

Vocabulary From Literature for...

The Things They Carried

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Section I

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

hedge (3)	sensibilities (8)	abiding (16)	jag (17)
encyst (20)	buoyant (22)	valor (22)	mortification (22)
henceforth (24)	gross (24)	negligence (25)	comport (25)

- _____ a period of overindulgence
- _____ protection
- _____ feelings
- _____ to close over
- _____ bravery
- _____ floating
- _____ shame
- _____ from now on
- _____ extreme
- _____ neglect
- _____ to behave
- _____ unchanging

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cryptic (49)	snuffling (53)	tangible (55)	turncoat (59)
jittery (50)	sermon (53)	brittle (55)	precautions (63)
tack (52)	yo-yo (54)	latticework (56)	novelty (95)
fishtail (55)	configurations (56)		

- _____ to swing the rear end back and forth to reduce speed
 - _____ arrangements
 - _____ an open, crisscross pattern
 - _____ certain; concrete
 - _____ actions taken to protect against danger
 - _____ fragile and sharp
 - _____ short and puzzling
 - _____ a traitor; a disloyal person
 - _____ jumpy, nervous
 - _____ to add
 - _____ newness
 - _____ sniffing
 - _____ a foolish or stupid person
 - _____ a long and serious speech
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banter (104)	vaporous (105)	cast (108)	elongated (110)
gloom (104)	half-baked (106)	ashen (108)	indifferent (110)
opaque (105)	bracket (106)	excrement (110)	discharge (115)
rapture (105)	digressions (107)	moldering (110)	rout (125)

- _____ an overwhelming defeat
- _____ an exchange of playful remarks
- _____ unsubstantial, vaguely formed
- _____ drawn out in length
- _____ not thought out enough
- _____ a state of depression
- _____ dull; dark
- _____ support on the sides
- _____ extremely pale
- _____ decaying
- _____ joyful delight
- _____ a slight color
- _____ waste; feces
- _____ uncaring
- _____ dismissal from service
- _____ detours from the main topic

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feigned (156)	inevitable (157)	nucleus (158)	omit (159)
reproached (156)	catharsis (157)	wholesale (158)	wedge (159)
sniveling (156)	objectify (158)	transplanted (159)	recollection (160)
bull (156)	clarify (158)	fiddled (159)	severe (160)

- _____ to make clear
- _____ pretended; faked
- _____ unable to be avoided
- _____ memory; remembrance
- _____ whining; complaining
- _____ to make impersonal or external
- _____ made small changes to
- _____ a way of releasing emotion
- _____ moved from one place to another
- _____ criticized sharply
- _____ on a large or complete scale
- _____ to leave out or exclude
- _____ exaggeration; lies
- _____ to fit something into a small space
- _____ the central part; the core
- _____ extreme

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incense (202)	gyroscope (205)	dread (206)	atrocities (209)
boogymen (202)	fraggd (205)	twitch (208)	insistent (210)
levitate (202)	distorted (205)	coherence (209)	resonance (210)
rapport (203)	thrill (206)	sappers (209)	lunged (211)

- _____ terrifying spirits
- _____ a wave of strong excitement
- _____ military engineers who specialize in mines
- _____ great fear for the future
- _____ trust and understanding
- _____ extreme cruelty and inhumanity
- _____ to jump suddenly
- _____ something burned to produce a pleasant smell
- _____ richness and significance
- _____ assaulted with explosives
- _____ logical sense; understandability
- _____ moved forward suddenly
- _____ a device that rotates at the base so its facing remains the same
- _____ twisted
- _____ repetitive and persistent
- _____ to float in the air because of supernatural powers