



Primary Search



Description: Primary Search is designed for elementary aged schoolchildren. The database contains the full text of more than 70 popular elementary school magazines. Full text backfiles go as far back as 1990, while indexing and abstract backfiles go as far back as 1985.

Examples: The following are examples of the types of questions that can be answered using the Primary Search database. The terms listed below the questions are examples of searches that can be used to find relevant results.

- ◆ What is a meteor?
 - Meteor
 - Meteor shower
- ◆ I would like to read about fossils.
 - Fossils
 - Paleontology

Dictionaries

Both Primary Search and MasterFILE Complete provide access to dictionaries. Primary Search provides access to the American Heritage Children's Dictionary, 3rd Edition. MasterFILE Complete provides access to New Oxford American Dictionary.

To access the dictionary in either interface, click on the Dictionary link in the top blue navigation bar. This will bring up the dictionary search/browse screen. Type a word in the search box and click on Browse. Use the left side of the screen to select the word you are looking up. The definition will appear on the right side of the screen. (Note: the dictionaries are not included in the Explora interface.)