

AP ENGLISH 12

Vocabulary for Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

3.

emoticons - combinations of keyboard characters that are used to convey human emotions

Siobhan - [*Irish*] a woman's name, pronounced Shi-von

7.

maths - shortened term for mathematics; in the U.S., the term would be math

11. and 13.

garden - a yard

17.

lose my rag - lose my temper

19. and 23.

£ - the symbol for pounds in British currency

p - the symbol for pence, the British penny

41.

orange squash - a beverage similar to orange soda

snooker - a British game that is similar to pool

43., 47., and 53.

aneurysm - a break in a blood vessel

embolism - a blood clot that blocks blood flow in the body

lino - linoleum

spazzers - Christopher's term for people with motor disorders; spastics

61.

crematorium - a building where dead bodies are taken to be burned (cremated); In the U.S., it is called a crematory.

electromagnetic - a magnetic pull created by an electric current

singularity - distortion of time and space by gravity; the point of entry of a black hole

67.

bloke - a guy, a man

brass monkeys - slang for very cold

bubonic plague - a bacterial disease that killed millions of people in medieval Europe.

football - soccer

marzipan - colored and sweetened almond paste

training shoes - sneakers, athletic shoes; also called trainers

tucker - food

71.

A level - the advanced level of study in a subject and the usual standard for admission to a university

crip - an offensive term for a cripple

invigilator - a proctor, or a person supervising a test

mong - an offensive term for someone with Down syndrome

73.

hoovering - vacuuming; The popular brand name Hoover became the standard term for vacuum

83., 89., and 97.

airing cupboard - a closet where a home's heating system is located

Jaffa cakes - a popular cookie-like cake with orange flavoring (originally from Jaffa oranges) and a chocolate covering

licorice laces - long strings of licorice candy

107.

circumspect - careful and correct

coarseness - harshness or unpleasantness

grievously - painfully and stressfully

loosed - let loose

moor - a large and wide hilly area that is covered with low shrubs

roisterers - noisy partiers

subtly - indirectly; quietly

yeoman - a farmer who cultivates his own land

109. and 113.

afters - a dessert; something sweet after a meal

jumper - sweater

127.

advert - an advertisement

cm - the abbreviation for centimeters

dustbin - a trash can

ecosystems - natural systems of living organisms

imploding - exploding inwards; collapsing toward the center

131., 137., and 139.

chips - fried potatoes

Dettol - an antiseptic

hemorrhages - excessive, uncontrolled bleeding

jaundice - a medical condition that causes skin to yellow

nephritis - a kidney disease

plaice - a white fish of the flounder family

plaster - a bandage

sellotaped - affixed with adhesive tape

149.

fancy - to prefer or want

flat - an apartment

tip - a dumpster or garbage dump

151. and 157.

Λ - the Greek letter lambda, used here as a mathematical constant

cooker - an oven or stove

rang - telephoned

tether - a leash or security rope

163.

saccades - the eye movements that occur while reading

Turing test - a method of evaluating whether computers can make logical associations

167.

boiler - a hot water system

nocturnal - active at night

rows - fights; pronounced so it rhymes with cows

schizophrenic - a person with a mental disorder characterized by the loss of the sense of reality

179.

aperture - an opening

cubes - numbers multiplied by themselves three times

hypothetical - assumed but not proven to be valid

inverse proportion - a ratio in which an action brings about its opposite actions

parabola - a part of a cone; a u-shaped curve

PIN - the acronym for personal identification number

planisphere - a device for locating stars and constellations in the sky

pushchair - a stroller

red dwarfs - stars with low mass and low emissions of light

spanners - wrenches

torch - a flashlight

vest - an undershirt

181.

clarification - a further explanation to make something clearer

furrow - the ditch between planting ridges

graffitied - illegally drew or painted on a wall

logician - a person who studies or applies logic

191. and 193.

approximation - an estimated guess, illustration, or explanation

cashpoint - a machine from which cash can be withdrawn and deposited; an automatic teller machine

CCTV - the acronym for a closed circuit television

Myst - a complex computer game
quid - slang for the British pound
The 11th Hour - a computer game

197. and 199.

truncheon - a police officer's nightstick

211. and 223.

resonant frequencies - the movement of sound waves, which generate different tones

tube - slang term for the London subway

Underground - the official name of the London subway system

227.

scarpering - shoplifting; stealing

233.

bed-sit - a small apartment with a bed and a sitting area

carriageway - a highway, especially a divided highway

Complan - a nutritional supplement

flannel - a washcloth

ml - the abbreviation for milliliter

muesli - a granola-type cereal

knickers - underpants

red ice lolly - a red popsicle

skip - a dumpster

tessellate - to form into a mosaic pattern

till - a cash register