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REVIEW

MacMillan English Dictionary for Advanced Learners International Student Edition

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MacMillan English Dictionary for Advanced Learner International Student Edition is a monolingual dictionary. It has new, interesting and very useful features, such as *Word frequently used with the entry*, *Other ways of saying the entry* and *Language Awareness*, which is different from other dictionaries in general. English words including contemporary words are not translated but defined clearly. The definition tends to be lengthy compared to other dictionaries designed for people who learn English as a second language; however, it is simple and easy to understand. It provides more information with well-selected sentence examples that are easy to use. In a way, it lets you pick up more, and helps one to memorize words and learn how to use them. It is, therefore, quite suitable for English learners and is user friendly.

Finding words, idioms or phrases and meanings is easy enough. An interesting feature is Quick Menu provided for words with different meanings. It is very helpful in selecting the meaning you want to look up. Two-color presentations and pictures help as well.

In addition, the grammatical information is very useful. It does not take up too much of the explanation but is complete, concise and easy to understand. Phonetic transcription is given for every word, both British and American pronunciation if different. It also uses the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) which is the main phonetic alphabet used all over the world and is suitable for learners.