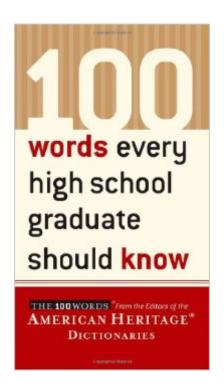
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100 Words Every High School Graduate Should Know





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Customer Reviews

I originally wrote this review on the Barrons SAT Vocabulary Flash Cards, but it's really a review that I hope anyone looking to build their vocabulary might find useful, so I thought I'd copy it here. It covers the American Heritage books and other resources...The Barrons flash cards fall far from what they could, or should, be. The good part is that they are flash cards. I prefer cards to books because they are easy to carry, easy to select the words you have mastered and set those aside to work on the others, and easy to randomize. The size is right and the paper weight is adequate to hold up until the cards have been learned.But the main content is poor. The selection of words seems weak, but I can't be sure. You may discard a hundred right away, but then you'll still have 400. The syllabications and pronunciations are often non-standard. For example, Barrons breaks "articulate" as ahr TI kye let (The I should be marked short and the e's should be the upside-down e

schwa symbol that indicates a minimally stressed vowel; capitalization indicates the stressed syllable.). The American Heritage Dictionary, which I consider to be the best, treats "articulate" as ar*tic'*u*late, ar-tik'-ye-lit, where the i's are marked short and the e is the schwa. This poor treatment goes on and on so much that it becomes annoying and unhelpful. So does the frequent use of the schwa; you end up mumbling the words instead of pronouncing them articulately. Barrons seems to use the pronunciation style and symbols of American Heritage Dictionary (called AHD), but not quite. The definitions are where Barrons really falls short.

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