

**The New York Times
Crossword Puzzle Dictionary
*Operating Manual***

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Congratulations on your purchase of Excalibur Electronics' New York Times Crossword Puzzle Dictionary! You and your friends will enjoy hours of challenging fun solving crossword puzzles with this innovative handheld. You can search for unknown words, check for spelling, jumble letters to new words, find words similar in spelling, search for a phrase using a specific word, find synonyms and much more!

The New York Times Crossword Puzzle Dictionary is easy to use, but be sure to use it safely. Before starting, please read this manual thoroughly, especially noting safety, care and battery information. Keep this manual for reference.

This package includes one New York Times Crossword Dictionary and its manual.

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The legendary King Arthur brandished a magic sword, Excalibur, from which we take our company name. With this unique weapon in his hands, he could not be vanquished.

Although Excalibur Electronics can't claim the magical secrets of Merlin, King Arthur's court wizard, sometimes our patented technology may make it seem as if we could. The New York Times Electronic Crossword is another unmatched innovation of Excalibur Electronics.

We make you think.

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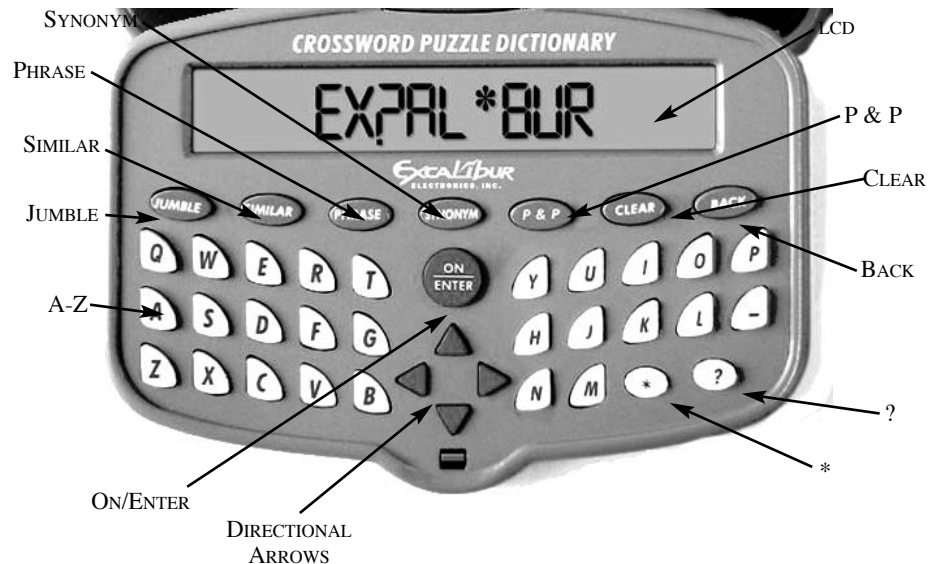
Installing Batteries

Your New York Times Cross-word Puzzle Dictionary requires two AAA batteries. To install batteries, carefully turn it over so that the top side is face-down on a soft surface, such as a towel or magazine. You'll find the battery compartment on the unit's back.

Lift off the battery compartment lid. Install two AAA batteries, making sure to match the polarity (+ and -) with the diagram inside the battery compartment. Place the battery compart-

The New York Times Crossword Puzzle Dictionary may lock up due to static discharge or other electrical disturbances. If this should happen, use a slim, pointed object to press the RESET button on the back of the unit.

Layout of The New York Times Crossword Puzzle Dictionary



Functions of Buttons

?: Press to fill in for an unknown letter, hyphen or blank. This is the most commonly used function.

***:** Press to fill in for a series of unknown letters, hyphen or blanks. This is a

frequently used function.

ON/ENTER: Type a word and press **ENTER** to check spelling. Press **UP** or **DOWN** to scroll through spelling suggestions. Press to confirm your entry. Press to

wake it up if it goes into battery-save mode.

JUMBLE: Type a word or series of letters and press **JUMBLE** to view words that can be made by rearranging the letters you just entered.

SIMILAR: Type a word or series of letters and press **SIMILAR** to view words that have only one letter different from the word you just entered.

PHRASE: Type a word and press **PHRASE** to view all phrases that include that word. Press **DOWN** to scroll through more phrases. Press **SYNONYM** at any time to view words related to that phrase.

SYNONYM: Type a word and press **SYNONYM** to view words that are related to the word you entered. For words with many synonyms, you will be prompted to choose the lengths of the words you

would like to view.

P & P: Type a word and press **Places & Professions** to view pertinent information. Pressing **P & P** for a place name will reveal geographic information such as currency and capitals. Pressing **P & P** for a profession will return the names of famous people in that field, listed by nationality.

CLEAR: Press to clear the screen and return to the home screen.

BACK: Press to return to the previous screen.

-: Press to type a hyphen.

A~Z: Press to type letters A through Z.

P: Press to pause when scrolling through synonyms, countries or characters. Press it again to continue scrolling.

RESET: Press to reset the unit.

▲: Press to scroll up, type an apostrophe or

Getting Started with The New York Times Crossword Puzzle Dictionary!

Put two AAA batteries into your New York Times Crossword Puzzle Dictionary, as described in the "Installing Batteries" section on page 3.

How to Use

After you've inserted the batteries, the power will turn on immediately and the screen will show the following sentences:

WELCOME TO THE
NEW YORK TIMES
CROSSWORD PUZZLE
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Here's a demonstration of
my functions:

CROSSWORDS
AW??E= AWARE
MATCHES
GN*IS= GNOSIS
JUMBLES
GOILCLA= LOGICAL
SPELLING
ENGLTCH=ENGLISH
SYNONYMS
EDIT=CUT EMEND DIRECT
REDACT REVIEW..
PRESS ANY KEY TO
BEGIN

The home screen is the
"BEGIN" screen. You can
press any button to skip
past the demonstration

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above. This will take you to
the home screen.

Adjusting Screen Contrast

Press the ▲ or ▼ but-
tons repeatedly to adjust the
screen contrast.

Finding Matching Words

This is the function you
will use the most to solve
crossword puzzles.

When you are searching
for matching words, use the
? button to fill in for each
unknown letter, hyphen or
blank.

First, type a word using ?
for the unknown letters.
For example, enter
C?M??N?E?

You can only adjust the contrast
at the home screen.

Next, press the ON/ENTER
button to display the fol-
lowing:

BUILDING LIST
CROSSWORD LIST

You can press the ▲ and
▼ buttons to scroll
through additional matches.
If there are no matches, the
screen will display "No
entries." In this case, if you
scroll down, there are only
two matches:

Commanded ▼
Commander ▲

The arrows on the side of
these matches indicate there
are additional choices
above, indicated by the up
arrow, or below, indicated
by the down arrow.

Press the CLEAR button to
return to the home screen.

Finding a Series of

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Missing Letters

When you are searching for a series of missing letters, use the * button to fill in for the unknown series of characters. The asterisk can represent letters, hyphens or blanks.

First, type a word using * for the unknown series. For example, enter **C*M*R**.

Next, press the **ON/ENTER** button to display the following:

BUILDING LIST
CROSSWORD LIST

You can press the ▲ and ▼ buttons to scroll through additional matches.

Everytime you press the **SIMILAR** button,
it will replace an additional letter. If you press it once, it will replace one letter. If you press it twice, it will replace two letters. If it reads, **"NO MORE!"** that means all the letters

If there are no matches, the screen will display **"NO ENTRIES."** In this case, if you scroll down, there are numerous matches, starting with **CABINETMAKER** and ending with **CYCLOMETER**.

Press the **CLEAR** button to return to the home screen.

Finding Similar Words

If you have not found the answer you were looking for using the ? or * button, try finding similar words instead. This function replaces letters for the selected word. These replacements are in lowercase letters.

NOTE: Please be patient. When it searches for phrases, it will search through all phrases from **A** through **Z** using the entered word.

First, enter a word using the ? and/or * buttons, then press **ON/ENTER**. For example, enter **"SH?P?"** then press **ON/ENTER**.

Press the **SIMILAR** button to display **"SIMILAR WORDS."** In this case, the first entry would be **"CHAPE↓."** The lowercase **"C"** is the new letter. Scroll through the additional matches.

Press the **SIMILAR** button again to see display **"SIMILAR WORDS"** with an additional letter change. For example, another entry would be **"AGAPE↓."** Scroll through the additional matches.

You can search for the same number of similar words as there are letters in these words. Once there are no additional similar word options, the LCD will

read **"NO MORE!"**

Finding Phrases

You can also search for phrases by using at least one word in a phrase.

First, type a word in a phrase. For example, enter **"COME."**

Press the **PHRASE** button. The LCD will display **"FINDING PHRASE,"** then it will display the **"PHRASE LIST."** In this case, the first phrase on the list is **"COME ABOUT."** Scroll through the additional matches.

If the length of the phrase exceeds 15 letters, it will scroll through the LCD screen automatically.

Press the **CLEAR** button to return to the home screen.

Typing Punctuation

Press the ▲ button to type an apostrophe. Press the ▼ button to type a period. You can not input punctuation as the first letter on your screen.

Judging and Correcting Words

After you've entered a word and pressed the **ON/ENTER** button, it will be able to check if your entry is correct or incorrect. If your entry is incorrect, it will suggest correct alternatives.

When the word is correct, the LCD will display, "THINKING... RIGHT!" followed by your entry.

If the entry is incorrect, it will display, "Thinking.. Correction list." It will display correct alternatives. For example, if you enter "WWHK" and press

ON/ENTER, it will suggest "WACK."

Jumble Function

You can rearrange the characters you've entered to form new words using the jumble function.

First, type a few letters or a complete word. For example, enter "ARANEG." Then press the **JUMBLE** button.

Press the ▲ or ▼ buttons to select the minimum word size. For example, you select six as your minimum word size. Press **ENTER** to confirm. The LCD will display the top of the list. In this case, the first word it will display is "ARENGA↓." Scroll down to view all of your options.

Finding a Word's

Synonym

Press the **SYNONYM** button to search for the synonyms of a word or a phrase. You can also find additional synonyms by pressing the **PHRASE**, **?** or ***** buttons after finding a synonym.

First, type a word or phrase. For example, enter "RUN."

Press the **SYNONYM** button. The LCD screen will scroll through the synonyms it found. In this case, it will display words like "CHASE HURRY SPEED..." Press the **P** button to pause it temporarily when you've found your desired synonym. After you've paused it, press the ▲ or ▼ buttons to manually scroll through the synonyms. Press the **P** button again to resume automatic scrolling.

If there are no matches, the LCD will display, "NO ENTRIES."

If the total amount of a word's synonyms is less than 50, the synonym list will continue to scroll till it reaches the end of the list. At the end of the synonym list, it will read "END OF FILE TO RESTART↓." Press the ▼ button to scroll through the same list again.

If the total amount of a word's synonyms is greater than 50, the unit will ask you to select the number of letters in the synonym you are searching for. Press the ▲ or ▼ buttons to select the synonym size and then press the **ON/ENTER** button to confirm your entry. Then the LCD display will scroll through these matches.

If the displaying time

Special Care & Handling

- Avoid rough handling such as bumping or dropping.
- Avoid moisture and extreme temperatures. For best results, use between the temperatures of 39°F and 100°F (4° C and 38° C).
- Clean using only a slightly damp cloth. Do not use cleaners with chemical agents.

Battery Information

- Your New York Times Electronic Crossword Puzzle Dictionary uses two AAA batteries, not included
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not use rechargeable batteries.
- Remove exhausted batteries from the unit.
- Do not short-circuit battery terminals.
- Remove batteries and store them in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- To avoid explosion or leakage, do not dispose of batteries in a fire or attempt to recharge alkaline or other non-rechargeable batteries.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning

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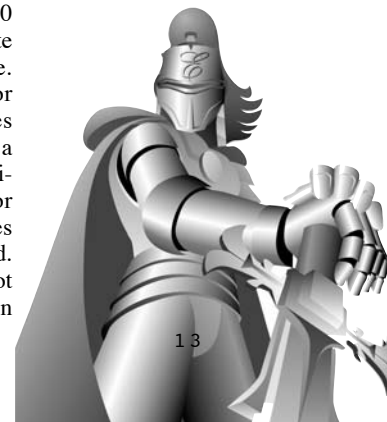
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exceeds two minutes because there are so many synonyms, the unit will go into battery-save mode and shut off. Press the **ON/ENTER** button to wake it up.

If you find a word or phrase using the **?** or ***** buttons, you can also press the **SYNONYM** button to find its synonyms.

P & P Function

This function allows you to view information regarding geographic places and professions.

First, type a place or profession. For example, enter **CHINA** and then press the **P & P** button. The LCD will display "**ABORIGINE: YAO MANS...**" and many other entries. Scroll through the entries using the **▲** or **▼** buttons.

If the unit has no information about the entry, it will display "**NO ENTRIES.**"

Press the **CLEAR** button to return to the home screen.

Automatic Power Off

If no key is pressed for approximately two minutes, your unit will shut itself off to conserve batteries. Press the **ON/ENTER** button to wake your unit up.

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