

Ditzy Dictionary

A Collection of Fun Definitions
for Dictionary-Resistant Scholars

In Celebration of

Children's Book Week

(First full week in May beginning on Monday)
and

Reading Is Fun Week

(Second full week in May)



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dit.zy (also **ditsy**) — *adj.* -zier, -ziest, -sier, -siest *slang* silly and scatterbrained; flighty and confusing; whimsical; wild; slaphappy

The first full week of May, beginning on Monday, is designated as **Children's Book Week**. The second full week is set aside as **Reading Is Fun Week**. Reading children's books certainly can be fun any week of the year, but sometimes in the middle of the most enjoyable story ever you have to stop, grab a dictionary, and look up an unfamiliar word. Teachers know that skipping this task can result in a lack of comprehension that causes young readers to miss out on some of the best parts of a story. Still, teachers and students alike will agree that looking up a word in a dictionary has never been a barrel of laughs. At times it can be downright irritating, especially when one finds a run-around definition that leaves the looker-upper more confused than ever. No wonder some young scholars do their best to avoid this particular book!

Until now, that is. The following Ditzy Dictionary pages are definitely **fun**. No, make that **amusing**. Wait a minute, change that to **back-slapping humorous**! (Not to be confused with humerus, the arm bone from the shoulder to the elbow.)

In the Ditzy Dictionary, standard definitions disappear and words become what they sound like or what their spellings suggest they could be. In a regular dictionary, for example, the word **account** is defined as *oral or written descriptions of particular events or situations; a narrative; a report of money received, kept, or spent*. Boring! In the Ditzy Dictionary, however, **account** is defined as *a person such as Dracula or the husband of a countess*. A **vitamin** is not something in your food or a chewable gummy animal that helps keep you healthy. **Vitamin** is what you do when a friend shows up at your front door.

Get it? Following are a few practice Ditzy Dictionary match-ups. Write the word from the list in the blank next to its ditzy definition.

arbitrator buccaneer melancholy pharmacist selfish

- _____ 1. a person who works at Arby's but eats at McDonalds
- _____ 2. what the owner of a seafood store does
- _____ 3. way too much to pay for corn
- _____ 4. a breed of dog shaped like a cantaloupe
- _____ 5. the act of helping a farmer

OK! Now you're ready for the big time. Ask for your copy of Part One from the Ditzy Dictionary.

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Set One

Write each bold-print entry word in the blank next to its ditzy definition. Remember to base your answers on the way the word sounds when you pronounce it or on its spelling rather than its actual meaning.

Entry Words:

arrest breakfast buoyant burglarize doughnut
coffee crackerjack eyedropper forum generally
hatchet heroes information ketchup lunatic
paradise parasites pigment relief vanguard

Ditzy Definitions:

- _____ 1. a male insect
- _____ 2. what a crook sees with
- _____ 3. the person upon whom one coughs
- _____ 4. a clumsy ophthalmologist
- _____ 5. what a man in a boat without a motor does
- _____ 6. what you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower
- _____ 7. what trees do in the spring
- _____ 8. a device for lifting saltines
- _____ 9. how well-organized geese fly
- _____ 10. what you take when you are really tired
- _____ 11. what you do when you are driving and the light suddenly turns red
- _____ 12. what you are when you are not against 'em
- _____ 13. a person who is crazy about money
- _____ 14. a blood-sucking bug from the moon
- _____ 15. the commander of the Confederate forces during the Civil War
- _____ 16. something you need to play Monopoly
- _____ 17. a person hired to protect very large motor vehicles
- _____ 18. what a bird does to an egg
- _____ 19. what you try to do if you are behind or off schedule
- _____ 20. breath freshener for swine



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Set Two

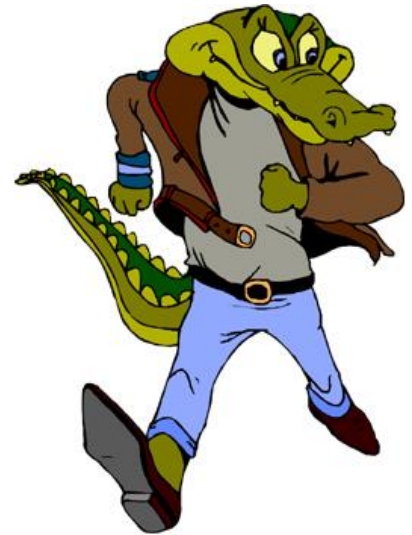
Here's another set of ditzy dictionary words with their definitions for your enjoyment! Write each bold-print entry word in the blank next to its ditzy definition.

Entry Words:

adore	alligator	announce	boycott	budget
Camelot	climate	commentator	diet	divine
falsehood	hiking	humbug	icing	index
lemonade	protein	psychopath	rocket	township

Ditzy Definitions:

- _____ 1. what you say when you meet a monarch
- _____ 2. how playing cards are packaged and sold
- _____ 3. where desert nomads park their rides; where desert nomads go to purchase new rides
- _____ 4. what people do to change the color of hair
- _____ 5. a person who claims to be a gangster, but he really isn't
- _____ 6. a reptile that hangs out on a backstreet.
- _____ 7. an ordinary spud
- _____ 8. the thing you open so you can get inside a house or a room
- _____ 9. what de grapes grow on
- _____ 10. what you do to a baby to get it to go to sleep
- _____ 11. the route that crazy people take to get through the park
- _____ 12. one sixteenth of a pound
- _____ 13. what a houseboat wants to be when it grows up
- _____ 14. bed for a male child
- _____ 15. something you can't do to the very large boulder that just fell into the middle of the road
- _____ 16. assistance to a citrus fruit
- _____ 17. a singing cockroach
- _____ 18. what I do in the shower
- _____ 19. in favor of or supporting young people between the ages of 13 and 19
- _____ 20. what people do to a ladder



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Set Three

Straight from the Ditzy Dictionary—Set Three—twenty more terms for your entertainment. Write each bold-print entry word in the blank next to its ditzy definition.

Entry Words:

adorable apparent cardiology carrion cartoons
cauterize chinchilla coincide dandelion deceit
eclipse engineers Europe hogwash illegal
mucus reporter sanctuary savory unit

Ditzy Definitions:

- _____ 1. what you should do when it starts raining
- _____ 2. a cemetery for sunken ships
- _____ 3. the study of games such as Uno, Crazy Eights, Go Fish, bridge, canasta, poker, etc.
- _____ 4. what you listen to and/or sing when you are riding in a vehicle
- _____ 5. a special device for cooling the lower jaw
- _____ 6. a kitty bad word
- _____ 7. an exceptionally well-dressed king of the jungle
- _____ 8. what you are supposed to sit on in de school
- _____ 9. to have strong feelings of admiration for a male cow
- _____ 10. a piggy bank, or other such containers for saving things
- _____ 11. what a barber does for a living
- _____ 12. what cars and trucks hear with
- _____ 13. either one's father or one's mother
- _____ 14. the phrase you hear when you are the next one up to bat
- _____ 15. what you should do if you see Eunice cheating on a test
- _____ 16. a pig laundry
- _____ 17. continue as usual
- _____ 18. made eye contact with her
- _____ 19. a large raptor who is not feeling very well
- _____ 20. what you do with yarn and needles, if you know how



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Set Four

If you thought Set Three was the end of the Ditzy Dictionary, you were WRONG! Set Four has been waiting patiently for you to show up. So get busy and write each bold-print entry word in the blank before its ditzy definition.

Entry Words:

alone appoint capsizе cistern kindred
Kleenex® lawsuit lever locomotive nacho cheese
neurosis ozone packet ransom seasickness
shamble treason tulips underrate intense

Ditzy Definitions:

- _____ 1. the kind of fear you feel when relatives you don't like are coming to visit
- _____ 2. head measurement needed to properly fit a hat, cap, etc.
- _____ 3. a spotless letter of the alphabet
- _____ 4. what a doctor does all day
- _____ 5. an outfit worn by an attorney
- _____ 6. an acorn's relationship with the tree that it fell off of
- _____ 7. what an unhappy boyfriend plans to do concerning his relationship with his girlfriend
- _____ 8. the opposite of brethren
- _____ 9. cheese belonging to someone else, not you
- _____ 10. the place in the alphabet between n and p
- _____ 11. what you do to a suitcase before you go on a trip
- _____ 12. what you ask for when you need money
- _____ 13. the thing that breaks off on the end of your pencil
- _____ 14. a crazy reason for doing something
- _____ 15. fresh blossoms from the woody perennial plant of the genus Rosa
- _____ 16. what the man did when it started to rain as he was walking back to his car
- _____ 17. a fake male cow
- _____ 18. the standard number of lips on a person
- _____ 19. the numbers 1 through 7
- _____ 20. where tired campers sleep



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Set Five

The twenty words in Set Five bring your Ditzy Dictionary collection to exactly 100 entries! That's 100 ditzy definitions for you to share with your friends and relatives, over and over, any time you want! Write each bold-print entry word in the blank before its ditzy definition.

Entry Words:

afford alarms antifreeze apex apron
avoidable benign bison cashew cantaloupe
cellulite dogma endorse gruesome hermit
indigo paradox toupee radiant walnuts



Ditzy Definitions:

- _____ 1. people who are totally crazy about walls
- _____ 2. what a mother might say to a baby to get him to eat his peas
- _____ 3. what a parent says when her male child leaves for school
- _____ 4. a gorilla's used-to-be girlfriend
- _____ 5. what a very large primate does when he moves very fast on his feet
- _____ 6. what a matador is determined to do
- _____ 7. what all eight-year-olds will be on their next birthday
- _____ 8. the canine who gave birth to the puppies
- _____ 9. what happens to your father's sister if she goes out to play in the snow without a coat and hat and gloves
- _____ 10. inside the building; not outdoors
- _____ 11. became a little taller than he/she was before
- _____ 12. a popular make of car
- _____ 13. a baseball glove that belongs to a girl
- _____ 14. cannot run away and get married
- _____ 15. two doctors
- _____ 16. an accurate way to describe an octopus
- _____ 17. really stinky money
- _____ 18. what the power company does
- _____ 19. the reason you go to the checkout when you buy something at a store
- _____ 20. a small insect thoroughly prepared for the onslaught of picnickers

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Answer Keys

Practice:

1. arbitrator
2. selfish
3. buccaneer
4. melancholy
5. pharmacist

Set One

1. buoyant
2. burglarize
3. coffee
4. eyedropper
5. heroes
6. parasites
7. relief
8. crackerjack
9. information
10. arrest
11. breakfast
12. forum
13. doughnut
14. lunatic
15. generally
16. paradise
17. vanguard
18. hatchet
19. ketchup
20. pigment

Set Two

1. hiking
2. index
3. Camelot
4. diet
5. falsehood
6. alligator
7. commentator
8. adore
9. divine
10. rocket
11. psychopath
12. announce
13. township
14. boycott
15. budget
16. lemonade
17. humbug
18. icing
19. protein
20. climate

Set Three

1. coincide
2. sanctuary
3. cardiology
4. cartoons
5. chinchilla
6. mucus
7. dandelion
8. deceit
9. adorable
10. savory
11. eclipse
12. engineers
13. apparent
14. Europe
15. reporter
16. hogwash
17. carrion
18. cauterize
19. illegal
20. unit

Set Four

1. kindred
2. capsize
3. Kleenex®
4. seasickness
5. lawsuit
6. treason
7. lever
8. cistern
9. nacho cheese
10. ozone
11. packet
12. alone
13. appoint
14. locomotive
15. neurosis
16. ransom
17. shamble
18. tulips
19. underrate
20. intense

Set Five

1. walnuts
2. indigo
3. bison
4. apex
5. apron
6. avoidable
7. benign
8. dogma
9. antifreeze
10. endorse
11. gruesome
12. afford
13. hermit
14. cantaloupe
15. paradox
16. alarms
17. cashew
18. cellulite
19. toupee
20. radiant

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