

# How to Choose a Dictionary

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The busy teacher has little time in which to choose between dictionaries by thorough testing. Here is a quick two-minute test which will tell you whether a dictionary is suitable for your school.

- 1 How many words has it? 15,000 is the minimum for children aged 12.
- 2 Does it miss out easy words? Look up *do, bring, were, who*.
- 3 Is it up-to-date? Look up *air-hostess, central heating, nuclear energy*.
- 4 Will it be useful for lesson notes? Look up *mortise, bunsen burner, tropic, gramme*.
- 5 Will it help with grammar? Does it give parts of speech; does it give the tenses of *bring*, and the plural of *lens*?
- 6 Does it give pronunciation? Look up *café*.
- 7 Does it give compound words? Look up *level-crossing, self-sacrifice, third-rate*.

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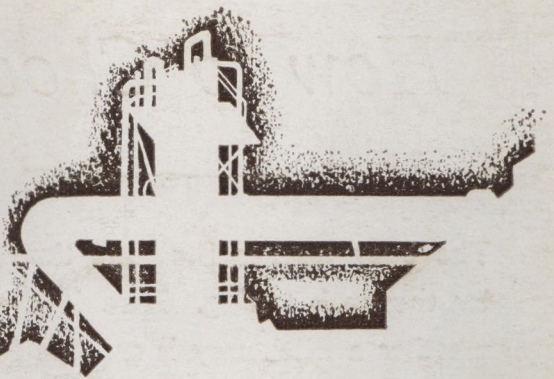
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