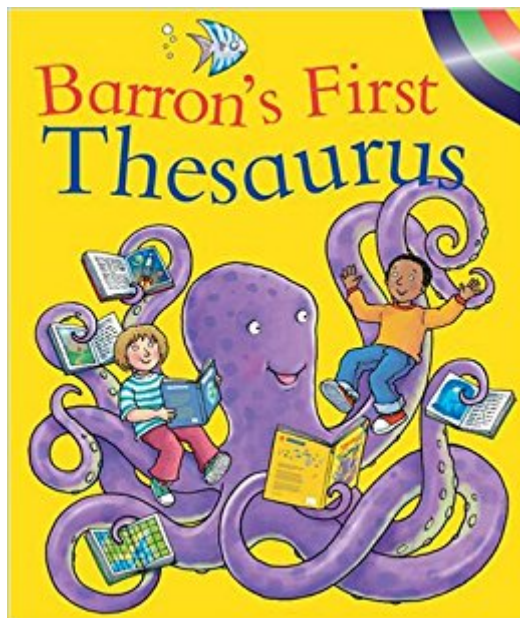


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# Barron's First Thesaurus



## Synopsis

Barron's First Thesaurus, written and illustrated for primary school children, will help them build their vocabularies as they are introduced to the idea of a thesaurus. The first thing they learn is that a thesaurus isn't the same as a dictionary. Its purpose is to present many synonyms for each of its main entries or headwords while a dictionary focuses more attention on word definitions. This good-looking volume presents more than 100 headwords one headword to a page then provides a short definition that includes synonyms an example sentence, a separate list of synonyms, and where appropriate, an antonym. Young readers will find a total of more than 1,000 synonyms that will strengthen their vocabularies and improve their writing styles for classroom assignments. Each alphabetically listed headword appears in an attractive layout with cartoon-style color illustrations to help clarify word meanings. Kids will discover that using a thesaurus is not only instructive, but fun, too!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-5-This excellent, easy-to-use resource is arranged alphabetically. Each page has one headword set off in red, followed by synonyms, definitions, related words, and examples of usage. Oftentimes, antonyms are included as well. The book is designed to introduce students to the thesaurus and how to use it for building vocabulary and adding variety and liveliness to their writing. The relevant, color cartoon illustrations are eye-catching. For example, the headword "bend" is illustrated with cars on a road bending in various ways. The definition states, "If you bend

something, you change its shape so it is not straight any more." Related words are "curves," "turns," "twists," "winds," and "zigzag." A first purchase.-Donna Marie Wagner, Harris County Public Library, Houston, TX Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

[back cover] Over 1,000 synonyms Are you looking for another word for nice or bad? What is the best word to describe a knight? Brave or bold or fearless? When you are looking for another word to describe something, you need a thesaurus. Barron's™ First Thesaurus is the ideal introduction to a thesaurus. It will help you find new words for your writing at school and at home. You'll find more than 1,000 synonyms, as well as opposites, word families, and sample sentences. The colorful and simple layout makes this thesaurus easy to use. It will help you acquire good language skills.

My boys are 2 and 3 1/2, and they absolutely love this book. There are a few words per letter (entry or headwords in bold red), and under each synonyms (in bold blue) with an easy to understand explanation and sentence (in italic). The headwords are mostly those commonly used in children's books. I wouldn't say that words are defined, but more that they are explained. Some headwords, like "farm," list words that may be used when talking about a farm (parts, machines, animals and plants). "Flower" and "fruit" list different types with an illustration for each. There's an illustration for almost every synonym. Every week or so I post a few lists of words we've reviewed on the wall just to remind myself to use them often, and I have noticed my older son starting to use more than one word to describe something. They don't write yet, but I can see them getting a couple of years out of this thesaurus when they do before needing a more advanced one.

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