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Merriam-Webster's Crossword Puzzle Dictionary



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America's favorite puzzle solver is bigger and better than ever! The 335,000 clues and answer words include 80,000 new words. This edition is fully searchable, organized both alphabetically and by number of letters. Containing the most comprehensive coverage of "crosswordese," the words most frequently encountered by puzzlers, this dictionary will instantly help target the words you need. Compatible with Kindle Voyage, Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle, Kindle Fire with Fire OS 4+, Kindle Keyboard, Kindle Touch, Kindle DX, Kindle for Android (version 4.0+), and Kindle for iPad/iPhone (version 4.0+). Default dictionary feature is not supported on Kindle for Mac, Kindle for PC, or Kindle Fire 1st/2nd generation.

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would grab the Merriam-Webster's Crossword Puzzle Dictionary as a supplement and see how it went. Let me say that I was immediately impressed. Searching with the Kindle is a breeze and low and behold, it did offer suggestions that my Million-Word monster failed to provide. Now I find myself switching from one to the other and getting stuck far less often. I am sure that the Million Word offers more sheer volume but the Merriam-Webster's is a slick, quick reference for most easy to moderate crossword puzzles. I give it 5 stars for the ease of searching and clear, simple design. If you already have one dictionary, you may find this an excellent second, or perhaps, even an excellent first.

Helpful, but wish there was a way to put in a word and go right to it. I waste a lot of time flipping through pages to get to the word I'm looking for. Maybe I'm missing something here, so if there is a way to just put in a word and go straight to it, I wish they would have made that clear.

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Excellent

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