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English - Tigrigna Dictionary



Synopsis

This is a new and fully updated edition of the Paperback English Tigrigna dictionary, offers over 738 pages of definitions. It covers all the words you need for everyday use in Tigrigna, The words have been carefully selected after consulting a database of newspapers and Tigrigna contemporary literature. The author has also made the definitions clearer than before. This portable and affordable dictionary is perfect for general reference at home, at school, or in the office. Tigrinya, also spelled Tigrigna is an ancient Semitic language spoken by the Tigray-Tigrinya people in central Eritrea. It is one of the main working languages in the country. It is also spoken in the Tigray Region of Ethiopia and among groups of emigrants from these regions worldwide, including some of the Beta Israel now living in Israel. There are nearly five million speakers of Tigrigna today.

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I have to agree with the other review. A typewriter of some sort was used to create the dictionary and then it was clearly photocopied. Some pages were copied at an angle and the words are missing from the page! Other pages have been copied so much, they are "soft" and difficult to read. There are even incidences of cross-hatched over-typing, not even bothering to use "white out" to fix an error. It's poorly laid out and very difficult to match the word with the definition. I found a nice clear (though not as comprehensive) free dictionary online in PDF form with crisp Ge'ez type font. [...] Surely Simon Wallenburg Press could do better, especially for the ridiculous sum of \$65.00 (I have purchased Nepali and Arabic dictionaries for one third the price and they are excellent). Additionally, this dictionary only goes in one direction, from English to Tigrigna -- closing

off a two-way conversation. Lastly, the words should also be written in the Roman alphabet using the IPA to phonetically render the words for non-Tigrigna readers. I cannot see how this version can call itself "updated". If there were any other resource, I would buy it and return this unprofessional tome.

There are multiple problems with this book, and very little to redeem it. On the one hand, it is one of very few resources on Tigrinya, making each resource potentially proportionally more valuable. The first all-too-common drawback is that there is no transliteration of the words, so you have to know the tigrinya alphabet. Even so, the print is not very sharp, and is rather blurry, and the ethiopic alphabet has some very similar-looking characters, so even knowing the alphabet, it is not at all clear what you are looking at. On top of all this, the english words are on the far left, tigrinya words are on the far right, and the entries are not totally flush, so it's hard to match the english entries with the tigrinya ones in a lot of cases. If you buy this dictionary, your most significant gain will be a loss - of money.

Needs major updating and the fonts are small and old

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