

“Three Skeleton Key” Vocabulary

Definition	Practice with word	Illustration
receding -to go or move away; retreat; go to or toward a more distant point; withdraw.to become more distant.	What are some things that recede?	
fetid -having an offensive odor; stinking.	List three things that are fetid.	
morose -characterized by or expressing gloom.	Describe a how a morose person might look.	
maniacal -behaving as a raving or violently insane person; lunatic.	What might cause a person to exhibit maniacal behavior?	
writhed -to twist the body about, or squirm, as in pain, violent effort, etc.	What might cause a person to writhe in pain?	
shrapnel -a hollow projectile containing bullets or the like and a bursting charge, designed to explode before reaching the target, and to <u>set</u> free a shower of missiles.	List a situation when a person might get shrapnel in his leg.	
fumigated -to expose to smoke or <u>fumes</u> , as in disinfecting or exterminating	List a reason that someone would fumigate their home	

Word and Page #		What is the context clue in the sentence?
Monotonous-50 Dull, repetitious, boring	Well, one does have a few in thirty-five years of service in the Lights, although it's mostly monotonous, routine work	
Treacherously-50 Dangerous; hazardous	Still, on our island, one must be careful, for the rocks were treacherously smooth.	
Hordes-53 a large group, multitude, number, etc.; a mass or crowd:	If you so much as harm one, his sharp cry will bring hordes of his fellows to swarm over you, tear you, and not cease until your flesh has been stripped from the bones.	
Fathom-55 Comprehend; understand	They could not fathom the invisible barrier which separated them from us, and we laughed as we watched them leaping against the heavy glass.	