LingvoSoft Dictionary for Palm OS

User's Manual

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1.   General

This software application is to be used on mobile devices running on the Palm OS platform.

This program is a complete and easy to use dictionary, offering quick search, back translation, copy and paste, spellchecker and other functions. The speech synthesis function is available in the LingvoSoft Talking Dictionary for Palm OS only.

2.   Program Usage

2.1   Elements of the Program Interface

While the dictionary is at work, the screen will show the items described below.

Elements of the interface:
A. A list of dictionary entries available for the current language.
B. A list of translation options for a highlighted word.
C. The input line.

For quick searching use the input line. Often, all you need to do to find a word is simply input its first few letters. Symbols such as hyphens and space marks are ignored.

Translations of words entered in the input line are displayed in the list of translations.

2.1.1   The Tools Panel

The Tools Panel appears at the bottom of the screen and holds the following icons:
1. Clear the input line.
2. Cut the highlighted portion of a word.
3. Copy the highlighted portion of a word.
4. Paste a word into the input line.
5. Pronounce a word (The icon is displayed only in the LingvoSoft Talking Dictionary for Palm OS).
6. Show the virtual keyboard.

2.1.2 The Virtual Keyboard

To input special and language specific symbols use the additional LingvoSoft Keyboard. The virtual keyboard is installed together with the dictionary itself.

When working with the virtual keyboard you gain access to the **Edit** menu.

When you are using the LingvoSoft Keyboard, you can switch between languages by taping ⌊Int'l⌋ and ⌊abc⌋ icons. Tap ⌊123⌋ icon to open the numerical keyboard. Tap ⌊alt⌋ icon to open the diacritic and additional symbols keyboard.

2.1.3 Menu

To get to the menu, tap **LingvoSoft Dictionary** located at the top of the screen.

The **Dictionary** menu includes the following items:

- **Change direction –** changes the direction of translation. You can also change the direction of translation in the menu called forth by the ⌊▼ Eng-Swe⌋ icon located in the upper right corner of the screen. Direction of translation is kept the same when you close and reopen the dictionary.
- **Keyboard…** - shows the virtual keyboard for the current language, this menu item duplicates icon 6 of the tools panel.
- **Spellcheck… -** turns on the '**spellchecker**' function.
- **Dictionary Settings…** - displays the **Settings** menu. Here you can switch on\off the following functions:
  - Convert to lowercase.
  - Use the LingvoSoft Virtual Keyboard.
- **TTS Settings…** - show the **TTS settings** menu. Here you can turn on\off the pronunciation function and adjust the sound volume. (This menu item is only displayed in the LingvoSoft Talking Dictionary for Palm OS)
- **Close** – quit the program.

The **Edit** menu is a standard menu and includes the following items:

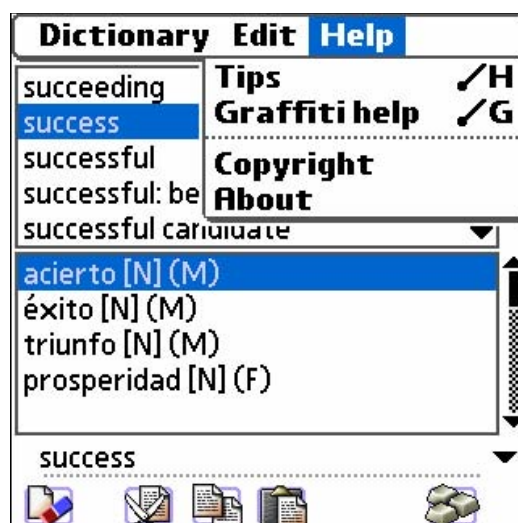- **Undo –** cancels the last operation.
- **Cut –** cuts the highlighted portion of a word, this item duplicates icon 2 of the tools panel.
- **Copy -** copies the highlighted portion of a word, this item duplicates icon 3 of the tools panel.
- **Paste -** pasts the highlighted portion of a word, this item duplicates icon 4 of the tools panel.
- **Select all** – highlights all text entered in the input

line.
The **Help** menu includes the following items:

- **Tips** – offers tips on the use of the program.
- **Graffiti help** – standard help on graffiti.
- **Copyright –** provides information on product copyrights and links to additional information on the subject.
- **About –** a section containing some product information and links to sources with detailed product descriptions and technical support contact information.

2.2 Functions

2.2.1 Search by the Input Line

This function will make searching an easy task.

Start entering a word into the input line using one of the available input methods. Words starting with such letter combinations will be displayed in the list of dictionary entries. Your search will be competed when the desired word appears in the list of all entries .
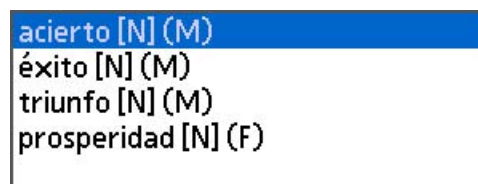
If you are unable to find the word you need with the help of the 'search by the input line' function, the words may have been misspelled. Try using the spellchecker.

The MorphoFinder function helps to find the source words (headwords) for past participles, gerunds, plural and adjective forms. If such a word is entered into the input line and it is not found in the word databank, its source form will be highlighted in the list of all entries. This feature is turned on automatically.

2.2.2 Word Translation

You can translate and back translate any and all dictionary entries.

- Select a word from the list of all entries, or find it using the search by the input line function. Some dictionary entries are followed by "**:**" mark and a sentence exemplifying their usage.

- All translation options of selected words are displayed in the respective window in the following format:
  - Translation option;
  - Followed by the part of speech information in brackets;
  - Gender may be shown in parenthesis after the part of speech information.

  If the entered word strongly differs from its source form (English irregular verbs, for instance), then the translation window will show a description, which if clicked on will prompt you to the original source word.

- To back translate an entry simply highlight and click on it.

2.2.3 Search History

You have the option of going back to the recently performed searches.

Open the corresponding list by taping the ▾ button located to the right of the input line and select the word you need. The list holds 15 most recent searches.

2.2.4   Text To Speech (TTS) (this function is available in the LingvoSoft Talking Dictionary for Palm OS only)

The dictionary is capable of pronouncing any English word.
Highlight the word you need. Click on the 🔊 icon to hear it pronounced.

2.2.5   Pasting

While using another application, you can cut a word from a text and have the dictionary translate it.

- Launch the application from which you wish to copy the word for translation. Select and copy the word onto clipboard.
- Launch the dictionary. At startup, the dictionary will find the clip boarded word and automatically translate it.

2.2.6   Spellcheck

To optimize your searches use the Spellchecker function.

- Enter a search word. If you don't see it in the <u>list of all entries</u> - it may have been misspelled.
- Use the Spellcheck function, to launch it go to **Dictionary-> Spellcheck…**
- You can stop the spell checking procedure by taping **Cancel**.
- In the **Spellchecker corrections** list select the correct spelling and tap it.
- The chosen word will appear in the input line and will be translated.

2.3 Abbreviations

While using the dictionary you may come across the following abbreviations:

Part of Speech Abbreviations

	Abbreviation	Understanding
1.	**A**	adjective
2.	**ABBR**	abbreviation
3.	**ADV**	adverb
4.	**ART**	article
5.	**AUX**	auxiliary
6.	**CONJ**	conjunction
7.	**ID**	idiom
8.	**INTRJ**	interjection
9.	**N**	noun
10.	**NPR**	proper noun
11.	**NUM**	numeral
12.	**PART**	particle
13.	**PHR**	phrase
14.	**PREF**	prefix
15.	**PREP**	Preposition
16.	**PRON**	Pronoun
17.	**SUFF**	Suffix
18.	**V**	Verb

Plurality and Gender Abbreviations

	Abbreviation	Understanding
1.	**M**	masculine
2.	**N**	neuter
3.	**F**	feminine
4.	**MN**	masculine or neuter
5.	**MF**	masculine or feminine
6.	**NF**	neuter or feminine
7.	**PL**	plural
8.	**MPL**	masculine plural
9.	**NPL**	neuter plural
10.	**FPL**	feminine plural
11.	**MFPL**	masculine or feminine plural
12.	**MNPL**	masculine or neuter plural
13.	**NFPL**	neuter or feminine plural

3. Registration

You must register your software. An unregistered copy of the LingvoSoft Dictionary works in a demo mode and its database functional for the first 1/10 of its volume.

For registration visit our site: http://www.lingvosoft.com and purchase a registration key. Enter it into the program.

Choose **Dictionary>Registration** and enter the registration key in the Registration key field, double-check it and click Ok. Your copy of the LingvoSoft Dictionary will be registered.

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4. Technical support

If you had any problems using this software please send your comments or questions to us at info@lingvosoft.com

Please indicate the software version and the brand of your PDA.