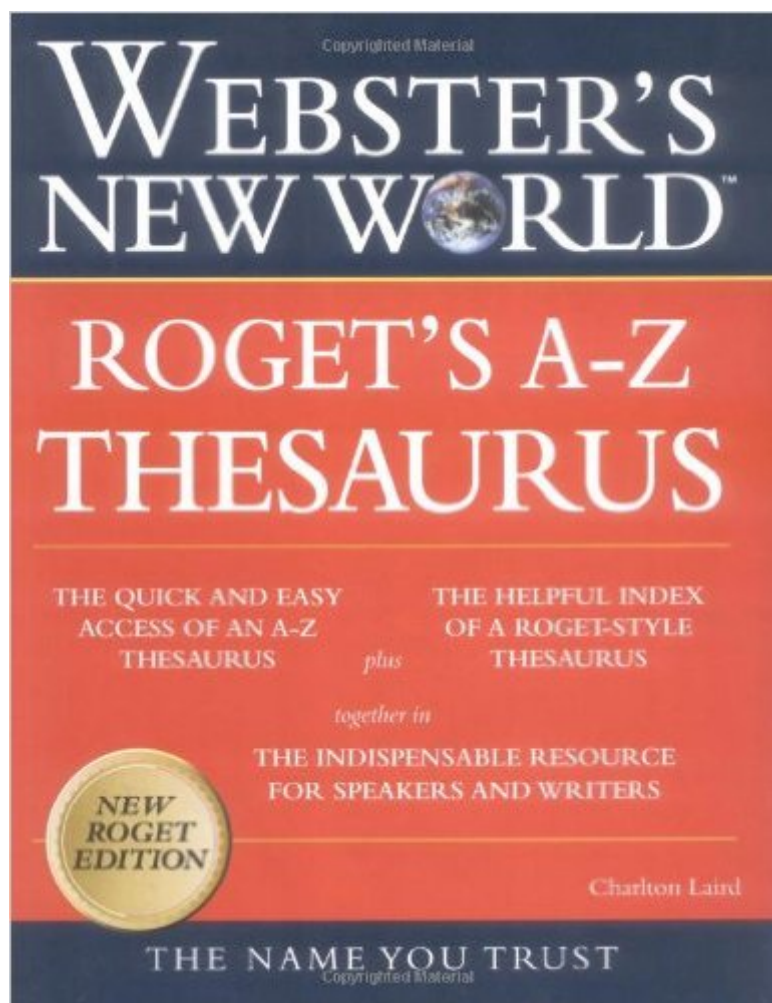


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This thesaurus is divided into two main sections: Roget's style thematic index and a dictionary style alphabetized index. The thematic index is divided into six areas, covering less than 20 pages: Abstract Concepts Spatial Concepts Physical and material Concepts Human Intellect Human Personality and Actions Human Emotions and Beliefs For researching ideas, this first part is

invaluable. However, the vast majority of the time, I use the extraordinarily convenient dictionary style index, covering nearly 900 pages. It's easy - if you need a new word to cover the same tired old word you've been using, just look it up. For example, here's the entry for the common word, friend: Friend, n. 1. [a person with whom one has mutual attachment] - Syn. Companion, intimate, confidant, comrade, familiar, schoolmate, playmate, best friend, close friend, roommate, bedfellow, fellow, fast friend, bosom friend, boon companion, mate alter ego, other self, soul mate, crony*, buddy*, sidekick*, bosom buddy*, homeboy*, homegirl*. Ant. Foe, ENEMY, stranger. 2. [An ally] Syn. Compatriot, confrere, colleague; see associate (in boldface) 3. [A patron] -- Syn. Supporter, backer, advocate, sympathizer; see patron (in boldface) 1. Make friends with (in bold face) - Syn. Befriend, strike up a friendship with, buddy up to*; see associate (in boldface) 1. When a word is in bold face, it means that the word is included in the thesaurus and may have other suggestions for you. The number after the bold face tells where in the entry to look for suggestions. The noun form of the word friend has three numbers referring to different definitions. An asterisk after a word, according to the thesaurus, indicates "archaic, colloquial, dialect, slang, or other unusual usage." The N after the entry word refers to its part of speech; in this case, the word friend is a noun. Syn. refers to synonym, or a word that is similar in meaning. Ant. refers to antonym, or a word that is opposite in definition. The very back of the book has a small handful of pages called the Supplementary Word Lists, which include endings of words, such as -cide, --cracy, --iac, --mancy, and so forth and gives a list of words with that particular suffix. For example, for -iac, the listings includes words such as insomniac, kleptomaniac, and paranoiac, among many others. In short, this is an excellent reference for a beginner (my ten-year-old frequently uses this thesaurus) as well as a seasoned professional. The organization is superb and it is easy to read and to follow. It's nearly impossible not to find the word that you seek!

Even though I'm a die-hard Merriam-Webster user, I have to say that this thesaurus well exceeds the M-W Collegiate one in both resourcefulness and usability. Extensive, well-organized and user-friendly. A powerful tool to empower your writing.

I bought three thesauri at the same time. I do quite a bit of technical writing and I needed multiple sources to draw from. I ordered this title, along with Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus and Roget's International Thesaurus. The first synonym I needed was for "coordinate," as in "to coordinate..." Roget's 21st Century gave me 23 words and phrases, Websters gave only seven, and Roget's eight. I've found similar disparities among the volumes for numerous other words. Roget's 21st

Century is a terrific little book, inexpensive, small, and easily stays beside my PC. The others, well, I wish I'd saved my money. But they'll come in handy at some point, I'm sure. This volume is good but will be relegated to the bookshelf.

I replaced my old Roget's Thesaurus with this one and am very pleased with its clarity, organization, and completeness. The typeface is very easy to read and it is printed on high-quality paper. I like to consult a thesaurus often in my writing and I've been satisfied by the word offerings each time I've used this thesaurus. I would highly recommend it.

This Thesaurus is hard bound with quality paper and clear font size. It will stand up to heavy use as an excellent reference source. Individual word entries (in alphabetical order) include the part of speech as well as a brief dictionary style definition of the term. In the case of similarly spelled words, that enables one to make sure they are pursuing the correct meaning. The list of synonyms may not be as extensive as the latest Roget publication, but it should be more than adequate for most users. This version was copyrighted in 1999. Because terminology and language change almost daily, there may be new meanings and words that are not included. However, period writers may find that fact important. The supplementary word list at the back of this volume may prove to be invaluable for many writers. As an example, listed under -phile, meaning a lover of the specified person or thing, we find 'logophile'; a lover of words. Under names for groups of animals we find a 'wriggle' of worms! A poet or author might be delighted with such a discovery. For everyday use in an office, business or educational environment, this could well be the only Thesaurus one needs.

Webster's New World Thesaurus is the consummate source for those who pine to augment their subjacent grasp of the English lexicon. The author of this tome has mustered a grand assemblage of words -- all of which will prove utile when attempting to woo the opposite sex. With a plethora of words to cull through, Webster's New World Thesaurus will provide you with the minutia you need to help you imply intelligence, even if you're a mere plebeian.

I would have given this a higher rating if Antonyms were used more often. Antonyms are used very sporadically, far and few apart. However, a solid Thesaurus but I previously had a paperback with every word with the opposite meaning....disappointed.

Purchased this along with the Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus. Turned out to be a good move. The

two complement each other to meet a range of needs and usage circumstances. Where the New World had its strength in usage of words known, their grammatical constructs, idiomatic, archaic, colloquial, slang usages. It does this and more in a simple and efficient way . Now the 21st Century thesaurus has its strength when you start with an unknown, but have an inkling, an idea of what you might want, or if you want to quickly explore shades of meaning or concepts related to a given word in a typical dictionary format, relating conceptual constructs numerically, where you can start with the word or the concept (s). Together they form a very powerful tool for writing.

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