

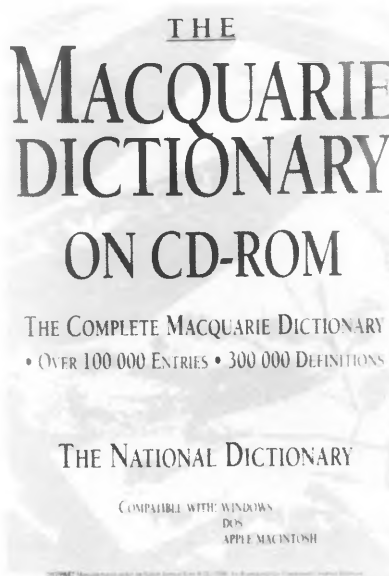
The Macquarie dictionary on CD-ROM

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quire, say, looking for all words in current use that came from Aboriginal languages (search on 'aborig');

- you want the name of a pink flower but can't recall it (search on 'flowers pink');
- you're a keen crossword puzzler (or compiler) and stuck on a clue (you type in '?' for the missing letters and all words satisfying the search request are there instantly—your reviewer tested this with 'p??sb?t?r' and found the answer 'presbyter' in seconds).



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If you have an interest in words and language that goes beyond the straightforward use of a printed dictionary just to check spelling, or the meaning of a word, this CD-ROM is fun and enormously powerful. But you still need a printed dictionary for all the times when you aren't close to your computer and you need a simple answer *now*.

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