

Oxford Children's Thesaurus

User's Guide

TCQ-200

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Introduction

Congratulations! You now own a powerful thesaurus that can be used at home or in school. This *Oxford Children's Thesaurus*[™] will not only help you find over 55,000 thesaurus entries, but it will also help you learn how to spell words, which contain synonyms, related words, and references to other thesaurus entries.

In addition, the *Oxford Children's Thesaurus* has a Personal word list in which you can save up to 40 words for personal use or study. You can even play four exciting games that will help you learn while you have fun.





✓ Resuming Where You Left Off

If you forget to turn this thesaurus off, it will automatically shut off within two minutes. To return to the last screen that you viewed, press **ON/OFF**.

✓ How to Use Help





You can learn what to do at any screen by pressing **HELP**. If you press **HELP** at the ready screen, you will view helpful information describing how to use this thesaurus.

How to Use the Keys

- BACK** Backs up or erases letters.
- CLEAR** Clears the word you entered.
- ENTER** Enters or selects a word, selects a game, or scrolls help messages.
- GAMES** Shows the games.
- HELP** Shows help messages.
- LIST** Shows your Personal words list.
- NEXT** Shows the next thesaurus entry.
- ON/OFF** Turns your *Oxford Children's Thesaurus* on or off.
- PREV** Shows the previous thesaurus entry.
- ?** Types a ? to stand for an unknown letter in a word.
- *** Types an * to stand for a series of unknown letters in a word.
-  Moves up a list, types an accent darkens the screen at the ready screen.
-  Moves down a list or lightens the screen at the ready screen.
-  Erases a letter or moves to the left.
-  Types a space or moves to the right.

How to Begin

Here is how to start using your *Oxford Children's Thesaurus*.

- 1. Turn your thesaurus over.**
- 2. Remove its battery cover.**
- 3. Insert four LR03 batteries (AAA batteries) into the battery compartment.**
Use the battery diagram in the battery compartment to insert batteries.
- 4. Put the battery cover back on.**
The thesaurus will turn on once the batteries are inserted. A brief demonstration begins once it is turned on.
- 5. Press  to stop the demonstration.**
- 6. To disable the demonstration, type ***d* and press .**
Once the demonstration is disabled, the demonstration will not begin each time you turn the thesaurus on.
Type ***d* to re-enable the demonstration .
- 7. To make the screen lighter or darker, press  or  several times at the *Ready for word* screen.**
You are now ready to begin using your thesaurus. Go to the next page and begin.

How to Find Thesaurus Entries

Each thesaurus entry can contain synonyms, related words, and references to other thesaurus entries. Try this example.


1. Press **CLEAR** and type *happy*.



happy_

If you need to erase a letter, press  or **BACK**.

Note: You cannot type capital letters.


Some words in the thesaurus require a space (*air force*). To type a space press .

2. Press **ENTER** to view its first thesaurus entry.







happy: a happy b




Press  or **ENTER** to view the whole entry.

3. Press  repeatedly to view all of the synonyms that relate to the entry.
4. Press **NEXT** to go to the next thesaurus entry of the word, if needed.
To view a previous thesaurus entry, press **PREV**.
5. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.



How to Find Thesaurus Entries

✓ Words Without Thesaurus Entries

If a word does not have any thesaurus entries, then its correct spelling appears in the word list. The word list contains all of the words that are found in this thesaurus. Use  or  to move through this list. You can also access this list by pressing  and pressing .

A flashing T to the right of a word indicates that a word has one or more thesaurus entries. Press  to view any thesaurus entries. A flashing question mark to the right of a word indicates that a word has Confusables. See “How to Find Confusables for more information. Press  to view any Confusables. Press  when you are finished.

✓ Accenting Letters

You do not need to type accents in your words. But if you want to type an accent, first type the letter to be accented. Then press  or  until you see the accent you want.

How to Find Confusables®

Confusables are words that sound alike, are often confused, or are spelled similarly. When you see a question mark flash at the right of the screen, the entered or selected word has two or more Confusables. Try this example.

1. Type *wood*.

2. Press **ENTER**.

A screenshot of a screen with a black border. The text 'wood: kinds of ?' is displayed in a pixelated, monospace font. The word 'wood' is followed by a colon, then the words 'kinds of' and a question mark.

The ? indicates that the word has Confusables.

3. Press **?**.

A screenshot of a screen with a black border. The text 'wood: lumber +' is displayed in a pixelated, monospace font. The word 'wood' is followed by a colon, then the word 'lumber' and a plus sign.

4. Press **↓** to view more Confusables.


A screenshot of a screen with a black border. The text 'woad: dye †' is displayed in a pixelated, monospace font. The word 'woad' is followed by a colon, then the word 'dye' and a dagger symbol.

5. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

How to Correct Misspellings

The *Oxford Children's Thesaurus* can improve your spelling by helping you to correct your misspelled words. Here's how.

1. Type *garaffe*.



Press ⬅ or **BACK** if you need to erase a letter.

2. Press **ENTER**.



The flashing T indicates that a word has one or more thesaurus entries.

3. Press ⬇ or ⬆ until you see the desired word, if necessary
4. If a flashing T appears, press **ENTER** to see one or more thesaurus entries for that word.
5. Press ⬇ to view the words in this thesaurus entry.
6. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

How to Find a Letter

If you are not sure how to spell a word, you can type a question mark in place of each unknown letter. To type a question mark, press

[?].

You can also type question marks in words to help solve crossword puzzles and similar word games.

1. Type *p*.
2. Press **[?]**.
3. Type *rt*.

p?rt_

4. Press **[ENTER]**.

part

T

The matching words appear in alphabetical order.

5. If a flashing **T** appears, press **[ENTER]** to see one or more thesaurus entries for that word.
6. Press **↓** to view more matching words.
7. Press **[ENTER]** to view the thesaurus entry of a matching word, if available.
8. Press **[CLEAR]** when you are finished.

How to Find a Series of Letters

To find a series of letters, press ***** to type an asterisk in a word. An asterisk stands for a series of letters in a word. Try this example.

1. Type *penc*.
2. Press *****.



An asterisk will appear at the end of the word *penc**.

3. Press **ENTER**.



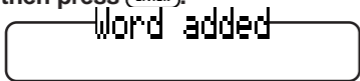
You can type both question marks and asterisks in a word, but there is no reason to type them next to each other.

4. If a flashing T appears, press **ENTER** to see one or more thesaurus entries for that word.
5. Press **↓** many times to view more words that begin with *penc*.
6. Press **ENTER** to view the thesaurus entry for a matching word, if any.
7. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

How to Save Words

You can save up to 40 words in your Personal words list. Your Personal words list is where you can save words for study and review. The list will be saved until you erase it or replace the batteries.

1. Type *purpose* and press **LIST**.
2. Press **↓** until *Add To List* appears, and then press **ENTER**.



If you try to add a word that has already been saved to your Personal words list, *Already in list* appears.

If the screen says *Not a word*, then the word is not found in this thesaurus. To add such a word to your Personal words list, press **Y**.

Press **N** if you do not want to add the word. When these words are added, a *P* will appear to the right of the word to indicate that the word is not in this thesaurus.

3. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

How to View Your Saved Words

After you have saved words to your Personal words list, you can then review them.

1. Press **LIST**.
2. Press **ENTER** to select *View List*.
Words are shown in the order they were saved.
3. Press **↑** and **↓** to view the words in the list.
4. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

✓ Deleting a Saved Word

To delete a saved word from your Personal words list, first press **LIST**. Then press **↓** to view *Delete From List* and then press **ENTER**. Use **↑** and **↓** to move to the word you want to delete and then press **ENTER**. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

✓ Clearing Your Personal List

To delete all of the words from your Personal words list, first press **LIST**. Next, press **↓** to move to *Erase List* and then press **ENTER**. Press **Y** to clear your list. Press **N** to cancel.

Changing the Game Settings

You can select the skill level for the games and the words with which you will play the games, before you play.

- *Skill Level* allows you to change the level of difficulty for the games. There are five skill levels; *Beginner* is the easiest and *Wizard* is the hardest.
- *Game Words* determines whether the main list or your Personal words list is used in the games. Also, you can choose to enter your own words before each round.

1. Press **GAMES**.
2. Press **↓** or **↑** to move to ***Skill Level*** or ***Game Words*** and then press **ENTER**.
3. Press **↓** or **↑** to move to a setting and then press **ENTER**.

You will then return to the Games menu.

How to Play the Games

This thesaurus has four word games that you can play.

Hangman

Hangman challenges you to guess a mystery word, indicated by ?'s, by typing its letters one at a time.

1. Press **GAMES**.

2. Press **↓** or **↑** to move to *Hangman* and then press **ENTER**.

An unknown word appears with the number of guesses remaining at the right.

3. Type a letter.

Either a question mark will be replaced by the letter or the number of guesses will be reduced by one.

4. To reveal a letter press *****.

5. To end the round and show the mystery word press **?**.

6. If a flashing T appears, press **ENTER** to see one or more thesaurus entries for that word, once the round is over.

7. Press **↶** to play another round.

8. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

How to Play the Games

Anagrams

Anagrams challenges you to find all of the words that can be made from the letters of a given word. Each letter can only be used as many times as it appears in the given word. The minimum word size will appear on the screen before each round begins.

1. Press **GAMES**.
2. Press **↓** or **↑** to move to *Anagrams* and then press **ENTER**.
A word appears with the number of possible anagrams at the right.
3. Type an anagram and then press **ENTER**.
4. To view the anagrams that you have already entered press **↑**.
5. To jumble the letters press *****.
6. To end the round and show all of the anagrams press **?**.
7. Press **↓** or **↑** to see all of the possible anagrams.
8. If a flashing T appears, press **ENTER** to see one or more thesaurus entries for that word, once the round is over.
9. Press **⇒** play another round.

10. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

Jumble

In Jumble, you have to decipher jumbled letters to form one or more correctly spelled words.

1. Press **GAMES**.

2. Press **↓** or **↑** to move to *Jumble* and then press **ENTER**.

3. Type an unscrambled word.

If word is correct, *You win!!* appears and the word is displayed. If the word is incorrect, *No, try again* appears, and you can try again.

4. To jumble the letters press **ENTER**.

5. To end the round and unscramble the word press **?**.

6. If a flashing T appears, press **ENTER** to see one or more thesaurus entries for that word, once the round is over.

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7. Press ⇨ to play another round.
8. Press **CLEAR** when you are finished.

Flashcards

This is an electronic flashcards game. Flashcards flashes words that you can study and then you can find their thesaurus entries.

1. Press **GAMES**.
2. Press ↓ to move to *Flashcards* and then press **ENTER**.
3. Study the word that appears.
4. If a flashing T appears, press **ENTER** to see one or more thesaurus entries for that word, once the round is over.
If a ? flashes, then press **?** to view Confusables.
5. Press ↓ to view a new word.

Appendix

Model TCQ-200 • Oxford Children's Thesaurus

- battery: 4 LR03 (AAA) batteries (not included)
- size: 13.6 x 9.2 x 2.0 cm. • weight: 6.8 oz

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