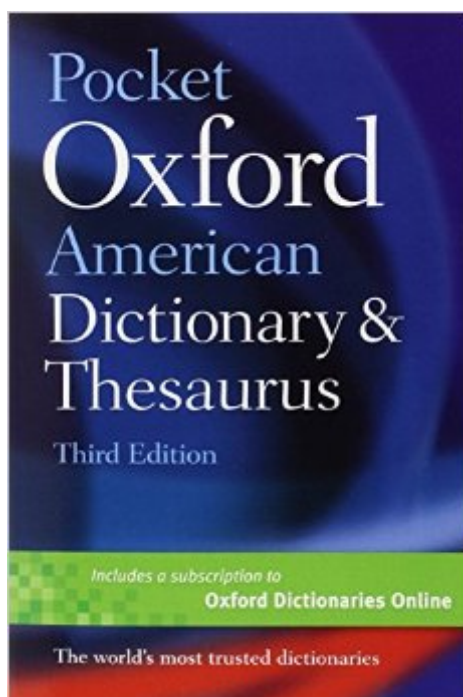


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# Pocket Oxford American Dictionary & Thesaurus



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Don't get me completely wrong--I \*love\* the Oxford American Dictionary and Thesaurus. Heck, I've been carrying a paperback, pocket version of it for close to almost fifteen years now. It's got coffee stains and is looking quite a bit shabby, so I thought it would be time to replace it with--what else??--a new version! When I saw it on sale, I jumped. I was utterly deflated when I opened the box and discovered that it is so much larger than the version I have from 1997. Granted, I did not read

the dimensions in the description, so it's partially my fault. Still, "Pocket" is clearly displayed in the title. You'll never come close to fitting this into a pocket--not that I ever did the other one. But my version fit so snugly into my backpack that I never even knew it was there, until I needed it. This one is just too big for that, and I was highly disappointed. I must answer complaints that the text is too small: no, it's not. The text size is the same or larger than previous version. That's probably why the book is so much larger.

Yes, in this day and age of the internet, this may be a bit of an anachronism, but if you have any need for a paper dictionary, this is the one to get. With over 140,000 words, phrases, and definitions, you will have most of the definitions you need, and then some. I have used this with P.G. Wodehouse to translate some slightly dated terms with no problem. I have found that dictionaries with less than 120,000 definitions are often missing some important words. The paperback cover is good quality and seems very durable. The pages are a good weight. The text, fonts and layout are all very, very easy to read - clearly, modern typography has been used. The dictionary utilized a very easy to use pronunciation key for each word. It isn't anywhere near as complex as IPA. I found I can read the key and get the correct pronunciation without consulting any guide. Should you need one, however, it is available. I particularly like the etymology of the words, which is an Oxford feature and available for most of the words. It is not really "pocket" sized. It is more like book-bag sized. Still, it is quite portable to carry while still maintaining a useable size for your desk. Highly recommended.

Pros: Clear, modern typography and layout  
140,000 words, phrases, and definitions - perfect middle ground for most uses  
Durable cover  
Etymology given for many words  
Easy to use pronunciation key

Cons: Not really pocket

I've always preferred Oxford dictionaries. This one in particular has very high quality bright white paper instead of cheap, dark ones you would see on most books these days. Although it says "pocket", your pocket will have a tough time housing it. I'm very pleased and highly recommend this.

I love the Oxford dictionaries, this is my second one. I bought the large desktop version recently and decided to buy my son something to carry in his bookbag. This dictionary has every word imaginable and has a thesaurus! It is light weight overall, don't hesitate to get this one.

I wanted to have a take-along dictionary for quick references and also a thesaurus, because I've begun experimenting with writing poems and songs on-the-go, so viola! A combination

dictionary/thesaurus in pocket form - except none of my pockets are 7.9 x 5.3 x 1.7 inches(!). I never bothered to look at the product's dimensions. I've decided to keep it because it is a great dict./thes. combo. Although in retrospect, for my original intents and purposes, I wish I had noticed/gotten the Oxford Mini Dictionary and Thesaurus (Dictionary/Thesaurus).

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