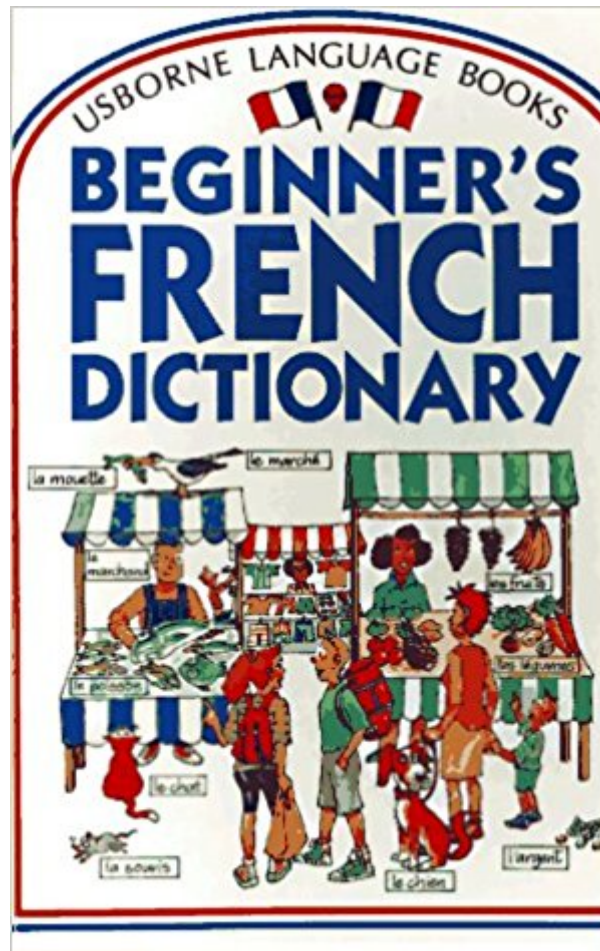




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Customer Reviews

I don't care for the style of this dictionary. In my opinion, this book is distracting overall, with several serious flaws. The main problem is that there is no pronunciation given with any of the words. It is not until page 109 that the book gives a very brief pronunciation guide. However, the guide is quite confusing, and not helpful when trying to pronounce one of the many illustrated words throughout the book. At the end of the book, there is a list of all the illustrated words, with their pronunciation. It is very inconvenient to stop and look up each word in the back of the book, and the word list is printed in a very small font. It is not very helpful to learn a new word, if you have no idea how to pronounce it! The second problem is the illustrations themselves. The sloppy drawings are so hyperactive and busy, they are actually a distraction instead of an aide to learning. I would not recommend this book for a child who is learning to speak French. A child is not likely to look up the pronunciation of each word in the back of the book. If you are just looking for a superficial way to

introduce a few sight words, this book may be helpful.

A relative had the book and I used it during my stay. When I got home, I ordered my own copy to continue studying. I like the cartoon-like pictures that show the words, not just a list to memorize. Easy to use. Not as comprehensive as a text book, but an excellent reference to improve vocabulary.

Great dictionary!

Wonderful book for anyone who wants to build French vocabulary the fun way. Illustrations are engaging and format of book makes it easy to take anywhere.

The Beginner's French Dictionary is designed for the true novice. If you are just starting out or getting a refresher course, then this book is excellent tool to increase your knowledge. It is the perfect size to carry on the bus or read at your desk at work (so you'll have no excuses for using it). Primarily it is a dictionary for reference, but it also serves as a great vocabulary builder. The use of whimsical illustrations add humour ensuring you'll memorise the correct language in the correct context. Overall I recommend this as a great resource for teaching yourself the basics of French.

Wanting to start to learn very basic French, I ordered this, and was rather pleased with it!!!! It is a good starting point for someone who wants to start at the grass-roots level. Fun!

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