

Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury

Definitions



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Definitions



1.	abstracted	ab STRAK ted	removed in thought from the immediate situation, lost in one's own mind
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> attentive
	The child, thinking of Christmas, had an abstracted look on his face.		
	Derivatives >>	abstractedly, abstractedness	
2.	aesthetic	uhs THEH tic	relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	He is considered to have aesthetic tastes because he loves beauty and the arts.		
	Derivatives >>	aesthete, aesthetical, aesthetically, aesthetician, aestheticism, aesthetics	
3.	bestial	BES chul	brutal without reason, having the attributes of a savage
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> civilized
	The bestial traits of the man were offensive to refined ladies.		
	Derivatives >>	bestiality, bestialize, bestialized, bestializing	
4.	blanch	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to color
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.		
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched	
5.	cacophonous	kuh KAH fuh nus	harsh sounding, having dissonance
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphonious; pleasant sounding
	An orchestra is cacophonous when it is tuning up.		
	Derivatives >>	cacophony	
6.	ensorious	sen SORE ee us	critical
	Synonyms >>	carping, captious	Antonym >> complimentary
	The artist was hurt by the censorious remarks of the critic.		
	Derivatives >>	censor, censoriously, censoriousness, censorial, censorship	
7.	centrifuge	SEN truh fyooj	an apparatus used for separating materials by the use of centrifugal force
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	When milk is put into a centrifuge, the cream is separated and can be removed.		
	Derivatives >>	centrifugal, centrifugally	
8.	certitudes	SIR tuh toods	things that are inevitable or certain, certainties
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> doubt
	He was able to take his vows with absolute certitude.		
	Derivatives >>	certitude	
9.	contempt	kun TEMPT	scorn, extreme dislike or disdain
	Synonyms >>	despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness	Antonym >> respect
	The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity.		
	Derivatives >>	contemptible, contemptuous	
10.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> populous
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
11.	dictum	DIK tum	an authoritative statement, decree
	Synonyms >>	saying, maxim	Antonym >>
	The dictum from the Pope allows this activity.		
	Derivatives >>	dicta	

12.	din	DEN	loud and discordant noises, cacophony
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> euphony
	The din in the senate was so great that I could not hear the speaker.		
	Derivatives >>	dins, dinned, dinning	
13.	feint	FAYNT	a false appearance, a fake punch to occupy defenses allowing a real blow.
	Synonyms >>	artifice, ruse, stratagem, trick, wile	Antonym >>
	Fooled by his opponent's feint, the boxer dropped his guard and was knocked down.		
	Derivatives >>	feign, feigned, feigning, feignedly, feigner	
14.	flourish	FLUR ish	to thrive, to grow well
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to wither
	The company flourished after a new board of directors took control.		
	Derivatives >>	flourisher, flourishing, flourishingly, flourishly	
15.	fold (noun)	FOLD	a group bound together by common beliefs; fenced enclosure for sheep
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> individuals
	We need to convince him to return to the fold.		
	Derivatives >>	folds	
16.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	Antonym >> intermittent
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.		
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
17.	insidious	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> harmless
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
18.	luxuriant	lug ZHOOR ee unt	abundant in growth, very fertile
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, prodigal, profuse	Antonym >> scanty
	The luxuriant farmland of Iowa provides an abundant amount of food.		
	Derivatives >>	luxuriance, luxurancy, luxuriantly, luxuriate, luxurious, luxuriously, luxuriousness, luxury	
19.	melancholy	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> happiness
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.		
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious	
20.	metaphorically	met uh FOR ik lee	compared nonliterally
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> literally
	Metaphorically speaking, he is drowning in oil.		
	Derivatives >>	metaphor, metaphorical, metaphoricalness, metaphorist, metaphorize	
21.	mural	MYOOR ul	a painting on a wall or ceiling
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The artist was commissioned to paint a mural on the wall.		
	Derivatives >>	muralist, murals	
22.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> remembrance
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.		
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously	
23.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal,	Antonym >> clear; apparent
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
24.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> respectable
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
25.	parry	PAIR ee	to deflect or to ward off a blow
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The champion boxer won the match because he was able to parry his opponent's blows so successfully.		
	Derivatives >>	parried, parrying	

26.	pedantry	PED un tree	act of showing off learning in a manner that is needless and unimaginative		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>		
	The teacher's lectures are a demonstration of pedantry without scholarship.				
	Derivatives >>	pedantic, pedantical, pedantically, pedanticism, pedant			
27.	perfunctory	pur FUNGK tuh ree	acting routinely with little interest or care		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	concerned; diligent	
	Due to his perfunctory manner of inspecting the factory, he did not notice some serious problems.				
	Derivatives >>	perfunctorily, perfunctoriness, perfunctorious, perfunctoriously			
28.	perpetuate	pur PECH oo ate	to prolong the existence of something		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to destroy	
	The Audubon Society works to perpetuate the species of many threatened birds.				
	Derivatives >>	perpetuation, perpetuator, perpetuity, perpetual, perpetually			
29.	phoenix	FEE niks	person of unmatched beauty; something rising from apparent destruction		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>		
	Like a phoenix, he was able to recover from bankruptcy and become a millionaire again.				
	Derivatives >>	phoenixity			
30.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	articulate language	
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.				
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly			
31.	proclivity	pro KLIV eh tee	inclination, tendency		
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, propensity		Antonym >>	disinclination
	Most immigrants, because they are anxious to succeed, have a proclivity for hard work.				
	Derivatives >>	proclive, proclivities			
32.	profuse	pruh FYOOS	extravagantly abundant, flowing freely		
	Synonyms >>	lavish, lush, luxuriant, prodigal		Antonym >>	meager
	Cutting that artery will cause profuse bleeding.				
	Derivatives >>	profusely, profuseness, profusion, profusive, profusively			
33.	pulverize	PUL vuh rize	to reduce into small pieces, to demolish		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	to mold together	
	The rocks were pulverized by the heavy machine rolling over them.				
	Derivatives >>	pulverization, pulverized, pulverizer, pulverous, pulverulent, pulverulently			
34.	ravenous	RAV uh nus	urgently eager for food; craving satisfaction or gratification		
	Synonyms >>	voracious, gluttonous, rapacious		Antonym >>	sated; satisfied; full
	The boy had a ravenous appetite and ate everything on the table.				
	Derivatives >>	ravenously, ravenousness			
35.	rend	REND	to tear violently, to split		
	Synonyms >>	cleave, rive		Antonym >>	to unify
	He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war.				
	Derivatives >>	rent, rended, rending, rends			
36.	saccharine	SAK uh rin	overly sweet attitude		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	vitriolic	
	Her saccharine attitude disgusted me, but it seemed to win her many friends.				
	Derivatives >>	saccharinity			
37.	scythe	SITHE	an instrument for cutting or mowing		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>		
	We used a scythe to cut the exceedingly tall grasses.				
	Derivatives >>	scytheless, scythestone			
38.	serene	suh REEN	calm, placid		
	Synonyms >>	tranquil		Antonym >>	agitated
	The mountain on a clear spring morning is a serene setting.				
	Derivatives >>	serenely, sereneness, serenity			
39.	stagnant	STAG nunt	not flowing, foul from not moving		
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>	flowing	
	The stagnant pond had a foul odor.				
	Derivatives >>	stagnate, stagnation, stagnantly, stagnancy, stagnance			

40.	stoke	STOKE	to stir up, to amply feed
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >> to smother
	He stoked the fire so it would give off more heat.		
	Derivatives >>	stoked, stoking	
41.	stolid	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	Antonym >> emotional
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
42.	stratum	STRAY tum, STRAT	a horizontal layer
	Synonyms >>		Antonym >>
	The geologist said that this stratum is composed of limestone.		
	Derivatives >>	stratums	
43.	tactile	TAK til	perceptible by touch; capable of being felt
	Synonyms >>	tangible	Antonym >> intangible
	The woman's stroke left her with no tactile sensations at all.		
	Derivatives >>	tactilist, tactility, taction	

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| 3. bestial | 17. insidious | 31. proclivities |
| 4. blanched | 18. luxuriant | 32. profusion |
| 5. cacophony | 19. melancholy | 33. pulverized |
| 6. censorious | 20. metaphorically | 34. ravenous |
| 7. centrifuge | 21. mural | 35. rend |
| 8. certitude | 22. oblivion | 36. saccharine |
| 9. contemptible | 23. obscure | 37. scythe |
| 10. desolation | 24. odious | 38. serene |
| 11. dictum | 25. parry | 39. stagnant |
| 12. din | 26. pedants | 40. stoke |
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Vocabulary Test 1

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

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|-------|-----|-------------|----|---|
| _____ | 1. | abstracted | a. | things that are inevitable or certain |
| _____ | 2. | aesthetic | b. | removed in thought from the immediate situation |
| _____ | 3. | bestial | c. | deserted; without inhabitants |
| _____ | 4. | blanch | d. | to take the color out of; bleach; make white |
| _____ | 5. | cacophonous | e. | an apparatus used for separating materials |
| _____ | 6. | ensorious | f. | relating or pertaining to a sense of beauty or art |
| _____ | 7. | centrifuge | g. | critical |
| _____ | 8. | certitudes | h. | scorn; extreme dislike or disdain |
| _____ | 9. | contempt | i. | brutality lacking reason; having attributes of a savage |
| _____ | 10. | desolate | j. | harsh sounding; having dissonance |

Exercise B

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|-------|-----|----------------|----|--|
| _____ | 11. | dictum | k. | to thrive; to grow well |
| _____ | 12. | din | l. | depression of spirits |
| _____ | 13. | feint | m. | abundant growth; very fertile |
| _____ | 14. | flourish | n. | loud and discordant noises |
| _____ | 15. | fold | o. | an authoritative statement |
| _____ | 16. | incessant | p. | treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way |
| _____ | 17. | insidious | q. | a group bound together by common beliefs |
| _____ | 18. | luxuriant | r. | a false appearance; a fake punch |
| _____ | 19. | melancholy | s. | compared nonliterally |
| _____ | 20. | metaphorically | t. | uninterrupted |

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Vocabulary Test 2

Directions: Select the word that **best** completes the following sentences

mural	obscure	odious	parry	perfunctory
proclivity	ravenous	rend	saccharine	stoke
stolidly	scythe			

1. Many of the figures depicted in the _____ had become _____; the paint had been effaced by the weather and we could not see the faces clearly.
2. The farmer used the _____ to cut down the wheat.
3. Because I knew she thought the king _____, I realized the _____ smile she bestowed on him was fake and represented dislike rather than affability.
4. Although at the funeral he remained _____ quiet, at home he was able to release all his emotions.
5. The _____ lioness intended to _____ the tiny fawn in half with her sharp claws and to eat the animal quickly in order to ward off her growing hunger.
6. The duelist was able to _____ his opponent's attack with his sword and thus avoid being stabbed.
7. Boy scouts learn different camping skills; among these are different ways to _____ a fire to keep it from going out.
8. The child has a _____ for getting into trouble; he is in the office more often than he is in class.
9. His _____ attempt at writing an essay caused him to receive a failing grade; he needed to be more attentive and more careful.

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Vocabulary Test 2

oblivion	pedantry	perpetuate	phoenix	prattle
profuse	pulverize	serene	stagnant	stratum
tactile				

10. People who suffer from hemophilia are subject to _____ bleeding; once they get a wound, the bleeding may go on for hours.
11. The baby was proud of her _____ although we could not understand one word of it.
12. She was a woman of unmatched beauty, a _____ among all the others.
13. The student thought he was demonstrating his scholarship when he listed the meaningless details; the teacher, however, realized it was a demonstraion of _____.
14. In order to _____ the memory of her deceased father, the woman set up a scholarship fund in his name; he would not be forgotten easily.
15. Curious about the different layers of the ground, the geologist took a sample core of the _____ of earth and then attempted to _____ it into tiny pieces.
16. I love the _____ countryside because we can leave the noise and frustration of the the city behind and find peace and quiet.
17. Unfortunately, the man-made pond quickly became _____ because it had no flowing water.
18. The blind man could perceive facial structure through _____ sensations; he was fortunate that his sense of touch was so sensitive.
19. Because he has written no more popular books, his name has fallen into _____.

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Test 1

EX. A

1. B
2. F
3. I
4. D
5. J
6. G
7. E
8. A
9. H
10. C

EX. B

11. O
12. N
13. R
14. K
15. Q
16. T
17. P
18. M
19. L
20. S

Test 2

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. mural, obscure | 11. prattle |
| 2. scythe | 12. phoenix |
| 3. odious, saccharine | 13. pedantry |
| 4. stolidly | 14. perpetuate |
| 5. ravenous, rend | 15. stratum, pulverize |
| 6. parry | 16. serene |
| 7. stoke | 17. stagnant |
| 8. proclivity | 18. tactile |
| 9. perfunctory | 19. oblivion |
| 10. profuse | |