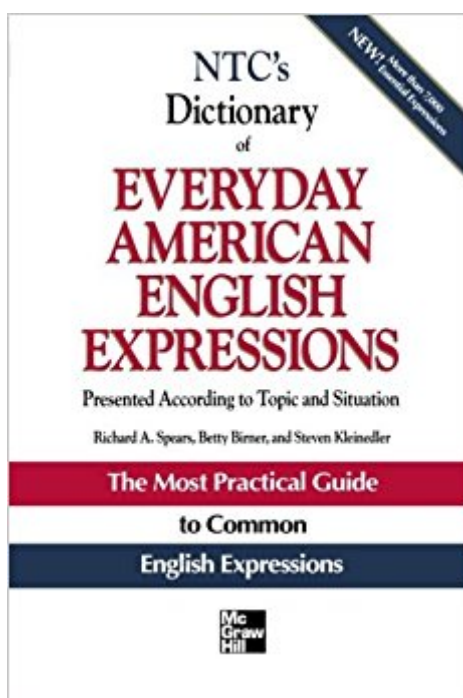


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McGraw-Hill authors represent the leading experts in their fields and are dedicated to improving the lives, careers, and interests of readers worldwide. Richard A. Spears, Ph.D., is a reference editor and former linguistics professor who has written more than 30 dictionaries, including NTC's American Idioms Dictionary (ISBN: 0-8442-0273-8) and NTC's American English Learner's Dictionary (ISBN: 0-8442-5859-8).

This dictionary lists many phrases that are used in various common situations, such as 'at the grocery store', 'at a fast-food restaurant', 'welcoming a guest', etc. It is useful to English learners, since they don't have to worry about building the sentence or choosing the right vocabulary word; that's already done for them. I do think some phrases are either outdated or too informal/slang, so students should consult a teacher/a native speaker before they use all the suggested language.

I am a native English speaker, and don't think I'd bother purchasing something like this. But, I recently had a friend visiting from overseas, and he came across this book while shopping at a local book store. He purchased it for himself, and after looking through it, I was very impressed. There

are a couple of outdated expressions that might cause people to do a double-take if they heard them, but for the most part, the book does a great job of listing many relevant phrases. I was so impressed that I purchased another copy to send to another friend overseas who loves learning English. One improvement that could be made is a better organizational system. The index is ok, but not great. It's good for finding new phrases to express certain feelings or ideas, but not for seeing if unusual expressions are already listed. I recall upsetting a former boyfriend for calling him "crabby" one day. With this dictionary, there is no way to look up the word crabby and see what it means in casual English. For that reason, I think a digital version of this book would be preferable.

I teach ESL to adults and am a big fan of this book, and the format of this book. I'm using it in my lessons with advanced students looking to perfect their understanding of, and confidence with idiomatic expressions in American English. Very straight forward format.

This is a great book for those advanced English speakers who's first language is not English. It has samples of many day to day phrases that if taken literally would be completely wrong.

Good collection but with no explanations. You should know the meaning and what exact situation it fits by yourself.

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I needed a book of American idioms to give to a Russian friend who has been in the USA for several years, but is not really up to speed on the etymology and use of American idioms. Who is? This is more of a guidebook for general intermingling with Americans and their culture.

I'm very glad with my purchase. TY.

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