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**Out of the Trashcan**

**Dictionary:**

Trash: (n.) Waste or low life scum.

Trash: (v.) To destroy or obliterate.

Trashed: (adj.) a place that is completely destroyed or being completely drunk.

Trashy: (adj.) slutty.

Trashcan: (n.) Container used to dispose waste.

White trash: (n.) Unintelligent white person who has a low income, low hygiene, and dirty habits. A girl wearing big hoop earrings, pounds of make-up and black and white hair highlights.

Trashmaster: (n.) Vehicle used to pick up trash.

Trashman:(n.) a person who takes out the trash.

White trailer trash: (n.) a white person living in a trailer who consumes massive amounts of alcohol on a daily basis; has no regard in hygiene; typically unemployed, and usually involved with drugs.

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Trasher: (n.) a reckless person.

Trash-picking: (v.) activity that consists on collecting trash.

**Thesaurus:**

Waste

Disposable

Droppings

Remains

Garbage

Shit

Junk

Crap

Remains

**Encyclopedia:**

Since the beginning of the human race, man’s nature has been to turn the resource he uses into unusable material commonly known as trash. Recent research has revealed that the first findings of trash were in the Mesopotamia region, and dated back to the 11,000 B.C. where the first human’s tribes roamed. In the late 1900’s, humans created colossal amount of trash. In order

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to compensate, they created a method called recycling, a process which turns trash into a reusable resources. Ironically, the first recycling methods were poorly designed and essentially created even more waste at the end of the process. Due to recent technological breakthroughs, humans have created more efficient ways to recycle in which the waste is minimal. The most common forms of trash in present time are paper. Paper, a physical material used to convey rhetoric, can also be recycled. Plastic, a material made from oil, is another common form of trash. Plastic, before being turned into trash, is known to be used for containers and appliances. Although plastic is a useable material, it cannot be recycled as easily as paper.

**Analysis:**

The dictionary, thesaurus, and encyclopedia are excellent English literature tools used to learn new words. I prefer the dictionary over the others because definitions are concise and put the words into context. Also, the dictionary definition contains the word description found in the thesaurus and encyclopedia, making the dictionary the most accepted source of word information.

My response is of course biased since my school (Escuela Americana) taught me that whenever in doubt of a word I should check the dictionary. I also used the dictionary to look up thousands of words in order to expand my English vocabulary. I’ve also grown accustomed to having a dictionary at hand when reading books from the Renaissance period. Encyclopedia and thesaurus are not practical for looking up a word, they are more specific. Encyclopedias are used to examine the origin of a word or information relevant to a particular subject. Further, a

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thesaurus is more generally used when writing an essay. In conclusion, I simply feel that dictionary is the most effective language tool in any kind of circumstance.