

Name of the Tool

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Logo



URL

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

Subject

English language - Dictionaries

Accessibility

Free

Language

English (Multilingual translation facility is available).

Publisher

Cambridge University Press

Brief History

Cambridge University Press has been publishing dictionaries for learners of English since 1995. Cambridge Dictionaries Online has been offering these dictionaries completely free of charge since 1999.

Scope and Coverage

Cambridge dictionaries are informed by the Cambridge English Corpus, billions of words of real English, and the Cambridge Learner Corpus, a unique collection of exam scripts written by

students taking Cambridge ESOL exams all over the world. This dictionary has a large coverage of words from various links like Essential British English, Learner's Dictionary, English-French, English-Italian, English-Spanish, English-Portuguese, English-Catalan, Grammar, Essential American English, English-Arabic, English-Korean, French-English, English-Malaysian, Spanish-English, English-Turkish, English-Russian, English-Chinese (Traditional), English-Polish, German-English, English-Vietnamese, Indonesian-English, English-Thai, English-German, English-Japanese, English-Chinese (Simplified), English-Indonesian etc.

Kind of Information

This dictionary provides grammar, pronunciation (audio in UK and USA tone), etymology, examples, similar words etc. of the given word. The business meaning of the term is also provided. Facility to translate from English to other languages like Spanish, Italian, French, Arabic etc. is provided.

For example, a particular term “library” is given in the following way (with print screen views) –

Library

noun [C] **UK**  /'laɪ.brər.i/ **US**  /'laɪ.brər.i/

a building, room, or organization that has a collection, especially of books, for people to read or borrow, usually without payment:

a public/university library

a library book

More examples

- The library has three levels, with a conference centre at ground level.
- This library loans books, CDs and videotapes.
- Jill spent the past few months doing research in the library.
- A date stamp inside the front cover of a library book shows when it should be returned.
- The council has decided that the local public libraries will close on Mondays.

Thesaurus

Parts of buildings: rooms

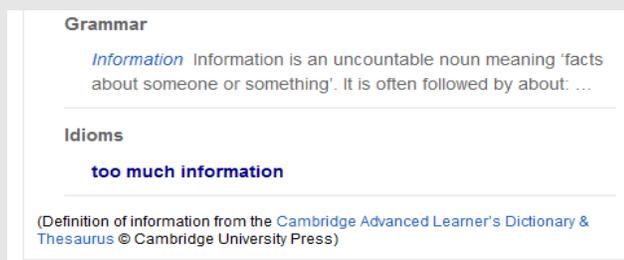
synonyms and related words:

antechamber , anteroom , atelier , atrium , attic , ballroom , conservatory , en suite , eyrie , family room , form room , front room , gymnasium , reading room , reception room , refectory , room , rumpus room , snug , vault etc.

Translation



Here another example (the word “information”) is given below through print screen, where grammar and idioms on the word are shown.



Special Features

- ❖ Free translation facility to various languages is available.
- ❖ Link to Blog is present.
- ❖ Links to social networking sites like Facebook, Google plus, Twitter, Pinterest etc. are available.
- ❖ Word of the day is seen.
- ❖ New words in English language are also found.
- ❖ Suggestion for a right word (i.e. fuzzy searching) is also available.

Remarks

In gaining knowledge regarding English words, Cambridge Dictionaries Online works as an authentic source. Its multilingual translation facility adds special flavour to its sublimity.

Comparable Tools

- Oxford English Dictionary (<http://www.oed.com/>)
- Macmillan Dictionary (<http://www.dictionary.com/>)

➤ Dictionary.com (<http://www.dictionary.com>)

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