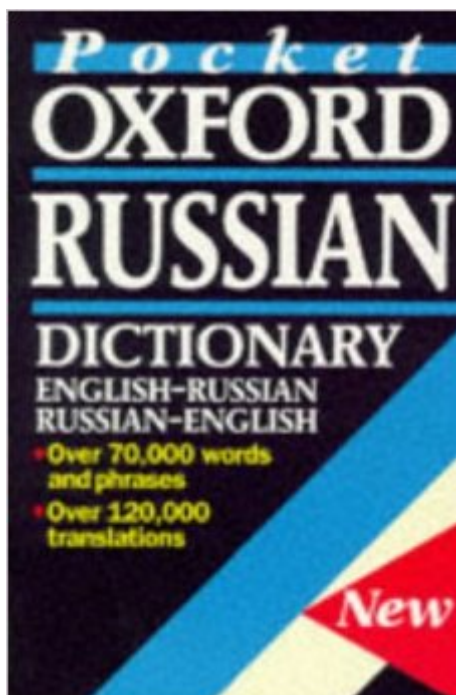


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Synopsis

Called "the most complete and succinct" lexicon of its type by The Times Literary Supplement, The Pocket Oxford Russian Dictionary has long been a favorite of students, scholars, businesspeople, and travelers. Now this popular dictionary is available in a completely revised Second Edition. Providing the most up-to-date coverage of general vocabulary in both languages, this handy resource offers the perfect companion for reading and conversation. No other pocket dictionary can match its outstanding features: More than 70,000 words and phrases; emphasis on modern idioms and colloquial usage; numerous illustrative examples of vocabulary in context; all common abbreviations and acronyms; pronunciation in the International Phonetic Alphabet; and guidance on constructions, complementation, and difficult points of grammar. Remarkably comprehensive, this new edition of an established classic provides an essential resource for students needing a handy guide to the Russian language.

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No other pocket dictionary compares to this one. I have studied Russian for two years part time and have been to Russia 6-7 times, using this book all the while. All other pocket dictionaries that I have seen are inferior w/r/t quality and completeness. This one is the choice of the experts, and I couldn't agree more. It is rare for a pocket dictionary to give several nuances in English for the same Russian word. Also, often there are short useful phrases associated with certain words. This pocket dictionary is an excellent choice for travellers.

This pocket Russian dictionary is one of the best that I've used. It shows all perfective and imperfective verbs, it includes irregular verb endings and indicates the accent (udarenie) of all Russian words. I disagree with the poor rating given by a reader that complained about the lack of Cyrillic transliteration. This dictionary is for people who ALREADY know the Cyrillic alphabet. A great dictionary at a great price!

This book accompanied me on my trip to Belarus this summer. It was an indispensable item in the daily chores of communication with my Belarusian host and friends. It has for its size and scope the best working range of any book in its class. I can only recommend it for any one who would like to learn the Russian language.

I have both the Katzner English-Russian Dictionary and this one. Each dictionary has its advantages and disadvantages. I have not had my Oxford dictionary long enough to see if it falls apart like many say it does. The Katzner dictionary has longer entries, for instance giving 9 different possible meanings (and example phrases) for the verb "to present", whereas the Oxford Dictionary only gives 3 meanings and only one example. On the other hand, The Oxford dictionary has page markers on the edges of the pages, so you can more easily find listings pertaining to a certain letter, which helps if you are just learning the Russian alphabet. The Katzner dictionary does not have this. (But I taped letter markers on my Katzner dictionary). One other considerable drawback of the Oxford dictionary, especially for beginners, is that whereas the main listing of each word is given in the printed text version of the alphabet in bold, the example phrases or references underneath each listing are given in RUSSIAN SCRIPT text, which in some cases differs significantly from the alphabet in its print version. Beginners wanting to stick to learning just the print text version of the alphabet at the outset will find an obstacle here, but those intent on learning both print and script forms of the alphabet at once may not be bothered. Also, I noticed that the Oxford dictionary has listings of the vulgar (obscene) words like f*** and s***, and a slew of others which the Katzner dictionary has none of. While you may not want to speak such words yourself, you might want to know if a Russian speaker is referring to you in some of these terms!

I found the content excellent, however I agree with the other reviewer that it is poorly bound. Mine fell apart after three weeks. On a trip pocket dictionaries like this will be in daily use and take quite a pounding. Regrettably, this book is just not up to it.

Warning- for occasional use only-- the pages are poorly bound and fall right out. No matter what the content is, if a book doesn't stay together, it's time to move on. I want to have a book, not pages and pages.

Although this book has more listings in it than the old Romanov standby, which would appear promising, there are significant shortcomings. I have purchased 2 copies, and neither has lasted longer than 4 weeks. I am translating just about every day, and I do use a small dictionary extensively, but I believe that any paperback dictionary should be able to hold up to the repeated use for which it is supposedly designed.

This dictionary is excellent. I rarely find words which aren't listed, and the definitions including common phrases make finding the correct translation fairly easy. But, as others have stated, the pages started falling out almost immediately. It doesn't seem to be just this dictionary either, as the Russian course I purchased at the same time (Oxford's Take Off In Russian) also has its pages falling out. I hope Oxford does something about this as it really takes away from their otherwise excellent books. Another reviewer stated the dictionary doesn't have the alphabet, but mine definitely includes one as part of the pronunciation guide in the beginning. Russian pronunciation is much more straightforward than English, so pronunciations aren't listed for Russian words. 5 stars for content, 1 star for binding.

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