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*THE THINGS THEY CARRIED*

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| **WORD** | DEFINITION | IN A SENTENCE | **SYN** | **ANT** | REMINDS ME… |
| Acquiesce (v) | To accept, comply or submit passively. | They demanded it, and he **acquiesced**, giving them his money. |  |  |  |
| Bedlam (n) | A place, scene, state of uproar/confusion | The park had never had so many visitors at once—it was complete **bedlam**. |  |  |  |
| Blatant (adj) | Completely obvious, conspicuous, or obtrusive | He showed a **blatant** disregard for the safety of other drivers. |  |  |  |
| Censure (n) (v) | (n): the act of blaming/condemning  (v): to blame, judge, criticize | He was **censured** by the panel for failure to comply. |  |  |  |
| Comport (v) | To behave in a manner comfortable to what is right/ proper/ expected | If you **comport** yourself in the manner we discussed, you will be received well anywhere. |  |  |  |
| Condolence (n) | An expression of sympathy | We took them dinner in **condolence** with the tragedy they faced. |  |  |  |
| Cryptic (adj) | Secret, having/seeming to have hidden or ambiguous meaning | His instructions were **cryptic**, and we had no idea when we were supposed to move. |  |  |  |
| Eviscerate (v) | To take out the entrails of, disembowel; deprive vital content/force | The ancient Egyptians would **eviscerate** bodies of the dead before mummification. |  |  |  |
| Exuberant (adj) | Joyously unrestrained; extreme/excessive | His **exuberant** personality makes him fun to be around. |  |  |  |
| Impinge (v) | Encroach/infringe, trespass | They claimed that his actions **impinged** upon their rights. |  |  |  |
| Laxity (n) | The state of being relaxed or loose (with rules) | The **laxity** of my classroom sometimes leads to too much noise. |  |  |  |
| Nascent (adj) | Coming/having recently come into existence. | The actress is now focusing on her **nascent** singing career. |  |  |  |
| Negligent (adj) | Failing to exercise the care expected of a prudent person; | The fire was sparked by a **negligent** smoker. |  |  |  |
| Platitude (n) | a trite/stale remark; cliché, overused and no longer carrying meaning | His speech was filled with familiar **platitudes** about the value of hard work. |  |  |  |
| Reticence (n) | Reluctant, hesitating | The publisher’s **reticence** to make content available online for free angered long-time customers. |  |  |  |
| Servile (adj) | Of or befitting a slave/menial position; overly submissive | The act was **servile** at best and definitely humiliating for her. |  |  |  |
| Taut (adj) | Having no give/slack, tightly drawn, high strung or tense | The rope was drawn **taut**. |  |  |  |
| Tenor (n) | The tone something spoken/written; the concept/object meant in a metaphor | The **tenor** of his remarks is clear. |  |  |  |
| Translucent (adj) | Permitting the passage of light; free from disguise or falseness | Her intentions were **translucent**. She was hoping to get out of the ticket by crying. |  |  |  |

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