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Centralizers in R. Thompson's group V.

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Given an element g in R. Thompson's group V , we classify its centralizer. We build upon previously known solutions of the conjugacy problem in V , as well as solutions to the centralizer problem for its subgroups F and T , to construct elements in the centralizer. This construction depends on the dynamics of the action of g on the cantor set, so the cases where g is torsion and where it is non-torsion are considered separately. Examination of this construction produces the group structure desired. (Received September 11, 2007)