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We give a classification of centralizers of elements in R. Thompson's groups F, T and V . This is achieved by using solutions of the ordinary conjugacy problem both from a dynamical perspective, seeing elements as piecewise-linear homeomorphisms, and a combinatorial one, using tree pairs and strand diagrams. We give combinatorial and topological applications of this description. This work was done in collaboration with C.Bleak, A.Gordon, G.Graham, J.Hughes, M.Kassabov, H.Newfield-Plunkett and J.Sapir. (Received January 21, 2008)