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# Introduction

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You now have a powerful electronic reference with the features of a dictionary and a thesaurus.

Using the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary*, you can:

- check and correct spellings,
- find unknown letters and fragments of words,
- find extensive definitions, word histories, and confusable word lists,
- find thesaurus meanings, synonyms, antonyms, and more,
- 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 *the Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary*. Look for them.

# Getting Started

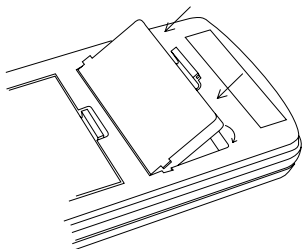
If you're using  
The *Merriam-Webster*®  
*Advanced Dictionary*  
for the first time,  
read this section.

# Install the Digital Book

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You must install the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary* before you can use it.

1. **Make sure the Digital Book System is 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** .
4. **To adjust screen contrast, turn the contrast wheel on the side of the Digital Book System.**
5. **If the screen is blank, check the batteries.**



## Protect Your Digital Books

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

# Select the Dictionary

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Once the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary* is installed, here's how to select and start using it.

1. Press **CARD** .
2. Press  or  to highlight the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary* symbol.



3. Press **ENTER** .

Type in a word, then press **ENTER** .

Press **MENU** for other options.

This is the entry line. You can always return to it by pressing **CLEAR** .




## Resuming Where You Left Off

If the Digital Book System is turned off while you're using the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary*, simply press **ON/OFF** to return to the previous screen.



# Select Other Options

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Using the Other menu, you can select fonts, set shutoff times, and see a demonstration.

1. Press **(MENU)** . Then press .



2. Press  to highlight an option.
3. Press **(ENTER)** to see the settings, if any.
4. Press  to highlight a setting.
5. Press **(ENTER)** to select it.



## Understanding the Other Options

**Run Demo** shows you a brief demonstration.

To stop the demo, press **(CLEAR)**.

**Select Font** lets you decide how you want the letters to appear on screen. For easier reading, select a medium or large typeface.

**Set Shutoff** lets you set how long the Digital Book System stays on when you forget to turn it off.












# Learn the Keys













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Here are some of the keys you'll often use in the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary*.











## Function Keys

	Clear to the entry line.
	See the main menu.
	Cycle through references.
	See grammar exercises.
	Show the path list.
	Switch to another digital book.
	See a definition or pick a word.
	Back up or erase letters.
	See a help message.




## Direction Keys

 	Move the cursor left or right.
 	Move up or down.
 	Page up or down.
 +  	Zoom to the top or bottom of an entry.
 +  	Go to next or previous entry.

## Gold Key Combinations

-  +  See Classmates.
-  +  Show dictionary definitions.
-  +  See thesaurus meanings.
-  +  Show Confusables.
-  +  Go to the Grammar Guide.

## MatchMaker™ Key

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



## Help is Always at Hand

To...

Press...

See a help message  
at any time



Move down the message



Exit the message



# Looking Up Words

This section shows  
you how to find  
definitions, thesaurus entries,  
and other information  
about words.

# Correcting Spellings

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To check or correct spellings, simply type a word and press **ENTER**. If you misspell a word, you'll see a correction list.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Type a misspelled word.

Type in a word, then press **ENTER**.

nollij\_

Press **ENTER** for other options.

To erase letters, press **BACK**.

3. Press **ENTER** to see a correction list.

```
nollij:  
1 knowledge  
2 Nellie  
3 no-load  
4 noels
```

4. To define a word, press **↓** to highlight it. Then press **ENTER**.

To go back to the correction list, press **BACK**.

5. Press **CLEAR** when you're finished.

# Finding Spellings

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

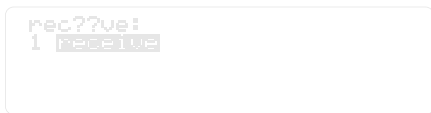
## Letter Detective™

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

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



2. Press **ENTER**.



3. To define a word, press **↓** to highlight it. Then press **ENTER**.
4. Press **CLEAR** when you're finished.

### Fragment Finder™

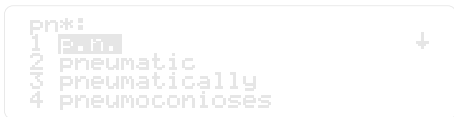
The asterisk is the fragment finder. It finds prefixes, suffixes, and fragments of words. Each asterisk can stand for any number of letters.

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



To type the asterisk, press **SHIFT** plus **?\***.

2. Press **ENTER**.



3. To define a word, press **↓** to highlight it. Then press **ENTER**.
4. Press **CLEAR** when you're finished.



### 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

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You can find definitions in two ways: (1) by entering a word at the entry line, or (2) by picking a word 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 in a word, then press **ENTER**.

acute\_

Press **ENTER** for other options.

### 2. Press **ENTER**.

```
acute (adjective)
acute+er; acute+est
1. SHARP, POINTED
2. containing less than 90
degrees (an acute angle)
```

This is a dictionary entry. For information about understanding an entry see p. 17.

### 3. To move down the entry, press **↓** or **DN**.

Read the next section for another way to find definitions.



### By Picking Words

You can define words by picking them from definition or word lists. Word lists are always in pick mode.

1. At a definition, thesaurus meaning or grammar guide text, press **(ENTER)**.

```
acute (adjective)
acut+er; acut+est      ↓
1. SHARP, POINTED
2. containing less than 90
   degrees <an acute angle>
```

Or, under **Commands**, select **Pick Mode**. Then press **(ENTER)**. To turn off the highlight, press **(BACK)**.

2. Press the arrow keys to highlight a word.

```
acute (adjective)
acut+er; acut+est
1. SHARP, POINTED
2. containing less than 90
   degrees <an acute angle>
```

3. Press **(ENTER)**.

```
sharp (adjective)
sharp+er; sharp+est
1. having a thin cutting
   edge or fine point; not
   dull or blunt
```

### 4. Press **CLEAR** when you're finished.



#### Seeing MORE Information

By pressing **MORE**, you can instantly cycle from definitions to thesaurus entries to confusable words (if any) to Classmates (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 (in bold) appears first with hyphenation points and part(s) of speech (in parentheses). One or more definitions of the entry word follow.

Some dictionary entries also contain derivative words (in bold), examples of usage (in brackets), synonyms (in **SMALL CAPS**) or an etymology (in brackets).



#### Browsing Dictionary Entries

You can browse through dictionary entries as you would in a book. At a definition, press **○** plus **↓** to see the next dictionary entry. Press **○** plus **↑** to see the previous one.

Dictionary entries aren't always in alphabetical order.

# Finding Thesaurus Entries

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You can find thesaurus entries 1) by typing a word or, 2) by picking a word.

## 1. Type a word or pick one using pick mode.

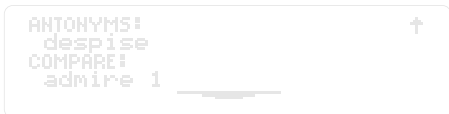


## 2. Press plus .



This is a thesaurus entry. For more information, see “Understanding Thesaurus Entries” on p. 19.

## 3. Press to see synonyms, antonyms (if any), and Compares™ (if any).





### Understanding Thesaurus Entries

Thesaurus entries consist of thesaurus meanings, synonyms, antonyms, or Compares™.

A **thesaurus meaning** is a definition shared by a group of synonyms.

**Synonyms** are words which have similar meanings to the word being defined.

**Antonyms** are words which have the opposite meaning of the word being defined.

**Compares™** are words which are close in meaning to the word you looked up, but not close enough to be considered synonyms. They will often have a number after them, like “admire 1 ” on the previous page. This number stands for the thesaurus entry of “admire ” that is relevant to its usage as a Compare in the thesaurus meaning of “appreciate ”.



### Using Pick Mode in Thesaurus

Don't forget that you can always use pick mode. Press **(ENTER)** to turn it on. Then highlight a word and press **(O)** + **(T)** to see its thesaurus meaning or **(ENTER)** to see its dictionary definition.

## Finding Thesaurus Entries

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### Using the Commands Menu

You can use the Commands menu to view dictionary entries, thesaurus entries, Classmates, Confusables™, the Grammar Guide, the Path List, and select Pick Mode. Simply type a word at the entry line and then press **MENU**.



Next, press **↓** to highlight a function. Then press **ENTER**. Use **↓** to see more functions.

You can press **MENU** at any screen except help messages to see any information that is available for a word. This will also work for a word highlighted via pick mode. Information is available for a word if it is in normal type. There is no information available if a menu topic is in italics.



### Moving to the Thesaurus

You can always press **○** + **T** to get to a thesaurus entry from a definition, Confusable words, or Classmates screen.

# Finding Classmates™

Classmates are words classified by subject. Here's how to find a word's classmates if it has any.

## 1. Type a word or use pick mode to select one.

Type in a word, then press **ENTER**.

quartz\_

Press **MENU** for other options.

## 2. Press **○** plus **(C)**.

agate, amethyst, blood-  
stone, carnelian, chal-  
cedony, chert, crystal,  
flint, jasper, quartz,  
quartzite, rhinestone

This is the Classmates screen.

## 3. Press **(CLEAR)** when you're finished.



### Two Ways Back Up







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 definition you go back the previous one.

# Finding Confusable Words

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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  + , or (2) by highlighting a word to pick it then pressing  + .

1. At the entry line, type `heir`.

2. Press  plus .

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

Each confusable is followed by an identifying word.

3. Press  to highlight a word.

4. Press  to define it.

To see Classmates, press  + . To see thesaurus meaning, press  + . Or, press  to see other options.

5. Press  when you're finished.

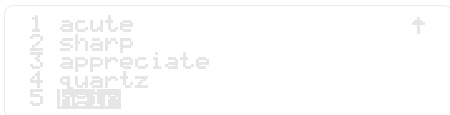
# Reviewing Words

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You can review words you've previously looked up using the Path list. The Path list holds up to 26 words.

## 1. Press **LIST**.

Or, select `Path List` under the Commands menu. Then press **ENTER**.



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...

Define the word

See thesaurus meaning

Press...

**ENTER**

**○** + **(T)**



### Saving Your Path List

Your Path list is automatically saved between sessions unless the batteries run out of power, or the Digital Book System is reset.



# Words From Other Books

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You can even look up words from other digital books. In this example, we'll look up a word from the *Video Companion* digital book.

## 1. Highlight a word in another digital book.

**Synopsis:** A by-the-book cop (Glover) and a **manic** undercover man (Gibson) team up to solve a mysterious drug suicide in this fast-paced, hard-hitting action

Read its User's Manual to learn how.

2. Press  plus .



3. Highlight the *Merriam-Webster*® *Advanced Dictionary* symbol. Then press .

Type in a word, then press .

manic\_

Press  for other options.

4. Press  to see its definition(s).

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






### About Receiving Words

The *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary* can receive only one or two words at a time from related digital books.



### Sending Words to Other Books

The *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary* can also send words to related digital books. Here's how:

1. Highlight a word in the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary*.
2. Press  plus .
3. Highlight the symbol of another digital book.
4. Press .



But, remember only related digital books can receive words from the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary*.

# Using Grammar Guide

This section shows  
you how to find  
grammar topics and  
quiz exercises.

# Finding Topics


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You can find grammar information for any word in the *Merriam-Webster® Advanced Dictionary*. Press  +  at the entry line or when a word is highlighted to see a menu of relevant grammar topics.

1. At the main prompt, press  plus .



This is the main grammar menu. It lists all of the grammar topics.

2. Highlight a topic. Then press .





Use  or  to move around.

3. Highlight a sub-topic. Then press .



## Finding Grammar Topics




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4. To see the next grammar topic, press  plus  .

```
Transitivity of Verbs
> Verbs may be transitive
or intransitive. A
transitive verb is one
which has a receiver of
```



### Picking Words in the Grammar Guide



Turn on pick mode by pressing . Highlight a word you want to see grammar information about. Then press  + .

You will either see a grammar topic menu or you'll go directly into the topic if there is only one.



### Finding Topics by Typing

You can find topics by typing them in at the entry line. However, you must type in the topics exactly as they appear in the grammar guide or they will not be recognized.

For example, you can type `Apostrophe` . Then press  + . to see any grammar information on apostrophes.

# Grammar Exercises

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Some Grammar Guide topics have exercises to help you sharpen your skills. Simply, press **GAMES** at a topic to see if any exercises are available.

Also, if you press **○** + **↓** or read to the end of a chapter, you'll see a message if there are any grammar exercises available.

## 1. Type a word or pick one using pick mode.

Type in a word, then press **ENTER**.

whom

Press **MENU** for other options.

## 2. Press **○** + **G**. Then press **ENTER**.

Grammar Topic

Pronouns

Press **MENU** for other options.

## 3. Highlight a topic. Then press **ENTER**.

Grammar Topic

Indefinite Pronouns

Ambiguous Use of Pronouns

"Between you and me", "we

## Grammar Exercises

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### 4. Highlight a sub-topic. Then press **ENTER**.

2. Many errors occur because of confusion about the case of a Pronoun. Just between you and me, business is bad.

### 5. At the topic, press **GAMES**.

Use the arrow keys to select the correct pronoun; then press **GAMES**. Each sentence is followed by a clue in the form of a

This screen shows you how to answer the questions, as they may vary from topic to topic.

### 6. Press **◯** plus **▽DN** to start the exercises.

Marsha and (I, me) went to the store. (Is the pronoun here functioning as a subject?)

Use the arrow keys to highlight the correct answer. Then press **ENTER**. Press **◯** + **▽DN** to go to the next question. To see the previous question, press **◯** + **△UP**.

7. Press  plus  after each question.

8. To see the correct answer, press ?.





### Moving Around

You can view definitions, thesaurus meanings, Classmates (if any), Confusables (if any), and grammar guide topics from anywhere.

**To...**



**Press..**

See definition



 +  or





See thesaurus entry

 + 



See Classmates

 + 

See Confusables

 + 

Go to grammar guide

 + 

### Answering Correctly

When you answer all of the questions of a particular exercise correctly, you'll be rewarded with a little surprise.



# Digital Book System

This section reviews  
how to use  
the Digital Book System.

# Digital Book System

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## 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

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## Product Features

- 110,000 vocabulary words; 500,000 synonyms; 10,000 antonyms; 70,000 thesaurus meanings; 8,000 phrases; 3,000 etymologies and 11,000 Classmates
- Confusables™, phrases and hyphenation, MatchMaker™ II spelling correction, Crossword Solver, path list of up to 26 words, Pick Mode, and six typeface settings
- context-sensitive grammar guide, grammar exercises, backup (Query history), and screen-based menu system
- context-sensitive help information
- adjustable shutoff timing
- self-demonstration
- adjustable contrast
- ROM size: 2 megabytes

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