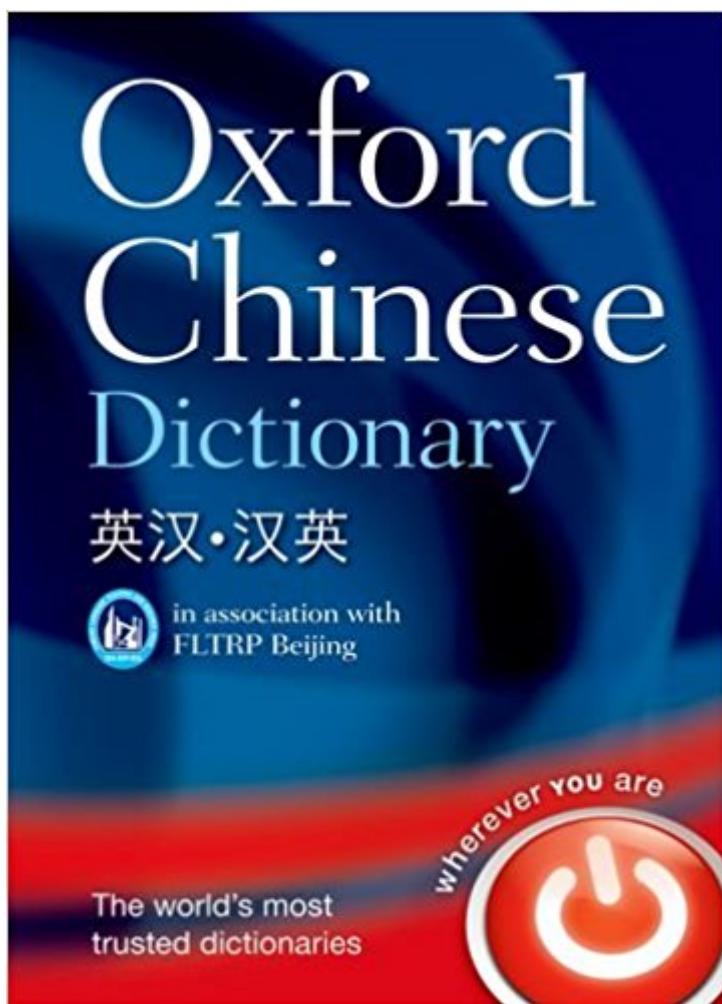


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"an impressive work ... the accuracy of translation/definition is of the highest quality ... a superb reference work, one that should wind up on the desk of every English-Chinese and Chinese-English translator" --Professor Howard Goldblatt, Chinese language specialist, teacher, and translator

This dictionary is the most comprehensive and most detailed one I have ever purchased in my life. Since the dictionary has been produced in collaboration with Chinese linguistic authorities, each and every entry seems to tell me an exact meaning and reference concerning the word and expression I am looking up. I am very happy to own this dictionary as my sidekick for my life-long Chinese language study.

Contrary to what I read in these reviews, I am all enthusiastic about this dictionary. The wealth of compounds that I couldn't find before and now can all look up - well, it makes me happy as an sand boy, um, sand girl. For two years now I have learned Chinese and can barely utter a word - so I am not an expert. But slowly the characters are coming to life for me - fascinating! The E-C side has no pinyin - I don't mind as much as the other reviewers. Would be nice, of course - but how heavy would the tome be then?? If I really need to know, I can look up the characters on the C-E side - no big deal. Also, I don't mind that the online version is the old, abridged one. Online is very good to look something up fast - before I go into the heavy tomb. One day we will have everything online - for a price, I guess. My only two minor complaints are that the page numbers are RIDICULOUSLY small. And that The Radicals and Characters Organized By Radicals pages are a bit less easy to use than in the Oxford Pocket Dictionary - the layout is not smooth on the eyes. But I am going for contents - and this gives me all the contents I want (for now). Alexa Fleckenstein M.D., physician, author.

This is so far the best Chinese/English dictionary that I could find for my Chinese students in terms of more pages than other similar dictionaries and the Chinese-->English and English-->Chinese ways for checking any character. I am also aware that this one is not the most ideal one and it's not

good enough for myself to use as a random translator/interpreter, because so many characters/word are not to be found in this dictionary. I still recommend purchasing it as this is the best you could find on the market nowadays.

Incredibly easy to use - one of the best translating dictionaries I have found. Chinese to English section is organized like the Xinhua Zidian - organized by number of strokes of radical, then by number of strokes of the rest of the character, and also by pinyin. Major complaint (not available in any dictionary yet that I have found): the English to Chinese section gives characters but without pinyin, so if I don't know the pronunciation of a word I've just looked up, I have to use the dictionary twice for the same word (ie English to Chinese and then Chinese to English). And though I really like the Xinhua Zidian-type organization, it is somewhat cumbersome.

Although the dictionary is impressive by the size and amount of words available it has a big problem the English to Chinese section translates English only into characters, with no pinyin nor MPS, so basically the dictionary was published for Chinese speakers or English speakers who already read Chinese very well. Unfortunately this dictionary is not intended for the Chinese learner.

Excellent reference. Clear and easy to understand.

I liked a friend's older version of this so much, I bought the hardback and the compact versions of this. Instead of only counting strokes, this sorts it by radical (smaller part) of the character. I am just a novice and this helps learn the parts (radicals) that make up the kanji so that you start to see how the different radicals come together to make a more complicated character. Once you find the character you are looking for, it has many other kanji that are often associated with the one you looked up giving you a more complete meaning for the pair as well as saving you the time to look up a second character from scratch. This hardback version has a lot more than in the compact version, but I have found most of what I am looking for in the compact version. I have a couple of different Kanji dictionaries and this is the one I like the most.

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