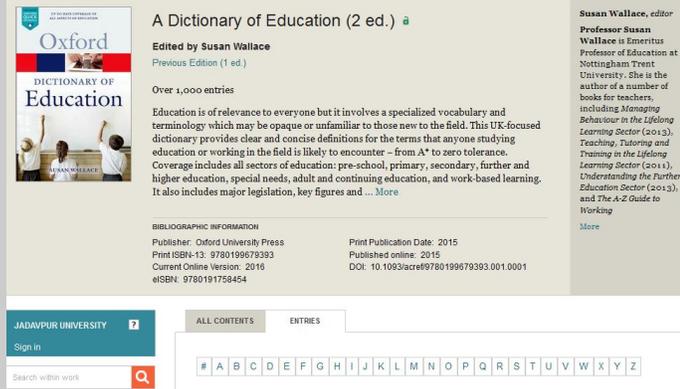


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A Dictionary of Education (2 ed.) 

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Over 1,000 entries

Education is of relevance to everyone but it involves a specialized vocabulary and terminology which may be opaque or unfamiliar to those new to the field. This UK-focused dictionary provides clear and concise definitions for the terms that anyone studying education or working in the field is likely to encounter – from A* to zero tolerance. Coverage includes all sectors of education: pre-school, primary, secondary, further and higher education, special needs, adult and continuing education, and work-based learning. It also includes major legislation, key figures and ... [More](#)

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Scope and Coverage

It is basically UK based dictionary. It covers various area of education such as pre-school, primary, secondary, further and higher education, special needs or education, adult and continuing education, and many work-based learning. This dictionary also includes major legislation,

key figures and organizations, and national curriculum and assessment terminology. The second edition covers the reforms to the schools examinations system and teacher training in England and Wales, and more detailed entries, relating to disability and inclusive practice like autistic spectrum disorder, attention deficit, and dyslexia, and to professional development like mentoring. This dictionary covers more than 1000 terms.

Kind of Information

The meaning of the terms, description and short notes on those terms are available here. See and see also references are also available here. Some terms within the meaning of a particular entry are cross referenced. Related contents of a particular entry are also given in hyper link form. Some examples are given below for clear understanding.

“adult education”

Courses of study offered for learners over the age of compulsory schooling. Sometimes used synonymously with evening classes, adult education encompasses a very wide range of provision, including prison education, education in the armed forces, adult literacy classes, and church-based learning groups, as well as local authority and Workers’ Educational Association provision. It has a long history closely associated with ideals of social reform, self-help, and self-improvement, particularly among social classes who could not access adequate schooling or higher education. Direct forerunners of adult education were the ‘adult and benevolent evening schools’, the ‘young men’s reformation and mental improvement societies’, and the mechanics’ institutes of the 19th century. By the 21st century, however, adult education has lost much of its earlier, radical image. Theory related to the education of adults constitutes in itself a field of academic study, sometimes referred to as andragogy, to distinguish it from pedagogy, the theory related to the teaching of children. It is argued, for example, that some key characteristics can be associated with adult learners, which must be taken into account if they are to be helped to learn effectively. These include:

- their adult responsibilities and commitments, which will inevitably compete for time with their studies;
- their motivation, which has brought them back to education;
- their need to feel they are getting good value, in terms of learning, from the time and money they have invested;
- their level of anxiety at returning to education, which may be much higher than they are willing to disclose.

The education of adults can also necessitate a reconfiguration of the teacher–pupil paradigm into a more egalitarian, negotiated relationship in which it will usually not be appropriate for the teacher to use the same forms of encouragement and sanctions which they might employ with younger learners.

See also National Institute of Adult Continuing Education; radical educators.



“degree classification”

See [bachelor's degree](#).

“para-professional”

Sometimes used to describe staff who assist with teaching in schools, colleges, and universities, such as [teaching assistants](#), [instructors](#), and **technicians**.

There is a list of abbreviation present under the heading ‘All contents’ and then ‘front matter’. Some example is given below:

AAC Augmentative and Alternative Communication
ACE Advisory Centre for Education
ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
AEA Advanced Extension Award

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New Zealand	The Ministry of Education is responsible for education policy, administration, and regulation across all sectors http://www.minedu.govt.nz/
South Africa	A national framework for school policy is provided by the national Department of Education, which is responsible for national education and training as a whole, including higher education. Each of the nine provinces has its own Department of Education, which has direct administrative responsibility for schools http://www.education.gov.za
United States	There is no national or federal ministry of education. Control and funding comes from three levels: federal, state, and local. The state and national governments have a power-sharing arrangement, with the states exercising most of the control. At the primary and secondary school levels, curriculums, allocation of funding, teaching, and other policies are set through locally elected school boards with jurisdiction over school districts http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml

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para-professional
parental preference
parent council
parent governor
parent partnership service

Remarks

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Comparable Tools

- The Greenwood Dictionary of Education
(<https://evrosoriou.files.wordpress.com/2011/05/dictionary-of-architecture-and-construction.pdf>)
- Glossary of Education Terms
(<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/glossaries/glossary.pdf>)

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