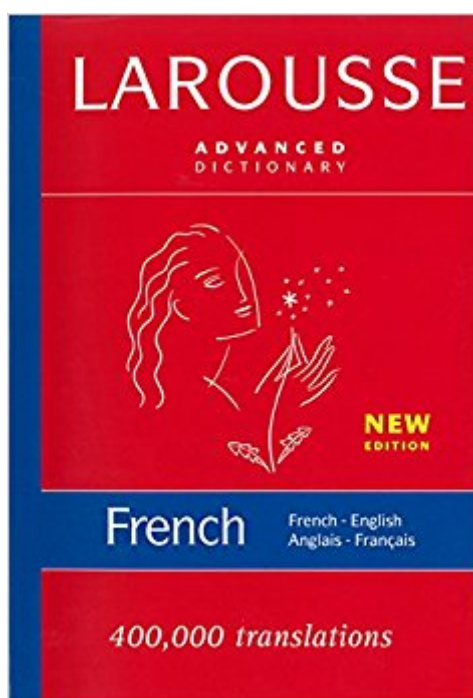


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# Larousse Advanced French-English/English-French Dictionary



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## Customer Reviews

The Larousse editorial team includes many language and reference experts based in countries around the world. In this way the linguistic team keeps it's finger on the pulse of living languages as spoken by the native language speakers of these countries.

I'm on my second copy of this dictionary. As another reviewer mentions, for reasons I do not understand, the English and French sections are paginated separately, so you are acquiring a lot more dictionary than the description indicates (more than 2300 pages total). (Actually, there are a couple more supplementary sections that are themselves separately paginated with cultural info, verb conjugations, etc. adding another 50 pages or so.)French has far fewer words than English, and consequently the French equivalent of many English words is actually a phrase. One real strength of this dictionary from my perspective is that after many of the definitions of individual

French words, the book lists and defines a substantial number of those French phrases with their translations. For example, I just picked a word at random, *le fait*, and found that following the definition, there were definitions of 7 of those phrases, like "en fait de". The book's drawback is its bulk. I solved that for my purposes by using a box knife to remove the cover and cut it down the middle of the binding to form two books. Then I bound one half with silver duct tape and the other with red duct tape. Each is far more manageable and fairly portable. Since I normally translate either from or to French, I generally only need one book at a time. (But now you know why I am on my second copy, after the first one survived a lot of hard use.) And if you are still not satisfied, move up to the Unabridged Larousse, which claims 1,000,000 definitions and is, I believe, their largest.

This is a HUGE book, and I wondered if I would get as much use out of it as my smaller paperback dictionary. But I've found that there are times when my smaller book doesn't have certain words or phrases that this one does. And the format of this book is so well drawn out, easier to read and seems to be quite a bit more extensive in its definitions. I'll still reach for the paperback version, but if I want to really know all the uses for a certain word or phrase, I'll use this one. I'm really glad I purchased it.

The Larousse Advanced French-English Dictionary is an extraordinary reference book. It is well laid out, well illustrated (with glossy pages on such topics as construction, cars, and sports), and it gives multiple meanings and uses for the words being defined. Bold typeface for the entries makes it exceptionally easy to find the word in question. Besides having useful "cultural notes," the Larousse Advanced has a number of "usage modules" suggesting ways of saying common expressions in daily life. To keep the heft of the book under control, the pages are of very thin paper. Clearly, this is the product of generations of dual-language dictionaries.

This dictionary is very large (which I love!), so it's unlikely you'll want to toss it in a backpack and go. The book itself is 1200 pages and hardcover. The pages themselves are thin, like those you find in a bible. The dictionary is comprehensive, exhaustive, and very detailed, which is really nice for more advanced students. The only thing I would caution is that unless you have a decent grasp of French vocabulary and use you might find some of the entries a little confusing because they have SO many in depth definitions. Some words that I thought were pretty simple have a lot of definitions and uses. That's a good thing, of course, but my point is that if you are just looking for simple definitions of words, you \*might\* find this confusing or unwieldy (at first!). Until I got this dictionary I really didn't

realize how flimsy and inadequate my little pocket dictionary really was. I highly recommend this book! This is going to be my permanent dictionary.

I needed a first-rate well nuanced French-English//English-French dictionary to complement my other big dictionaries, including French to French LEXIS. This one does extremely well, as I work through my reworking of my Ph.D. dissertation focusing on a translation of Francis Jammes' first and most characteristic collection, many of the poems having already received distinguished journal publication.

The name "Larousse" means a lot, and has done so ever since I was a young sprout taking French in high school, and was told that sooner or later I had to graduate to a French-French dictionary (gulp!). So I wound up with my "Petit Larousse" (not so small as all that) but still had recourse to a good French-English, English-French dictionary when needed. This book is everything I was looking for, and the price is a bargain. I can only hope that, in the future, Larousse figures out some way to make this great reference work run on a computer. It's a big step to take, but the industry is moving that way. Very high recommendation indeed!

I'm a native speaker of Portuguese and I'm currently learning French as a third language. I decided on this dictionary because I was already a regular user of its online version and French-Portuguese bilingual dictionaries are unbelievably bad. I'm 100% satisfied. The dictionary meets all the needs of an intermediate-level learner like me, giving detailed information on context, register and plenty of useful expressions that really reflect French as spoken in real life by native speakers. It was worth every cent.

This is a great dictionary, it is clear and easy to read. It gives snippets of interesting French and English information throughout and is certainly up to date, including some words that I would never have thought to see in a dictionary! It's fairly weighty to carry around but easy to use, and you can easily get lost in its pages as you enhance both your English and French vocabulary.

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