.

1. Press (MENU). Then press ⇨.

```
Commands Setup Demo
         Select Typeface
         Set Shutoff
         Turn off inflections
```

2. Press ⬇ to highlight an option.

3. Press (ENTER) to see the settings.

4. Press ⬇ to highlight a setting.

5. Press (ENTER) to select it.

📖 Understanding Setup Options

Typefaces are how letters appear on screen. For easier reading, select a large typeface.

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

Inflections are plurals and participle forms of words. If you don't want to see them in definitions, select `Turn off inflections`.

Learn the Keys

Function Keys

(CLEAR)	Clear to the request line.
(MENU)	See the menus.
(MORE)	See demonstration or more references.
(LIST)	Show the path list.
(CARD)	Switch to another digital book.
(ENTER)	Find definitions or spelling lists.
(BACK)	Back up or erase letters.
(HELP)	See a help message.

Direction Keys

⇦ ⇨	Move the cursor left or right.
⇧ ⬇	Move up or down.
UP DN	Page up or down.
◯ + ⇧ ⬇	Go to the top or bottom.
◯ + UP DN	Go to next or previous.

Gold Key Combinations

▭ + C	Show confusable words.
▭ + D	Show dictionary definitions.
▭ + S	Show synonyms.

MatchMaker™ Key

? *	Letter Detective™, find letters in words.
SHIFT + ? *	Fragment Finder™, find fragments of words.

◇ **Help is Always at Hand**

To...	Press...
See a help message at any time	HELP
Move down the message	⬇
Exit the message	BACK

Looking Up Words

This section shows
how to find
definitions, synonyms,
and other information
about words.

Correcting Spellings

To check or correct spellings, simply type a word and press (ENTER) . *And if you misspell words, they're automatically corrected.*

1. Press (CLEAR) .

2. Type a misspelled word.

```
Type a word...
airisol_
            ...then press ENTER
```

To erase letters, press (BACK) .

3. Press (ENTER) .

```
1 aerosol
2 arousal
3 arisen
4 aerosols
5 orison
```
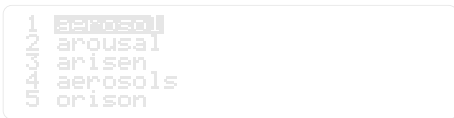
This is a correction list.

4. To define a word, press ⬇ **to highlight it. Then press** (ENTER) .

To go back to the correction list, press (BACK) .

5. Press (CLEAR) .

Finding Spellings

You can find unknown letters, prefixes, suffixes, or fragments of words by using the MatchMaker™ characters—the question mark and the asterisk.

Letter Detective™
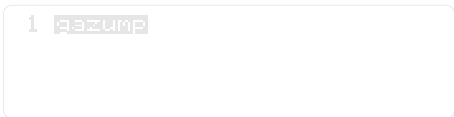
The question mark is the letter detective. It finds unknown letters in words.

1. At the entry line, type a word with a ? for each unknown letter.

```
Type a word...
g?z?mp
              ...then press ENTER
```

2. Press ENTER.

```
1 gazump
```

3. To define a word, press ⬇ to highlight it. Then press ENTER.

4. Press CLEAR.

Fragment Finder™

The asterisk is the fragment finder. It finds
prefixes, suffixes, and fragments of words. Each
asterisk can stand for any number of letters.

**1. Type a word with an ✳ for a series of
unknown letters.**

```
Type a word...
pn*
              ...then press ENTER
```

To type the asterisk, press [SHIFT] plus [? *].

2. Press [ENTER].

```
1 pneumatic
2 pneumatics            +
3 pneumonia
```

3. To define a word, press ⬇ **to highlight it.
Then press** [ENTER].

4. Press [CLEAR].

📖 Spelling Finder Tips

☞ You can enter ?'s and ✻'s in the same word. For example, pers?ver✻ . But don't place a ? next to an ✻. Remember, ✻'s can stand for any number of letters, including one or none.

☞ You can use ?'s and ✻'s to find unusual words. For example, to find two-letter words beginning with an O, enter o? . To find all words beginning with O, enter o✻.

☞ You can use ?'s to help solve crossword puzzles. For example, if the second letter of a five-letter word is H and its last letter is W. Enter ?h??w to see possible answers.

🔄 Follow the Arrows

Blinking arrows on screen show which keys you can press to see more. Look for them.

Finding Definitions

You can find definitions in two ways: (1) by entering words at the entry line, or (2) by picking words from definitions or word lists.

By Entering Words

The simplest way to define words is to enter them at the entry line.

1. Type a word.

```
Type a word...
larch
            ...then press ENTER
```

2. Press ENTER .

```
larch noun larches:
deciduous coniferous tree
```

This is a dictionary entry.

3. To move down the entry, press ⬇ or ＼DN／.

Read the next section for another way to find definitions.

By Picking Words

You can also define words by picking them from definition or word lists.

1. At a definition or word list, press (ENTER).

Or, under Commands , select Pick Mode .
Then press (ENTER) .

larch *noun* larches:
deciduous coniferous tree

2. Press the arrow keys to highlight a word.

larch *noun* larches:
deciduous coniferous tree

To erase the highlight, press (BACK).

3. Press (ENTER).

deciduous *adjective:*
1 (of trees) losing leaves
annually
2 (of antlers, teeth etc.)
being shed at the end of a

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4. Press CLEAR .

⊜ Seeing MORE Information

By pressing MORE , you can instantly cycle from definitions to synonym lists to confusable words (if any) and then back to definitions. You can start at any point in the cycle.

◇ Understanding Dictionary Entries

In dictionary entries, the entry word appears first with hyphenation points and part(s) of speech. One or more definitions of the entry word follow.

Some dictionary entries also contain definitions of related words, which are bold.

⊜ Browsing Dictionary Entries

You can browse through dictionary entries as you would in a book. At a definition, press ⬭ plus ⟍DN⟋ to see the next dictionary entry. Press ⬭ plus ⟋UP⟍ to see the previous one.

Finding Synonyms

You can find synonyms (1) by pressing (MORE)
at dictionary entries, (2) by entering words, or (3)
by picking words.

By Pressing MORE

At any dictionary entry, you can press (MORE)
to see synonyms of the entry word. See p.18.

By Entering Words

To go directly to synonyms, follow this
example.

1. Type a word.

```
Type a word...
light_
              ...then press ENTER
```

2. Press ⬭ plus (S) .

```
1 airy
2 delicate
3 easy
4 flimsy
5 portable
```
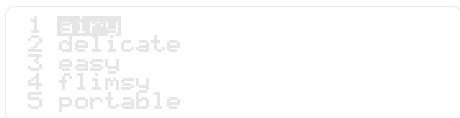
If you see a message such as Synonyms
for meaning 1 , there are more synonyms
to view.

3. Press ⬭ plus ⑤ repeatedly.

4. Press ⬇ to highlight a word.

To . . .	Press. . .
Define a synonym	(ENTER)
See confusable words (if any)	(MORE)

5. Press (CLEAR).

By Picking Words

Just as you can pick words in dictionary entries
and then define them, you can pick them and find
their synonyms.

1. At a dictionary entry, press (ENTER).

2. Press the arrow keys to highlight a word.

3. Press ⬭ plus ⑤ .

4. Press (CLEAR).

(⊖) **Using the Commands Menu**

Many of the functions described in this manual can be performed using the Commands menu. Simply type a word at the entry line and then press (MENU).

> Commands Setup Demo
> Dictionary definition
> Synonyms
> Confusable words   ⌐ ENTER

Next, press ⟨⬇⟩ to highlight a function. Then press (ENTER). Use ⟨⬇⟩ to see more functions.

You can press (MENU) at any screen except help messages.

(⊖) **Backing Up**

(BACK) takes you back to the previous screen.

◯ plus ⟨⬆⟩ takes you back to the preceding screen of similar information. For example, if you're viewing a synonym list, you go back to the preceding list (if any).

Finding Confusable Words

Confusable words are homonyms and spelling variants that are easy to confuse. If a word has confusable words, you can find them (1) by entering the word and pressing ⬜ + C (2) by pressing MORE at a synonym list or (3) by highlighting a word to pick it then pressing ⬜ + C.

1. At the entry line, type faint.

2. Press ⬜ plus C.

```
faint : weak
feint : pretence
```

Each confusable word is followed by an identifying word.

3. Press ⬇ to highlight a word.

To . . .	Press . . .
Define the word	ENTER
See its synonyms	⬜ + S

4. Press CLEAR.

Reviewing Words

*Using the Path list, you can review words that you've previously looked up. The Path list saves up to 26 words.*

1. Press `LIST`

Or, select `Entries Seen` under the Commands menu. Then press `ENTER` .

```
1 deciduous        ↑
2 larch
3 light
4 maint
```
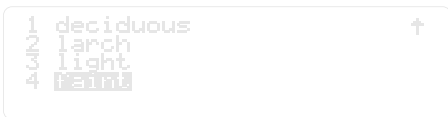
This is a sample Path list. If you haven't looked up any words, you see `No words in path` .

2. Press `⬇` **to highlight a word.**

To. . .	Press. . .
Define the word	`ENTER`
See its synonyms	`◯` + `S`

⚠ Saving Your Path List

Your Path list is automatically saved between sessions unless the batteries run out of power, or are removed for more than two minutes, or the Digital Book System is reset.

Using With Other Books

You can even look up words from other digital books. In this example, we'll look up a word from the Word Games *digital book.*
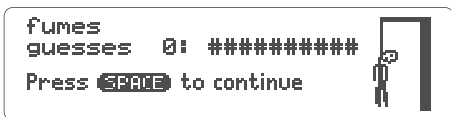
1. Highlight a word in the other digital book.

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

Read its User's Manual to learn how.

2. Press ⬡ plus CARD .

3. Highlight the Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus symbol. Then press ENTER .

```
Type a word...
fumes
              ...then press ENTER
```
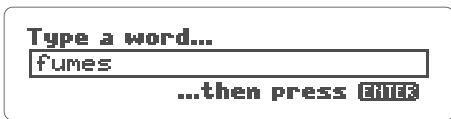
4. Press ENTER to see its definition(s).

5. To return to the other digital book, press CARD . Highlight its symbol. Then press ENTER .

⬦ **About Receiving Words**

Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus can receive only one or two words at a time from other digital books.

⬦ **About Sending Words**

Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus can also send words to certain other digital books. Here's how:

1. Highlight a word in the *Collins Dictionary and Thesaurus*.

2. Press ⬭ plus (CARD).

3. Highlight the symbol of another digital book.

4. Press (ENTER).

Remember that not all digital books can receive words.

Reference

This section reviews
how to use
the Digital Book System.

Digital Book System

Installing & Removing Digital Books

To install a digital book, first turn off your Digital Book System. Then align the digital book's tabs with the notches in either book slot on the back and snap the book into the slot. If you install only one book, it doesn't matter which slot you use. But make sure that the book's metal contacts are facing down.

To remove a book, first turn off the Digital Book System. Then compress the book's tab and lift the book from the slot.

Restarting the Digital Book System

If the keyboard fails to respond or the screen performs erratically, first press (CLEAR) and then press (ON/OFF). If nothing happens, hold (CLEAR) and press (ON/OFF). If nothing happens still, press the recessed reset button on the back of your Digital Book System using a paper clip.

⚠ If you install or remove digital books when the Digital Book System is on, or when you reset the Digital Book System, you may erase information that you entered in the installed digital books.

Switching Between Digital Books

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

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

To return to the first book, repeat these steps.

Sending Words Between Books

Some digital books can send and receive words
from other digital books.

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's symbol.
   Then press ENTER .**

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

Replacing the Batteries

Your Digital Book System uses CR2032 lithium batteries. Have four new batteries ready before following these steps.

1. **Turn the Digital Book System off.**

2. **Press and slide the battery cover off the back of the unit. Then remove all batteries.**

3. **Place a battery, with its plus (+) sign up, at the bottom of each battery cavity.**

4. **Place a battery, plus sign up, at the top of each cavity. The metal clip must contact the top battery.**

5. **Replace the battery cover.**

> To prevent deleting information from installed digital books:
>
> • Always replace the batteries before they lose all power, and never remove the batteries while the Digital Book System is on.
>
> • Never mix old and new batteries. And, once batteries have been removed, install new ones within two minutes.

Protecting the Digital Book System

- 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 that you entered in your installed digital books.

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

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

When you're not using your Digital Book System, keep two digital books or dummy books in its slots to prevent dust build-up.

Cleaning the Digital Book System

To clean the digital books, apply isopropyl alcohol with cotton swab.

To clean the 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.

Specifications

Product Features

- 80,000 dictionary entry words; 56,385 definitions; 43,131 thesaurus entries, and 493,000 synonyms
- Confusables™, phrases and hyphenation, MatchMaker™ II spelling correction, path list of up to 26 word, Pick Mode, and five typeface settings
- context-sensitive help information
- adjustable shutoff timing
- self-demonstration
- ROM size: 4 megabits

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Products returned under warranty should be sent to the original vendor with proof of purchase and description of fault. Charges will be made for all repairs unless valid proof of purchase is provided.

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