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STUDENT'S  
SPEAKING  
DICTIONARY

*User's Manual*

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## ✓ About the Screen Illustrations

Some screen illustrations in this User's Manual may vary slightly from what you see on screen.

These variations do not mean that this digital book or your Digital Book System is malfunctioning.

# Introduction

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The *Oxford English/Arabic Student's Speaking Dictionary* digital book provides a powerful, portable new way for speakers of Arabic to learn English.

Using this digital book, you can look up English definitions by entering either Arabic or English words. And you can view the menus and messages in either Arabic or English.

Dictionary entries for English words include pronunciation and grammatical information, multiple definitions, and phrases showing how English words are actually used.

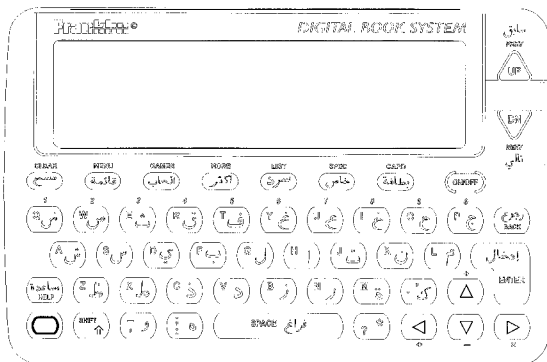
In addition, you can actually hear the English words in this dictionary pronounced aloud, as well as hear English phrases and sentences.

You can also find the inflections of English words, check and find English spellings, and play entertaining games that build your knowledge of English.

## ✓ Typing Arabic Characters

- This digital book can be used in any Digital Book System. The Digital Book System model DBS-2-AB has an Arabic/English keyboard. When using other Digital Book System models, refer to the keyboard diagram in the Key Guide of this manual to type Arabic characters.
- Keys not documented in the User's Manual have no effect in Digital Book System when you are using this digital book.

# Key Guide









## Function Keys

- CLEAR** Clear a search.
- MENU** Display the main menus or Entry screen.
- GAMES** Display the games to select.
- MORE** Display English phrases containing a word.
- LIST** Display the inflection of an English word.
- SPEC** Hear an English word. (On the DBS-2D keyboard, **SAY** performs the same function).
- CARD** Exit the digital book.
- ON/OFF** Turn the Digital Book System on or off.







## Key Guide

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

### Other Keys

-  Back up, erase a letter, or stop the highlight.
-  Enter a word or phrase, select a menu item, or start the highlight in entries.
-  Display a help message.
-  Shift keys to type capital letters, etc.
-  Type a space.
-  At the Entry screen, type a question mark to stand for a letter in word. At dictionary entries, display the headword.

### Direction Keys

-  Move in the indicated direction.
-  (At the Entry screen,  accents a letter).
-   Page down or up.
-  Page down in text.

### Key Combinations\*

-   or  Go to the top or bottom of a menu, entry, or list.
-    Display the next or previous entry, phrase, or group of inflections.
-   Send a word to another digital book.
-   At the Entry screen, type an asterisk to stand for a series of letters in a word.

*\* Hold the first key while pressing the second.*

# Installing the Digital Book

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You must install this digital book in the Digital Book System before you can use and read it.

**WARNING:** Never install a digital book when the Digital Book System is on. If you do, information that you have entered in any other installed digital book(s) may be permanently erased.

1. Turn off the Digital Book System.
2. Install the digital book into a slot on the back.
3. Press **ON/OFF**.
4. Turn the wheel on the side of the Digital Book System to adjust its screen contrast.  
If the screen is still blank, check the batteries.
5. Press **CARD**.
6. Press **◀** or **▶** to highlight the appropriate digital book icon.



The icon you see may vary.

7. Press **ENTER**.

## ✓ Resuming Where You Left Off

While using this digital book, you can turn off the Digital Book System at any time. When you turn the Digital Book System on again, the screen that you last viewed appears.

# Changing the Language

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You can use this digital book in Arabic or in English. When you select *English only*, menus, games, help messages and other messages are in English.

NOTE: The examples in the English half of this User's Manual use the *English only* mode.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Press **MENU** to view the main menus.
3. Press the arrow keys to highlight the menu at the far right.
4. Highlight *English only*.




5. Press **ENTER** to select it.

## ✓ Follow the Arrows

The flashing arrows at the bottom of the screen show which arrow keys you can press to view more menu items or text.

## ✓ Learning English Phonetic Spellings

To learn about the phonetic spellings of English words in this dictionary, select *Pron info* from the Other menu. Then press  to view the spellings. Press **BACK** to return to the main menus.



# Viewing a Demonstration

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Before you start using this digital book, you may want to view a demonstration of what it can do.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Press **MENU**.
3. Highlight *Demo* on the **Other** menu.



4. Press **ENTER** to start the demonstration.
5. Press **CLEAR** to stop the demonstration.

## ✓ Setting the Shutoff Time

The shutoff time is how long the Digital Book System stays on if you forget to turn it off. To change the shutoff time, highlight *Set Shutoff* on the **Other** menu and press **ENTER**. Then select a new time or press **BACK**.

## ✓ Help is at Hand

You can view a help message at most screens by pressing **HELP**. Press **▽** or the DN key to read the help. Press **BACK** to exit it. To learn what the main key functions are, select *Overview* from the **Other** menu.

# Looking up English Words

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The simplest way to find definition(s) of English words and phrases is to enter them at the Entry screen.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Type an English word or phrase.

Enter a word

redolent\*

To erase a letter, press **BACK**. You don't need to type capitals, accents, or spaces.

3. Press **ENTER**.



**redolent** /'redələnt/: adjective  
(predicative) *redolent of sth*:  
[FORMAL] having a strong smell that  
reminds one of something:  
*Wheels redolent of lavender.*

4. Press **▽**, the DN key, or **SPACE** to scroll down.
5. Hold **○** and press the DN key to view the next dictionary entry, alphabetically listed.
6. Press **CLEAR** when done.



## ✓ If You Misspell an English Word

When you enter a misspelled word at the Entry screen, a list of corrections automatically appears. Highlight a correction and then press **ENTER**. Corrections also appear when you enter a correctly spelled word not found in this digital book.

### ✓ Typing Accents

You don't need to type accents when you enter English words such as *résumé*. However, if you want accent a letter, first type the letter and then press  (or  on the DBS-2D) repeatedly until the correct accent appears.

### ✓ Using the Entries Menu



You can also scan the Entries menu to find English words. First, press . Then start typing a word. When the word you want is highlighted, press  to view its entry.

### ✓ Understanding Dictionary Entries

Each dictionary entry contains a wealth of information. The headword, or main word, is in bold-face, followed by its phonetic spelling in slashes (/ /). When a headword has more than one dictionary entry, its entry number is in superscript.

Grammatical information is presented in angle brackets (< >). Phrases using the headword are boldfaced. Usage examples are italicized. And cross-references are in all capital letters.

### ✓ What Entry Am I Viewing?

At any line in a dictionary entry, you can press  to see the headword of that entry. You can also press  to see a highlighted headword on the Entries menu.

# Hearing English Words

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This digital book can pronounce aloud English words, phrases, and sentences when it's installed in a Digital Book System with a speaker or earphone jack. Please note, however, that only English words appearing in this dictionary can be pronounced. Try this example.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Type a word (e.g., *international*).
3. Press **SPEC** to hear it.
4. Press **ENTER** to view its dictionary entry.

~~inter~~~~na~~~~ti~~~~o~~~~n~~~~a~~~~t~~~~i~~~~o~~~~n~~~~a~~~~l~~<sup>1</sup>  
/,ɪntəˈnæʃənəl/; <adjective> of,  
concerning, carried on between,  
nations:  
▶ *international relations*

5. Press **SPEC** to hear the main word.
6. Press **ENTER** and then the arrow keys to highlight a word (e.g., *nations*).

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/,ɪntəˈnæʃənəl/; <adjective> of,  
concerning, carried on between,  
nations  
▶ *international relations*

7. Press **SPEC** to hear the highlighted word.
8. Press **CLEAR** when done.

## ✓ Hearing Phrases and Sentences

You can hear many English phrases and sentences by typing them at the Entry screen and pressing **SPEC**. For example, type *the fox jumped*

*over the lazy dog* and then press **SPEC**.

When typing phrases and sentences, don't type apostrophes, commas, semicolons, colons, or periods. These punctuation marks will prevent pronunciation. (The exceptions are *Mr.*, *Mrs.*, and *Ms.*)

Also, don't type capital letters except at the start of words. However, you can type and hear hyphenated words (e.g., *age-old*).

### ✓ Hearing Multiple Pronunciations

When you type or enter a word that has more than one pronunciation and then press **SPEC**, a screen like the one below appears.



Highlight a word and then press **ENTER** or **SPEC** to hear its pronunciation.

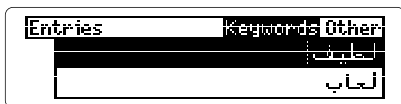
### ✓ More About Hearing Words

- You can hear English words in spelling correction lists. Simply highlight a correction on the list and then press **SPEC**.
- You can't hear words when inflections or games are on screen.

# Translating Arabic Words

Keywords are translations of English words appearing in this digital book. By entering an Arabic keyword, you can find its English equivalent(s).

1. If you're not at the main menus, press **(MENU)**.
2. Highlight the Keywords menu.
3. Type an Arabic word.



Usually you need to type only a few letters to highlight the word you want.

4. Press **(ENTER)**.

```
ami•able /'emɪəbl/ = <adjective>
[FORMAL] likeable:
▶ I found him a most amiable
  person.
```

5. Hold **(○)** and press the DN key repeatedly to view the next entries matching your keyword.

```
1 [FORMAL] (of a person) kind and
gentle.
2 (of soil, climate) mild.
3 (of a tumour) not dangerous to
life.
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To view a previous entry, hold **(○)** and press the UP key.

6. Press **(BACK)** to go back to the menu.

# Finding Phrases

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This digital book includes English phrases to help you learn the idiomatic uses of words. It's easy to find phrases containing a certain word. Here's how.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Type an English word (e.g., *run*).
3. Press **MORE**.  
Or press **ENTER** and then press **MORE**.
4. Highlight a phrase.

at a run  
~~at a run~~  
get/give *sb* a (good) run for her/  
his money  
a run on a bank

5. Press **ENTER**.

**on the run:**  
(a) running away:  
▶ *He's on the run from the police.*  
(b) continuously active and

6. Hold **○** and press the DN key repeatedly to view the next phrases containing the word.
7. Press **BACK** to go back to the phrases.

## ✓ Understanding *sb* and *sth*

Many English phrases in this digital book contain the abbreviations *sb* and *sth*. *Sb* stands for *somebody* and *sth* stands for *something*. You can substitute appropriate nouns and pronouns for these.

# Finding English Inflections

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This digital book provides inflections of English nouns, verbs, modifiers, and articles.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Type a word (e.g., *be*).
3. Press **LIST**.

```
I am; he/she is; we/you/they are  
(usually)  
I/he/she was; we/you/they were  
(yesterday)  
If we/you/they have been
```

4. Press **▽**, the DN key, or **SPACE** to scroll down.
5. Press **LIST** repeatedly to view more inflections. Or hold **○** and press the DN key.

```
PRESENT  
I am or I'm  
He is or he's  
She is or she's  
We are or we're
```

6. Hold **○** and press the UP key to view a previous group of inflections.

## ✓ Viewing Multiple Parts of Speech

For some English words (e.g., *run*), when you press **LIST** you must select a part of speech before you can view inflections. To select a part of speech, highlight one and then press **ENTER**.

## ✓ Getting Help With Inflections

To learn how and when to use inflections, press **HELP** while viewing inflections.



# Finding English Spellings

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If you don't know how to spell an English word, type a question mark in place of each unknown letter or an asterisk in place of a series of unknown letters.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Type an English word with ?'s and \*'s.

Enter a word

conc??v\*

To type an asterisk, hold **SHIFT** and press **?\***.

3. Press **ENTER**.

conceivable  
conceivably  
conceive  
conceived  
conceives

4. Highlight a matching word.
5. Press **ENTER** to view its definition(s)  
or **MORE** to view its phrases, if any.

## ✓ Spelling Finding Tips

- Use question marks to find lists of words. For example, to find four-letter words beginning with a z, enter *z????*.
- Use question marks to help solve crossword puzzles and other word games. For example, if the second letter of a five-letter word is *l* and its fourth letter is *r*, enter *?l?r?*.

# Highlighting Words in Definitions

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To learn more about English words, you can highlight a word in a definition and then find its definition(s), inflections, and phrases, if any.

1. Press **CLEAR**.
2. Enter an English word (e.g., *security*).
3. Press **ENTER** to view its dictionary entry.
4. Press **ENTER** again to start the highlight.

```
security /sɪ'kjʊərəti:/ -noun  
(countable or uncountable)  
1 (something that provides)  
safety, freedom from danger or  
anxiety:
```

You can turn off the highlight by pressing **BACK**.

5. Press the arrow keys to highlight a word.

```
securitiy /sɪ'kjʊərəti:/ -noun  
(countable or uncountable)  
1 (something that provides)  
safety, freedom from ENTER or  
anxiety:
```

6. Press **ENTER** to view its dictionary entry, **LIST** to view inflections, and **MORE** to view phrases.
7. Press **BACK** to go back to the highlighted word.

## ✓ Viewing Cross-References

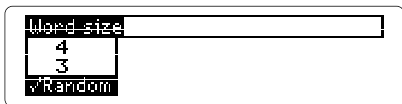
In dictionary entries, words in all capital letters are cross-references to specific definitions in other entries. To view a cross-reference, highlight it as you would any other word and then press **ENTER**.

# Playing the Games

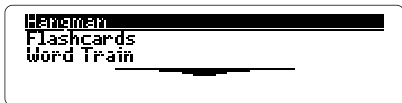
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## Selecting Word Sizes and Games

To set the difficulty of the games, select *Game settings* from the Other menu and then select a word size.



To start playing, press **(GAMES)** and then select a game.



## Hangman

In Hangman, you have a certain number of tries (#) to guess the mystery word (?). Type letters you think might be in the mystery word. If you are correct, letters appear in place of the corresponding question mark.

To reveal a letter of the mystery word, hold **(SHIFT)** and press **(?\*)**. To reveal the word and end the round, press **(?\*)**.

The score appears after each round. Press **(SPACE)** to continue, or press **(ENTER)** to define the mystery word. Then press **(BACK)** to select a new game or return from a definition.

## Playing the Games

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### Flashcards

Flashcards flashes words on the screen for you to define or study. If you want to view the definitions of the word, press **ENTER**. Press **BACK** to return to Flashcards. If you do not want to find the definition, press **SPACE** to continue viewing words.

### Word Train™

All aboard the Word Train! You and the train take turns typing letters to form a word. Whoever types the last letter of the word wins.

Complete the word



To view the set of letters that you can type at a turn, hold **SHIFT** and press **?\***. To reveal the word and end the round, press **?\***.

Press **SPACE** to continue or **ENTER** for the definition. Then press **BACK** to return to Word Train.

### ✓ Getting Help With the Games




You can read help messages about a game by pressing **HELP** while playing it. To return to the game, press **BACK**.

# **Sending Words Between Books**

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This digital book can send and receive words to and from certain other digital books. To learn if another digital book can send and receive words, read its User's Manual.



NOTE: You must have more than one digital book installed in your Digital Book System before following these steps.

- 1. Highlight a word in the sending digital book.**
- 2. Press  plus .**
- 3. Highlight another digital book symbol.**
- 4. Press .**

The word that you highlighted appears in the initial screen of the receiving digital book.

- 5. Press  again.**

The receiving digital book searches for the word. If it is found, you can view text.

- 6. To return to the sending digital book, press  plus  and then select its symbol.**

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## Resetting the Digital Book System

To reset the Digital Book System, hold **CLEAR** while pressing **ON/OFF**. Or press the recessed reset button on the back of the Digital Book System. (Read its Basic Operating Guide for details.)

**WARNING:** Resetting the Digital Book System may permanently erase information, such as notes, that you have entered in the installed digital books.

**NOTE:** If the keyboard fails to respond or the screen performs erratically, you can press **CLEAR** and then press **ON/OFF** rather than resetting the Digital Book System. If nothing happens, then reset.

## Protecting and Cleaning

- Do not touch the metal contacts on the back of digital books or the rubber contacts on the Digital Book System with statically charged objects. Statically charged objects may erase information that you entered in the digital books.
- Do not put excessive weight on digital books or the Digital Book System or expose them to extreme or prolonged heat, cold, or other adverse conditions.
- To clean digital books, apply isopropyl alcohol with a cotton swab. To clean the Digital Book System, apply a mild household cleaner with a soft cloth.  
**CAUTION:** Spraying liquids on digital books or the Digital Book System may damage them.

### Replacing the Batteries

DBS-1 and DBS-2 models use four 3-volt, CR2032 lithium batteries. DBS-2D models use four 1.5-volt, AA batteries.

- 1. Have new batteries ready.**
- 2. Turn the Digital Book System off.**
- 3. Slide the battery cover off the back.**
- 4. Remove all the batteries.**
- 5. Place new batteries in the cavities, with their pluses oriented correctly.**

In the DBS-1 and DBS-2, the pluses should face you.

- 6. Replace the battery cover.**

#### ✓ Battery Precautions

When you replace batteries, follow these precautions to avoid erasing information in any installed digital books.

- Replace the batteries before they lose all power.
- Once batteries have been removed, install new ones within two minutes.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Never remove batteries while the Digital Book System is on.

# Specifications

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## Model IC-159

- English headwords and phrases, and Arabic keywords
- AlphaSearch, word search, and Pick mode
- Phrase lists, English inflections, and grammar help
- English only and Arabic-English modes
- English pronunciation
- Accent input at Entry screen
- Adjustable message language & shutoff time
- SpellBlaster II™ automatic spelling correction and MatchMaker™ letter-finding keys
- Games with word size settings
- Sending/receiving words to/from other digital books
- Context-sensitive help, overview, and self-demo
- Auto-resume feature
- Size: 2-1/4" x 1-1/4" x 1/4" • Weight: 0.3 oz.

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