**The Veldt** by Ray Bradbury

### VOCABULARY WORDS

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<th>Vocabulary word</th>
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<tr>
<td>psychologist</td>
<td>A specialist who studies behavior</td>
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<td>veldt</td>
<td>A grassland in Africa</td>
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<td>perspiration</td>
<td>Sweating</td>
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<td>flickered</td>
<td>Make small quick movements</td>
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<td>admiration</td>
<td>Respect and look up to</td>
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<td>genius</td>
<td>Someone who is really smart</td>
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<td>preoccupied</td>
<td>Busy doing something else</td>
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<td>lurking</td>
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CHARACTERS: As you read the story, give a description of each character. 
4 people have the same last name. - They are related. FAMILY

George Hadley - The DAD.

Lydia Hadley - The MOM. Married to George Hadley.

Peter Hadley - The SON. George and Lydia's son.

Wendy Hadley - The DAUGHTER. George and Lydia's daughter. Peter's sister.

David McClean - the PSYCHOLOGIST - a specialist who studies behavior
BEFORE WE READ:  - See FLIPCHART POSTED ON WEBSITE.

How does technology influence our lives?

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Name some technology that you use in your everyday life.

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What is the job/role of a parent?

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1. Why did Mrs. Hadley feel that she was not a good wife or mother?

The house was doing all of the things a mom does: makes food, clean clothes, and takes care of the children and husband. Lydia Haydley feels that she is not doing anything to help her family the house is doing it all.

2. What is one way Mr. & Mrs. Hadley continued to spoil their children?

Mom and Dad close the nursery but still have the house up and working. The house still makes their dinner, talks to the family.

3. Why didn't the nursery respond to Mr. Hadley's request for Aladdin and his lamp?

Peter and Wendy are controlling the nursery and Mr. Hadley cannot override it.
4. What did Mr. & Mrs. Hadley do after the children disobeyed them and broke into the nursery?

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5. Why did Mr. & Mrs. Hadley call in a psychologist, even though they had the power to turn off the nursery themselves?

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6. Why did Mrs. Hadley, who had been so frightened of the nursery, urge her husband to let the kids have it on for one last time?

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7. What happened to Mr. & Mrs. Hadley?

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8. What were some of the mistakes the parents made in raising their children?

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9. What message is Ray Bradbury giving the reader about modern technology?

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10. What are the lessons Ray Bradbury is trying to teach in this short story?

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