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Ultimate Visual Dictionary Details

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Rainey says

I absolutely love DK, and the Visual Dictionary is not exception. I'll keep this in my house as a fun reference for nearly everything!!

Beverly Ho says

It's a big heavy reference book. It covers a lot of specialized topics that most people don't care.

Jessica says

Okay, so this book is awesome. If you are someone who loves to know totally useless information, meet your bible. Hold it, love it, gaze upon its pictures and read it outloud to whomever might be around. Fruits are ovaries, by the way. Fully-developed ones. How about them apples? Well, they are a false fruit. So... insert a "Good Will Hunting" quote here.

Nathan Jones says

i'll always own one of these - this is the best i've found though.

Marion says

This isn't the sort of book you normally read through, but it is a wonderful, colorful, and very highly recommended reference. I love it.

Mike says

This book is 5 stars. I give this edition 4 because the page numbers in the index don't match up with the actual pages (I'm guessing they didn't redo them from the hardcover. Buy that one if you can).

I first saw this book on the desk of the graphics editor at the newspaper I worked for. Essential reference manual just to have, let alone use for any kind of work.

Joy Barnett says

Name: Joy Barnett

Type: Dictionary

Title: DK Ultimate Visual Dictionary

Call Number: RF. 423.1 Dor

Brief description: This resource includes entries that are categorized by different aspects of science. Each entry includes a definition and explanation. Multiple cultured photographs are included with every entry.

Reviewed:

(1994, Dec.). [Review of book DK ultimate visual dictionary]. Booklist Online. Retrieved from <http://www.booklistonline.com/Dorling...>

Criteria: Scope: This dictionary features pictures and definition for a wide variety of science terms. The terms span through all of the school's science courses: physics, biology, and chemistry.

Accuracy/Authority: DK Publishing is an established publisher of reference texts. Accuracy and authority are established by the wide variety of scientific terms included in the text.

Arrangement/ Presentation: Each entry includes a definition and explanation. They also include multiple colored photographs.

Relation to other works: The collection includes other works published by DK. We also have a variety of other dictionaries in the collection.

Accessibility/ Diversity: Students of all levels will find this text accessible. The definitions and explanations are students friendly and the visual interpretations add an additional level of information for visual learners.

Cost: \$35.93

(2000). Ultimate visual dictionary 2000. DK Publishing: London.

Barbara C says

Ultimate Visual Dictionary. Revised edition. DK Publishing, 2002. 672 pages.

Genre: Reference source

Recommended age level: Intermediate and Young adult (8+ years)

Subjects: the Universe, prehistoric Earth, plants, animals, the human body, geology, geography, meteorology, physics and chemistry, rail and road, sea and air, the visual arts, architecture, music, sports, everyday things

This incredible resource is both an encyclopedia and a dictionary. Dividing over 31,500 terms into 14 categories, *Ultimate Visual Dictionary* uses both words and pictures to help explain the world around us. Each of the approximately 7,000 full-colour photographs and illustrations has been painstakingly annotated in detail by a team of experts.

I find it difficult to place a recommended age level on this reference book, since adults will be as fascinated and informed by it as young people. The cutaways and exploded views bring meaning to subjects that would otherwise seem inaccessible to most people, and the language used is easily understood. From the inside of a volcano to the workings of the human ear, this resource had me enthralled. I highly recommend it as a reference book for students as well as inquisitive adults.

Hotboy says

i love this book;)

Aaron says

Not as much a dictionary as an illustrative book on miscellaneous topics, weighted heavily on hard science. The pictures are, as you would expect, stunning and very detailed. Entries on each page are easily to read and content is interesting. I would recommend it ages 10-18.

The only drawbacks are the \$39.95 price tag - a little high for the content (who was the intended audience?) and the fact the book is oversize, in case that's a concern. Otherwise interesting read, and worthwhile to have in the library or classroom.

Jessica Cooper says

Title: Dorling Kindersley Publishing Staff. (2011). Ultimate visual dictionary. New York, NY: Dorling Kindersley.

Reviewer: Jessica L. Cooper

Type: Dictionary

Call Number: REF 423

Brief Description: This dictionary uses photographs and illustrations to define terms related to nature, mechanics, and other areas through labeling.

Cost: \$40.00

Review Citation: Awe, S. (2007). [Review of Merriam-Webster's Visual Dictionary by J. Corbeil and A. Archambault]. Booklist, 103(16), 70. *Review contains comparison to DK's Ultimate Visual Dictionary.

Relevance and Relationship: This dictionary serves as a visual reference for students wishing to advance their vocabularies and their understanding of physical relationships between various topics through sight. As the library does not currently house a visual dictionary, this would be a useful addition to the collection. While there are other visual dictionaries available at comparable prices, this appears to be the most visually appealing, an important quality for a visual dictionary.

Purpose: It's been said that "A picture is worth 1000 words." This dictionary contains over 6000 color photos and illustrations presenting around 50,000 terms that allow students to see to understand terms. It will make a great reference for students studying the subjects covered in the book, which include plants, animals, the human body, physics, chemistry, and other topics relevant to many high school courses.

Validity: The dictionary is created and published by Dorling Kindersley and received favorable reviews in Booklist and Reference and Research Book Reviews.

Format: The dictionary is filled with visually impressive labeled photographs and illustrations.

Arrangement and Presentation: The book is grouped into 14 general categories that contain labeled photographs and illustrations. Each subcategory includes a few introductory paragraphs.

Diversity: Students who are visual learners and students who struggle with the English language or with their reading skills will benefit from this dictionary.

Michael Murdoch says

A revised and updated version of the DK classic. Explaining the world around us with a unique marriage of words and pictures, the Ultimate Visual Dictionary is a treasure trove of knowledge for the entire family. Cutaways and exploded views provide new perspectives on everything from the inside of a volcano to the inner working of a computer. Using more than 6,000 full-color photographs and illustrations, this easy-to-use reference covers everything from prehistoric Earth and science, to sports, art, and music. Now updated and expanded for 2002!

Don Gubler says

Great reference work. Almost on a par with the German Bildwoerterbuch. Nice place to figure out esoteric names of things.

Wendy says

OK, I am not actually reading this dictionary, but I'm doing what one does with great visual books: paging through, looking back and forth, comparing, trying to wedge a few ideas into my brain. I bought this lovely dictionary while working in a historical archive, looking at images from the early 19th century, and facing the same question again and again: What is that called? Is there a word for that? Since this is English, the answer is probably yes. This visual dictionary is extremely strong in some areas: e.g. architecture, human anatomy, and the mechanics of daily things. Weak in other areas, such as fashion and artisan tools.

Amelia says

Dorling Kindersley, Inc. (1994). Dorling Kindersley's ultimate visual dictionary. (1st American ed.). London ; New York: Dorling Kindersley.

Citation by:

Amelia Ford

Type of reference:

Dictionary

Call Number: Ref 413

Content/Scope:

The ultimate guide to describing the world in which we live. This reference presents a huge range of information from a unique perspective, with more than 33,000 terms explained.

Accuracy/Authority/Bias:

It is the same team that worked on Merriam-Webster's version of a visual dictionary and publisher is well-known.

Arrangement/Presentation:

There are pictures with labels, as well as their definitions.

Relation to other works:

This resource will provide a visual alternative to the other dictionaries in the collection.

Accessibility/Diversity:

The visual aspect of the book is great for visual learners and it will also assist those English Language learners.

Cost:

29.95

Professional Review:

DK Ultimate Visual Dictionary 2000.(Book Review)(Brief Article) (Vol. 96). (2000). American Library Association.
