

Ditzy Dictionary

A Collection of Fun Definitions for Dictionary-Resistant Scholars

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



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