Oxford Picture Dictionary
English-Chinese: Bilingual Dictionary
For Chinese Speaking Teenage And Adult Students Of English (Oxford Picture Dictionary 2E)
Synopsis

Content is organized within 12 thematic units, including Everyday Language, People, Housing, Food and Recreation. Each unit starts with an Intro page (new to this edition) and ends with a story page, with single or double-page sub-topics introducing new words in a realistic visual context and easy-to-learn "chunks." The target new vocabulary is listed and simple practice activities help students put their new words into practice. Story pages include pre-reading questions to build previewing and predicting skills and post-reading questions and role-play activities to support critical thinking and to encourage students to use the new language they have learned. Rich visual contexts recycle words from the unit. This structure is designed to address the needs of multilevel classrooms. Supporting components include more guidance on this topic as well as assessing needs and lesson planning. (available in English only).

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Customer Reviews

Simplified/Traditional? Traditional character system (Taiwan/ Hong Kong/ Overseas Chinese populations)Pinyin? NONE, not even in an index form. You will have to use another dictionary tool to look up pinyin. This could work because if you’re learning Cantonese, you can write in your own romanization systemGrammar? Some in English, NONE IN CHINESE. Your Chinese needs to good enough to integrate new vocabulary into your existing grammatical knowledgeTopics? Adult communicative opportunities in daily lifeGood for kids? Not at all, unless you have an incredible
precocious child who wants to learn how to talk about their constitutional rights in Chinese.

Target Audience? Mostly ESL teachers and students, although heritage language learners can also benefit tremendously. The Oxford Picture Dictionary (English/Chinese) ranges from a decent to outright outstanding picture dictionary, depending on what you’re using it for. The word “picture dictionary” can seem misleading because you may think this is marketed for kids or beginning learners. True, it has artistic renderings accompanying the words although less charming than say the "Times Goes By" series or Usborne’s First Thousand Words/First Hundred Words books. This book was conceived, developed and intended to be used with adult audiences and features a variety of themes from everyday “adult” life such as trips to the bank, the office setting, emergency procedures and legal system jargon. These bits of information are far more useful when a house fire hits or when you get thrown into the slammer, compared to if you studied Usborne’s First 1000 Words and memorized all farm animals on the page. Because seriously, how many times are you going to identify an bear in your daily life?
