ISTC 651 – Information Literacy and Access

DICTIONARIES AND THESAURI PRESENTATION

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**DICTIONARY NAME:** First Dictionary and Thesaurus

**PUBLISHER:** DK Publishing, Inc.

**BASIC CRITERIA**

1. Authority

* This book is published by DK Publishing, Inc., New York.

1. Binding & paper quality (Durability)
   * This is hardbound book with 256 pages.
   * It is made of glossy paper.
2. Copyright date (Changing country names)
   * The copyright date is 2002.
3. Audience interest level/Reading level
   * The reading level is one to four years old.
   * The interest level is six to nine years old.
4. Format/Page layout (Caption Placement, arrows, etc.)
   * FONT SIZE. The font style for titles and words are in bold and size 20. The body text has size 12, and italicized on sentence use samples. Captions have smaller text like 8 font size and italics.
   * AMOUNT OF WHITE SPACE. There are three columns for each page to maximize the space and each word is separated by double spacing. Pictures are also found on each page.

* AMOUNT OF TEXT COMPARED TO GRAPHICS. Eye-catching color graphics and photographs bring the definition to life. There are one-page of word collections, which are fun-filled pages of words under one theme that are valuable aids to creative writing.

1. Organization/Ease of use (Is there a Table of Contents? Index?)

* It shows the definition of the word/s.
* Parts of speech are included for each word.
* Some words have synonyms and opposite words.
* Some chosen words have etymology or word history.
* Some hard to say words have pronunciations.
* Some words have sentence use examples.
* There is a table of contents after the title page.
* Spelling tips teaches the student how to spell correctly a word by syllables, confusing spelling like ph and f, use of silent letters and sound alike words.
* There are common abbreviations of words.
* The facts and figures shows measurement, days of the week, fractions, months of the year, seasons, and numbers.
* The animal families’ page shows the special names for young animals and animal groups.
* The map of the world shows the different continents and oceans.
* The acknowledgement page at the back shows the names of people who helped in publishing this book.

1. Treatment
   * This dictionary is an easy book for early readers and the words are simple and pronunciation helps them how to speak the words. I would recommend this to first to second grade level because there are not difficult words in this book and the children can appreciate a first dictionary with bigger text and full of graphics.
   * **What type of information literacy skills the student needs to use?**

This dictionary and thesauri will teach the students the basic concept of finding how words are organized; knowing word formats like parts of speech and pronunciations; and learn the method of finding the meaning of words. It also teaches them how to analyze essential information from this book.

1. Diversity
   * This book uses simple English words that can be easily understood by an early reader. An etymology is used to explain the history of the words. Pictures are also used for visual learners.

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