

Stage 2 Languages – The use of dictionaries in external examinations

Students who want to use a dictionary at the examinations must provide their own. The SACE Board will not supply dictionaries.

The use of *printed* English–English dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, and monolingual dictionaries at examinations is subject to the following provisions:

- A dictionary must not contain any additional material that may provide information to help the student in the examination of the subject concerned, such as a thesaurus or maps.
- An English–English dictionary must be a printed standard school dictionary, not a subject-specific dictionary such as a Physics dictionary.
- A dictionary used in a language examination may contain grammar sections.
- Invigilators have the authority to inspect any dictionary.

The SACE Board allows students to use dictionaries at examinations mainly to help them to understand the meaning of certain words that may appear in examination questions.

Schools may prefer to provide dictionaries at the examination for students who require them, rather than inspecting students' dictionaries at the start of each examination.

Electronic dictionaries

Electronic dictionaries are not permitted in paper examinations.

An English Collins student dictionary within the SACE examination browser feature is included within the SACE electronic examination system. Students undertaking an examination in the electronic system can still access printed English–English dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, and monolingual dictionaries. If a student has a physical dictionary they wish to use it must be available for inspection at the examination.

Support materials

Lists of suggested dictionaries for some languages are available. See support materials on the language minisite.