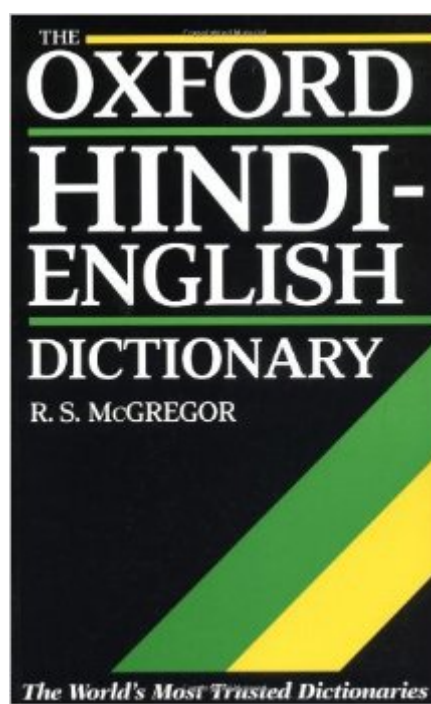


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# The Oxford Hindi-English Dictionary



## Synopsis

The first new Hindi-English dictionary in over a century, The Oxford Hindi-English Dictionary is the comprehensive reference to modern standardized language, both spoken and literary. This handy paperback dictionary is designed to meet the needs of the growing number of people now learning to speak Hindi. It provides translations for over 36,000 headwords, using illustrative material to show words in use. Students of Hindi and South Asian studies of all kinds will find extensive coverage of historical Hindi, together with the most up-to-date colloquial and literary vocabulary. In addition, the Urdu vocabulary of Hindi is well represented. Providing contemporary, idiomatic Hindi and English, The Oxford Hindi-English Dictionary is the perfect reference guide for students, businesspeople, and travelers alike.

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I purchased this book along with 'Beginner's Hindi Script' and 'Say it in Hindi'. It is very clear. Many other books and dictionaries I have looked at use cheap, rough paper and the type does not print well on the paper. The syllable characters in this dictionary are crisp and clear; large enough to see; the English transliteration is right next to the Devanagari script; examples of many kinds are included with many of the words so you can see all of the variants and idioms. I sometimes have a problem where I can't find a word I want to know the meaning of because it is perhaps written in a tense that I need to know the root of first. However, this is due to the fact that I am a beginning student of the language, I'm sure. Looking up the various words in this dictionary has certainly helped me learn the syllabary more quickly. This is the best Hindi dictionary I have found so far.

My only regret is that there is no English-Hindi counterpart. This book includes all common usages of words in conjunction with verbs, as well as variations and related words. Also very helpful is the origin of each word, and its spelling in its language of origin. If you are student of Hindi, I could not recommend a better book. Mr. McGregor is my hero.

This dictionary is really worthwhile! Being only Hindi-English actually helped me, by forcing me to accelerate my learning of devanagari. Of course, after the devanagari spelling is the roman transliteration as well. Because it's only Hindi-English, you get a bigger number of entries in a still-manageable size. For the budget-conscious Hindi student, this is a must have.

It includes a wide variety of words, whether standard language or dialects. Etymology of words is also interesting. It is easy to manipulate, not too thick and easily transportable. Headword presentation and examples are clear.

What I like about this dictionary is it includes 1) origins of words 2) sex of words 3) various connotations of meaning 4) uses of words in phrases 5) romanised word pronunciation 6) specifies transitive v intransitive verbs (which one must know to use perfective tense) 7) Specifies the connectors one should use with noun-based verbs

What I don't like about this dictionary 1) words that are compositions of other words are sometimes hard to find. You have to guess which words it is composed from and look under that word. for instance, *napasand* might be found under the prefix *na* and so forth. 2) I've taken off 1 stars for inaccuracy and incompleteness. There are a few words which should be found which are strangely omitted. Secondly, I've found a few nouns that are given as the wrong sex. A glaring example is */nafrat/* is given as masculine. There are several other mistakes.

This is the best go-to dictionary if you are a native English speaker trying to look up a word you are reading in Hindi. I bought this for reading theocratic literature in the Hindi language and most usually the word that I need a definition for is in this book! It has a very easy-to-follow pronunciation guide, too. I wish they had an app! Google translate would do in a pinch, but not if I have this book around. I would carry it with me in my bag and try to learn a few words a day.

Excellent. Be aware that this Hindi-English "dictionary" only translates in one direction - Hindi to

English. In other words, you must look up a word in Hindi, (in Devanagari script - Hindi letters), to get the English translation. You cannot look up a word in English. For this you would need an English-Hindi dictionary.

This dictionary is worthy of much veneration. Besides the multitudinous number of words provided, the print is very clear and legible. Etymology of words is also given, which is a nice feature because one can see whence a particular word originated, and that alone is reason enough to buy this dictionary. And despite what one reviewer claimed about there being no Roman transliteration provided, that is not true. Words are listed first in the Devanagari, followed by a transliteration. It would've been nice if there was also an English-Hindi section included, but, aside from that trifling shortfall, the dictionary as it is is deserving of 5 stars.

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