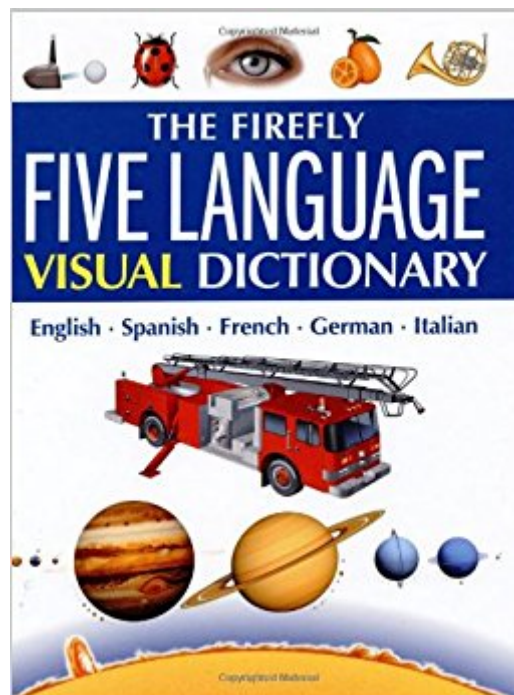




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# The Firefly Five Language Visual Dictionary: English, Spanish, French, German, Italian



## Synopsis

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This visual dictionary employs more than 6,000 full-color pictures to illustrate a vast array of objects and their corresponding names in English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish. More than 35,000 terms are grouped into 17 broad subjects ("Animal Kingdom," "Communications and Office

Automation" "Society," etc.) and range from technical terminology such as dew point, moraine, and tyrannosaur to everyday words such as doorknob and waffle iron. The authors, Corbeil, sociolinguist and specialist in comparative terminology, and Archambault, specialist in applied linguistics, address both the academic (such as heraldic symbols) and the practical (such as street signs). Terms not only include types of objects, such as the more than 20 distinct places to sit (bar stool, bench, love seat, ottoman, sofa, etc.) but also provide names for specific components of such objects (apron, seat, stile, etc.). The illustrations are crisp and extremely detailed and are printed on glossy white stock. Researchers can access terms by browsing through color-tabbed pages that indicate the different topical subsections or by consulting one of the five language-specific indexes. The only other reference comparable to this is DK's 2002 publication, the Five-Language Visual Dictionary. Although the DK offering features full-color photographs, it is considerably less comprehensive, presenting 1,600 illustrations defining 10,000 terms in about 400 pages. In comparison, Firefly runs 1,092 pages. One drawback to the current work is its small dimensions. Pages measure about seven by eight inches, necessitating the use of a relatively small font for the definitions. This is a minor concern, however. Where else are researchers going to find a complete listing of all the elements of the periodical table in five different languages compiled in one place? Irresistible for browsers, serviceable as either a basic visual dictionary or thesaurus, and of immense value to second-language learners, this is recommended for high-school, public, and academic collections. Kathleen McBroom Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

[The Top 20: Books] Vivid illustrations draw you into this clever compendium of 35,000 terms translated from English into Spanish, French, Italian, and German. (Amanda Armstrong Real Simple 2008-01-01)[Starred Review:] Wow! This book is simply amazing -- visually stunning, rich with information, and overflowing with detail... Not only is this book useful in learning the details and nuances of a foreign language but it is quite a handy way to learn these terms in one's own language... this brilliant work is essential for students of any of these languages, lovers of language, and any library supporting a language program or multilingual patrons. (Manya Chylinski Library Journal 2005-02-15) Selected by Library Journal as one of the Best Reference Sources for 2004: "Such is the breadth of coverage that there are precise terms for 15 examples of shoes -- not to mention cell phones and even MP3 players." (Brian E. Coutts Library Journal 2005-04-15) A valuable tool to expand young minds. (Nashville Parent) Where else are researchers going to find a complete listing of all the elements of the periodical table in five different languages compiled in one

place? Irresistible for browsers, serviceable as either a basic visual dictionary or thesaurus, and of immense value to second-language learners. (Kathleen McBroom Booklist 2005-05-15)

I am a teacher of foreign languages and own a number of visual dictionaries, including the Firefly Five Language Dictionary, the Firefly Spanish/English Dictionary, the Firefly Mini Spanish/English Dictionary, and the DK Five Language Visual Dictionary. I prefer the Firefly dictionaries because they tactfully include the gender of words as a superscript after the word rather than as an indirect article, as in the DK dictionary. The latter has the ill-effect of creating ambiguous genders in instances where the indirect article is truncated: For example: garlic - l'ail - der Knoblauch - el ajo - l'aglio. The size of this hardcover edition makes it more appropriate for use as a desk dictionary rather than a pocket edition. The Firefly Five Language Dictionary contains almost twice as many pages and words as the Firefly Spanish/English Visual Dictionaries. Given that the image layouts used in all of the Firefly dictionaries are from a common master, the page count is a very good indication of the word count. The faint of heart may want to consider getting a bilingual version in order to avoid confusion between languages. Although words are consistently listed in the five languages in the same order, it can still be overwhelming and confusing at times when words are very similar across languages. As with any visual dictionary, this one focuses on nouns. Students of the Spanish will still want to have a quality pocket bilingual dictionary.

The fonts are too small. It's not like there isn't room for larger print so I don't understand why...why....it's such a great concept for a polyglot like me...but I need a magnifying glass to make out any of the print. I've purchased several of their bi-lingual products, and the font size is fine. Was this designed by a polyglot hater?

This book is awe inspiring. I have never been so amazed by a purchase before. The two most amazing things about it are: it's astonishingly high quality, and it's astonishingly reasonable price. If you want to see beautiful, highly detailed, full-color pictures of nearly all the every-day objects in our world, from parts of the body to types of fishes, animals and birds, sumo wrestlers, fire fighters, household items, manufacturing machinery, computers, clothes ... these are just random selections from over 900 pages. Each picture is labeled in all 5 languages, most pictures are further analyzed into parts, which are also labeled. What it is NOT: it is not lightweight; it is not a travel companion; It is not for people who just want to learn one or two hundred words of a foreign language. It IS for people who really like to know the names of lots of detailed items (many of which I don't even know

yet in English) in English, Spanish, French, German, and/or Italian. 5 stars isn't enough. This is a \*spectacular\* buy.

Excellent reference tool for those who study more than one language. I had bought different picture dictionaries, without realizing that it was possible to have English plus four other languages (French, Spanish, German, Italian) at the same time. This is the one that sits on the desk. And the number of entries is exceptional. Additionally, there is a very nice index at the back in each of the languages. Very helpful!

Great dictionary for those learning Spanish, English, Italian, French, and German. Detailed illustrations are a wonderful way to learn technical terms as well as words for items used in daily life. Due to its heft it's not portable but it is quite complete.

My 3 year old favorite book, highly recommended.

This is a must-have for those who are willing to know the correct name of things instead of giving that always extemporized description that, sometimes, goes nowhere. Excellent book for the children, for the language learner and for anybody who looks for an educational yet fun way to improve vocabulary. It is very well organized into topics and its respective variations and has crystal-clear pictures as well, which is a plus in comparison to other visual dictionaries that is based mostly on drawings. Worth the money.

Soy brasileña, hablo inglés y estoy aprendiendo español y alemán. Tengo ganas de aprender mucho más! With this dictionary I believe I'll be able to increase my vocabulary, since there are many specific words for several subjects in an easy way to learn (visual). It's very useful and I surely recommend.

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