

Dictionaries

HOW TO FIND?

(A) Print Format

Most of the dictionaries, whether general or subject-specific, are kept in the **Reference Collection** of Main Library and the branch libraries. The dictionaries can only be consulted in the library and cannot be taken out.

To find a dictionary on a topic:

1. Go to **Dragon**, HKUL catalogue at <http://library.hku.hk>.
2. Click on **Subject**.
3. Enter an appropriate **subject heading**.

E.g. Language Dictionaries

Type of Dictionary	Subject Heading
English	English language dictionaries
Chinese	Chinese language dictionaries
English to Chinese	English language dictionaries Chinese
Chinese to English	Chinese language dictionaries English
English to French	English language dictionaries French

E.g. Subject Dictionaries

Subject Discipline	Subject Heading
Economics	Economics dictionaries
Psychology	Psychology dictionaries
Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical engineering dictionaries
Environmental sciences	Environmental science dictionaries

(B) Electronic Format

HKUL subscribes to a number of electronic dictionaries. Major titles include:

1. *Oxford Reference Online:*
The database brings together 100 language and subject dictionaries published by the Oxford University Press into a single cross-searchable resource.
2. *Oxford English Dictionary:*
A good source for etymological analysis, listings of variant spellings, and pronunciation using the International Phonetic Alphabet.
3. *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary via Britannica:*
A basic source for checking definitions, pronunciation and etymology of words.

Access:

1. Go to the **Libraries Homepage** at <http://lib.hku.hk>.
2. Select **Electronic Resources**.
3. Click on **Browse by Format**.
4. Select **Dictionaries and Encyclopedias**.
5. From the list, select a desired dictionary.
E.g. *Merriam Webster Online*
Oxford English Dictionary
Oxford Reference Online (ORO)

Encyclopedias

(I) WHY NEED ENCYCLOPEDIAS?

1. For concise articles on a topic of general knowledge.
2. Furnish you with good background information to prepare you to explore into more in-depth materials.

(II) HOW TO FIND?

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Type of Encyclopedia	Subject Heading
General	Encyclopedias and dictionaries
Subject-specific	Subject discipline encyclopedias E.g. telecommunication encyclopedias E.g. psychology encyclopedias

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(B) Electronic Format

HKUL subscribes to a number of electronic encyclopedias, e.g.

1. ***Encyclopedia Britannica Online***:
A fully searchable and browsable collection of authoritative references, including latest article database in Britannica; articles not yet in the print Britannica; Merriam-Webster collegiate dictionary (tenth edition); and the Britannica book of the year.
2. ***Funk & Wagnalls new world encyclopedia***:
A fully searchable and browsable encyclopedia mainly at middle to high school level.

Information Resources

HKU Libraries

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Funk & Wagnalls new world encyclopedia

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