

## Ballard & Tighe's *IDEA Picture Dictionary 1* Earns Prestigious Parents' Choice Approved Award

Ballard & Tighe is proud to announce that the revised edition of the popular *IDEA Picture Dictionary 1* has been selected for a 2004 Parents' Choice Approved Award. Parents' Choice Foundation is the nation's oldest nonprofit consumer guide to quality children's media — trusted by educators, librarians, and families since 1978.

The revised *IDEA Picture Dictionary 1* includes full-color photographs and illustrations of more than 600 basic English words in an easy-to-use dictionary format. Each entry is spelled phonetically and translated into six different languages.

A support tool for all English language learners at the beginning stages of language development, from

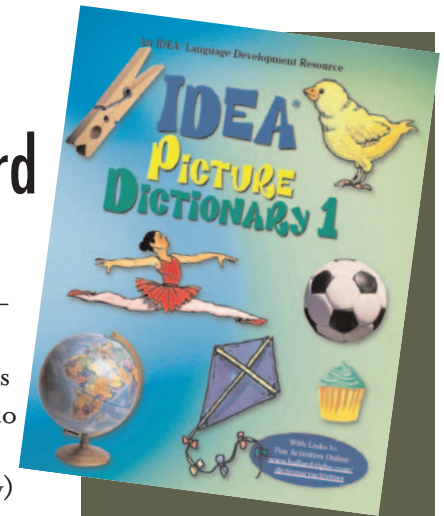
**"I received a new third grade student from Mexico. She is literate in Spanish. When I showed her the *IDEA Picture Dictionary* she was so happy. Her face lit up when she saw the Spanish translation for the pictures. She was immediately empowered with words to use... She has only been here for five months, and she is beginning to write responses to literature and Journal writing independently. I believe the *IDEA Picture Dictionary* helped her transition her literacy from Spanish to English."**

—Cynthia Christensen, Gold Dust Elementary School, Phoenix, AZ

kindergarten right through adult, the dictionary includes activities to build dictionary and phonics skills. With access to downloadable worksheets via the Ballard & Tighe web site, this dictionary is an essential student resource.

The *IDEA Picture Dictionary 1* and companion *IDEA Picture Dictionary 2* (for students at the intermediate to advanced stages of language proficiency) are indispensable reference books for English language learners. Both dictionaries are included in Ballard & Tighe's key language development programs — the *Carousel of IDEAS*

English language development program, the *IDEA Kit*, and *IDEAS for Literature*. These comprehensive language development programs are designed to make English language learning effective and fun for students at all stages of language acquisition.



- More than 600 basic nouns
- Colorful photographs and illustrations for each entry
- Easy-to-use dictionary format
- Translations in six languages
- Clear phonetic spellings
- Fun appendixes, including numbers and prepositions
- Activities to build phonics and dictionary skills
- Links to downloadable phonics worksheets at [www.ballard-tighe.com/dictionaryactivities](http://www.ballard-tighe.com/dictionaryactivities)

### IN BRIEF:

*"Picture dictionaries are vital for English language learners and emerging readers. They help students gain the confidence they need to access standard dictionaries."*

— Dr. Roberta Stathis  
President, Ballard & Tighe