

FREAK'S DICTIONARY

A

AARDVARK, a silly-looking creature that eats ants

AARGH, what the aardvark says when it eats ants

ABACUS, a finger-powered computer

ABSCISSA, the horizontal truth

ALGORITHM, maths with a rock-'n'-rock beat

ALIMENTARY, what Sherlock Holmes said to Dr Watson about where the food disappeared

ALLEGORY, a peculiar kind of story that's often pretty gory

ARCHETYPE, what Max sees when he dreams of architects

ARITHMETIC, inventing with numbers

ARMOUR, a robotlike suit worn by knights of old



B

BIG LIE, ignorance is bliss

BIONIC, a way to improve on the human condition

BLOVIATE, to expel hot air in the form of words

BOATS, shoes big enough to fit Maxwell Kane

BOOK, a four-letter word for truth serum

BRAIN, a muscle that improves with exercise

BUTTHEAD, one who can sneeze a hot dog through his nose

C

CAMOUFLAGE, how a camel blends into the desert

CIGARETTE, something that should be obscene, not smoked

COPACETIC, the Fair Gwen's word for "everything is cool"

CRETIN, another name for Blade

CRITTERS, small, irritating children, also known as rug rats

D

DEMEANOUR, the meaner your face, the worse your demeanour

DICTIONARY, a source of knowledge, fun, and rude jokes

DOWN UNDER, a land far away in Maxwell's basement

DYAD, another word for Max and Kevin

DYNE, unit of energy needed to move a gram one centimetre per second per second

E

EDIFICATION, education that tastes good

ERG, a measure of energy equal to one dyne per centimetre

EXCALIBUR, a sword with magic powers

F

FEALTY, loyalty with an "F"

FOLDEROL, Grim's word for nonsense

FOOD, fuel for humans, preferably so-called junk or UFO

FOOZLE, to make a stupid mistake
FORNAX, a cool-sounding constellation
FORMICIDAE, a type of insect never found in
Kevin's pants
FURFURACEOUS, covered with dandruff

G

GADZOOKS, what Grim says when surprised
GALAHAD, son of Lancelot, finder of the Holy
Grail
GOON, a four-letter word for Max in a bad
mood
GRAM, a sweet lady of light
GRIM, a gentleman of the old school, before
they tore it down
GRUEL, whatever you want more of

H

HABERDASHER, a person who chases after
windblown hats
HAIKU, versification
 by the quantum mechanic
 means numberless sum

HAMMERHEAD, a know-it-all
HERSTORY, the past, from the female point of
view
HIEROGLYPHICS, Max's handwriting
HISTORY, the past, from the male point of
view
HOLUS-BOLUS, all at once
HUMAN, an improbable, imperfect creature

I

IAPETUS, a cool-sounding moon that orbits
Saturn
ICARUS, a high-flyer, as in "to do an icarus"
ICHTHYOLOGY, the study of icky foods, for
instance fish
IDEA, a seed you plant in your head
IGNEOUS, too hot to eat
INCANDESCENT, an excellent idea
INTERGALACTIC, out of this world

J

JABBAWOCKY, the language of Jabba the Hut
JILLION, millions and millions

JITTERBUG, a nervous cockroach
JOCULAR, amusingly athletic
JOCULARITY, a joke made by a jock
JOULE, a measure of energy equal to ten million ergs
JURASSIC, cool, excellent, what the Fair Gwen calls “far-out”

K

KAZOO, a place where weird-sounding musical instruments are kept in cages
KEVIN, a unit of measurement equal to 70 centimetres
KINETICS, the study of small families
KNIGHT, rhymes with bright and fight and right
KONG, another word for falling down

L

LACRIMATION, an emotional display to be avoided
LAGOON, a French gangster
LANCELOT, King Arthur’s bravest knight

LEXICOGRAPHY, what Webster invented, Kevin perfected
LIBRARY, where they keep the truth serum, and the magic carpets
LIFTOFF, what happens when you open a book
LIMERICK, a mighty dude called Max,
saved his pal from bad attacks,
then they conquered the world,
with banner unfurled,
and time left over for snacks

M

MAGNESIUM, the white sparkles in skyrockets
MASSIVES, fat heads who assume that television tells the truth
MATHS, you have nothing to fear but maths itself
MAX, a unit of measurement equal to 190 centimetres and still growing
MEGAPOD, Max’s shoe size
MIDGET, a word used by people with small minds
MUCIFEROUS, any disgusting food, as in muciferous tapioca

N

NANOSECOND, one-billionth of a second
NEANDERTHALS, what we all were before plumbing was invented
NICOTINE, a toxic waste of time
NONILLION, millions of septillions

O

OBFUSCATE, a needlessly confusing word for needlessly confusing
OBSTINATE, Kevin when he knows he's right
ODORIFEROUS, sneaker perfume
OLFACTORY, where they manufacture smells
ORNITHOPTER, a big word for mechanical bird

P

PERCIVALE, a knight who saw the Holy Grail
PHYSICS, what matters to energy
POSTULATE, when you presume to assume
POTASSIUM CHLORATE, the womp in a skyrocket
POTASSIUM NITRATE, the bang in a skyrocket

PRIMORDIAL, the good old days
PRIMORDIAL OOZE, boring conversation about the good old days

Q

QUADRILLION, more than a billion, less than a quintillion
QUANTIC, more than enough, as in “quantic amounts of carrots”
QUANTUM, imaginary sums of impossible numbers
QUEST, an adventure in which you have to use your imagination
QUINTILLION, more than a quadrillion, less than a septillion

R

READING, beaming up into books
RELATIVITY, the study of mysterious relatives
ROBOTICS, the science of designing and building robots
ROBOT, a mechanical entity, sometimes endowed with human characteristics

ROUND TABLE, where King Arthur passes out the snack food

S

SAUROPOD, a vegan

SEISMIC, so exciting it makes you vibrate

SEPTILLION, billions of billions

SPASTIC, how the Fair Gwen talks when she's nervous

STRONTIUM NITRATE, the blue in a skyrocket

T

TELEMETRY, how to make nurses jump every time you sneeze

TELEVISION, the opiate of the masses

TELLURIAN, another word for earthling

TIME MACHINE, your imagination

TRACHEOTOMY, a unique method of whistling the "Star Trek" theme

TROGLODYTE, one who hates books

TUBILIFEROUS, splendid, close to perfect

U

UFODOLOGY, see under food; the study of the Unidentified Frying Objects

UNICORN, a horse who makes a point

V

VAMOOSE, what you say to a moose when you want it to leave

VANQUISH, to defeat in battle, preferably with dragons

VEGAN, a human sauropod

VISCOUS, a thick, vicious liquid

W

WATT, a measure of electricity equal to one joule per second

WRITING, talking on paper

X

XYLOID, another word for blockhead

Y

YONDER, a place that always lies over the next horizon

Z

ZAG, what you do after you zig

ZED, a Z in England

ZEST, the zing in orange

ZIG, what you do before you zag

ZING, what you taste when you bite into an orange

ZIT, adolescent eruption, not to be confused with teenage volcano

ZOO, an eighth-grade English class

