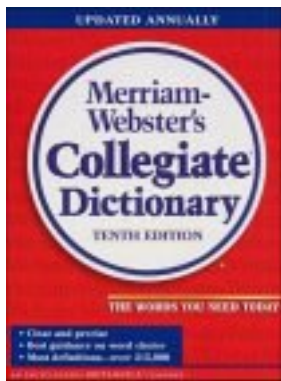


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effectively no more pages than did the last edition. A change in the design of the Explanatory Notes addresses the latter top-mentions of the page and a different design of some elements. They answer the user's questions about the conventions on that page have allowed the editors to add thousands of devices and techniques by which the editors have been able to compress mountains of information about English words into fewer than 1400 pages. All users of the dictionary are urged to read this section through and then consult it for as nearly exhaustive as the compass of an abridged work permits. The treatment of words in the A-Z vocabulary section is special information as they need to. The brief essay on our merits in all Merriam-Webster dictionaries the information language as it is recorded in Merriam-Webster dictionaries given is based on the unparalleled collection of citations and this Collegiate in particular is meant to satisfy an interest maintained in the offices of this company. These citations in lexicography often expressed in the correspondence show words used in a wide range of printed sources and the which our editors receive. The Guide to Pronunciation serves constantly augmented through the efforts of the both to show how the pronunciations recorded in this book editorial staff. Thus the user of the dictionary may be confident and to explain the mechanics of the respelling that entries in the Collegiate are based on current as system in which they are set down as well as older material. The citation files hold 3000 more The back matter retains all six sections from the last edition examples than were available to the editors of Webster's Ninth New Collegiate. These are Foreign Words and Phrases Third New International Dictionary published in 1961 the that occur frequently in English texts but have not become total now being 1300. part of the English vocabulary; thousands of proper names Those entries known to be trademarks or service marks are gathered under the separate headings Biographical Names so labeled and are treated in accordance with a formula and Geographical Names; a list of the degree-granting two: proved by the United States Trademark Association. No one-year and four-year Colleges and Universities of the United try in this dictionary however should be regarded as States and Canada; a gathering of important Signs and Symbols affecting the validity of any trademark or service mark. Those that cannot readily be alphabetized; and a Handbook of Style in which various stylistic conventions (as of punctuation Several features of the vocabulary section are worth special mention and capitalization) are summarized and exemplified. All notice. The treatment of synonymy has been completely revised for this edition so that all the synonym articles now these sections are expanded with new material in this edition discriminate from one another words of closely associated One section has been added: Abbreviations and Symbols for meaning. Many of the articles are enriched with typical examples Chemical Elements which were in the main vocabulary of examples of usage based on or sometimes quoted from the 1973 Collegiate are now in the back matter. Abbreviations in our files. Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary is the result of Pictorial illustrations have been prominent in Collegiate much patient labor by the trained staff of Merriam-Webster dictionaries from the beginning. In this edition as before Incorporated working in collaboration with each other and they have been selected chiefly for their ability to inform by in a sense with the editors of earlier Collegiates and Internationally supplementing and clarifying definitions. In many instances definitions who have left numberless often indiscernible traces This function has been enhanced for this edition by increasing of their thought insight and care upon the pages of this dictionary. There is the size of the illustration so that significant details are more readily apparent met editors unfortunately no space to acknowledge for

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