

How To Use This Book

Each page consists of five elements:

1. The **main word**. The word you wish to learn. It is followed by the phonetic pronunciation and a definition.
Example: MUSTER (MUS tur), to collect or gather; an act of inspection or critical examination.

2. The **link word**. The link word is a simple word or words which rhyme or sound like the main word.

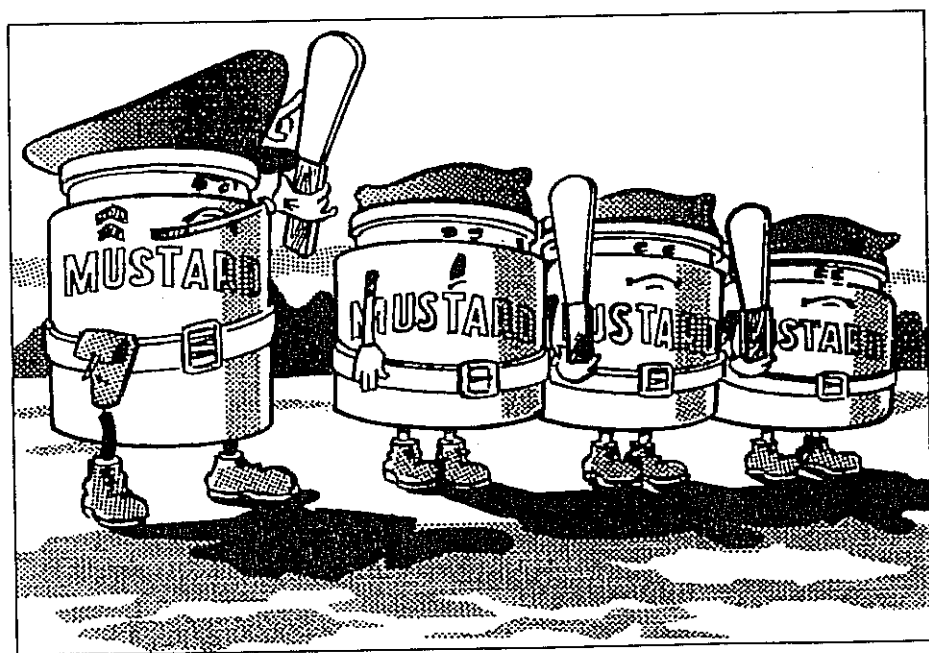
Example: MUSTARD

3. The **caption**. The caption connects the main word and the linking word in a sentence.

Example: Each morning the MUSTARD troops are MUSTERED for roll call.

4. The **cartoon**. The caption is made into a bizarre or humorous cartoon which incorporates the main word and the linking word into a visual mnemonic.

Example:



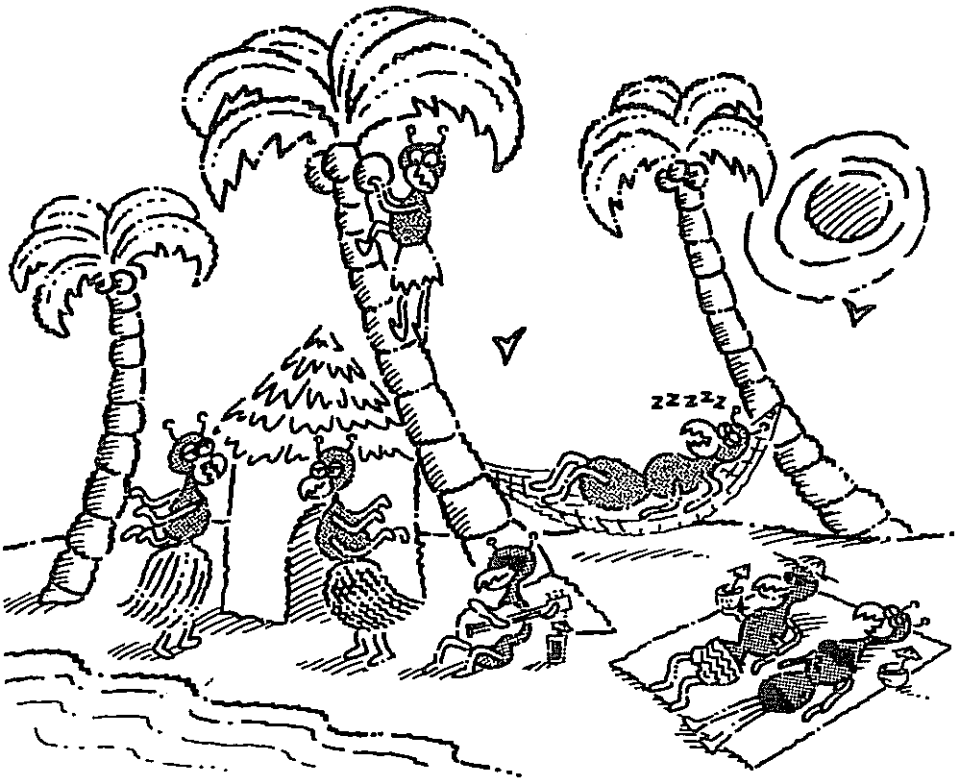
*"Each morning the MUSTARD troops are
MUSTERED for roll call."*

INSOUCIANT

(in SOO see unt)

calm and carefree; lighthearted

Link: SOUTH SEA ANT



*“SOUTH SEA ANTS are the most
INSOUCIANT ants of all.”*

- ❑ Children play INSOUCIANTLY, as if they did not have a care in the world.
- ❑ Jake’s INSOUCIANT behavior was inappropriate at his grandfather’s funeral. It lacked respect for his memory.
- ❑ Her cheerful INSOUCIANCE was greatly admired by everyone in her office, but her husband says to wake up to such cheerfulness before he has had a cup of coffee is driving him up a wall.

SUNDRY

(SUN dree)

various, several, miscellaneous

Link: SUNDAE



*"Jimmy had SUNDRY ice cream
SUNDAES for his birthday."*

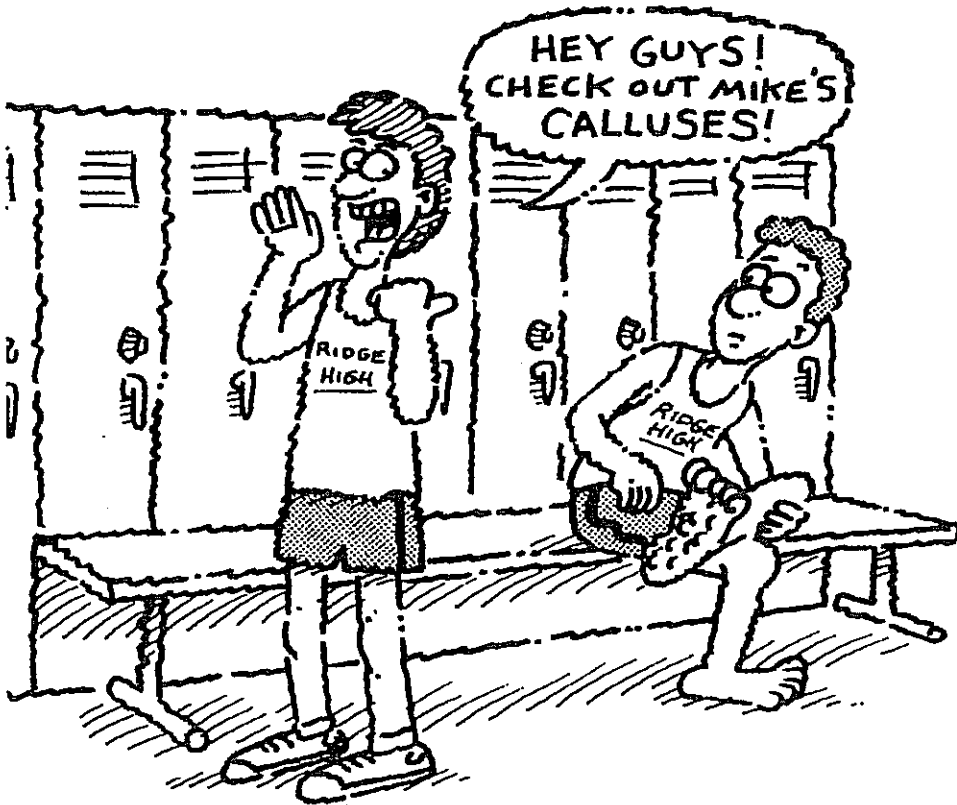
- ❑ A SUNDRY store is usually like a five and dime, a store carrying a variety of miscellaneous items for the household and personal use.
- ❑ SUNDRY articles in the newspaper written by parents and politicians would have you believe our school system leaves a lot to be desired.
- ❑ There were SUNDRY animals at the zoo.

CALLOUS

(KAL uss)

unfeeling, insensitive;
having calluses

Link: CALLUS



*"Jack was so CALLOUS, he called attention
to Mike's CALLUSES."*

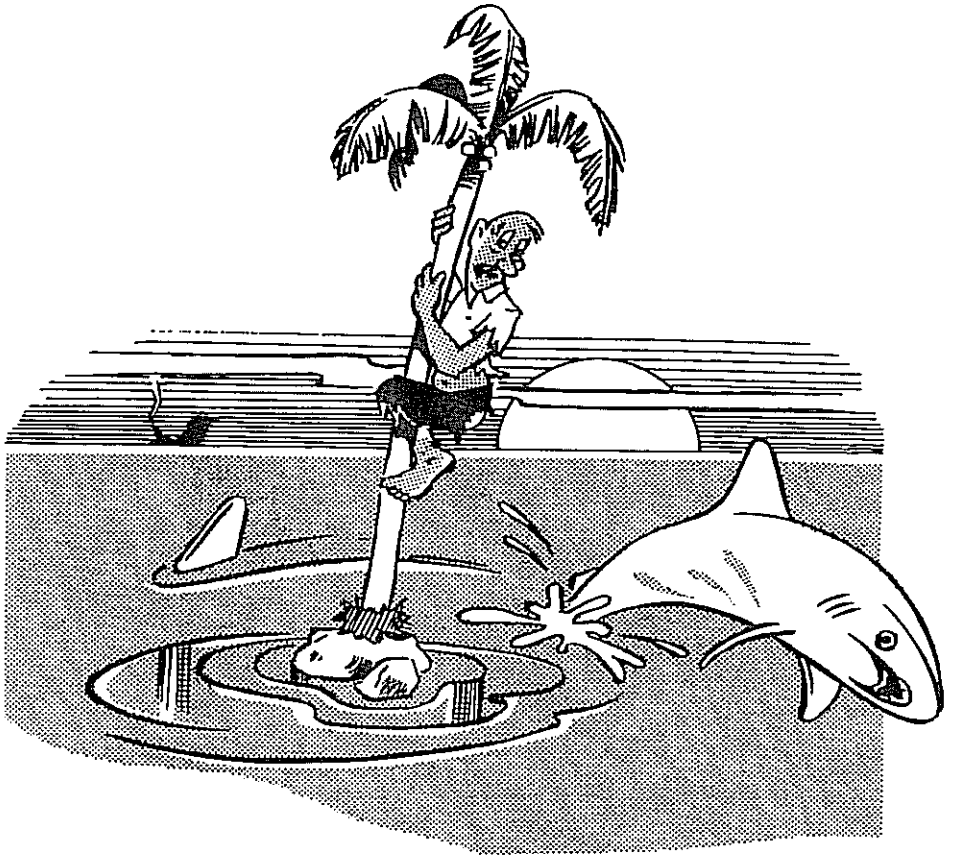
- ❑ A CALLOUS remark about someone is a statement that does not take into consideration the feelings of another.
- ❑ It is hard to understand how CALLOUS some people can be who ride in their limousines past hoards of beggars in India and not pay them the slightest attention.

DEARTH

(durth)

scarcity; lack

Link: EARTH



*“There is a DEARTH of EARTH
in the middle of the ocean.”*

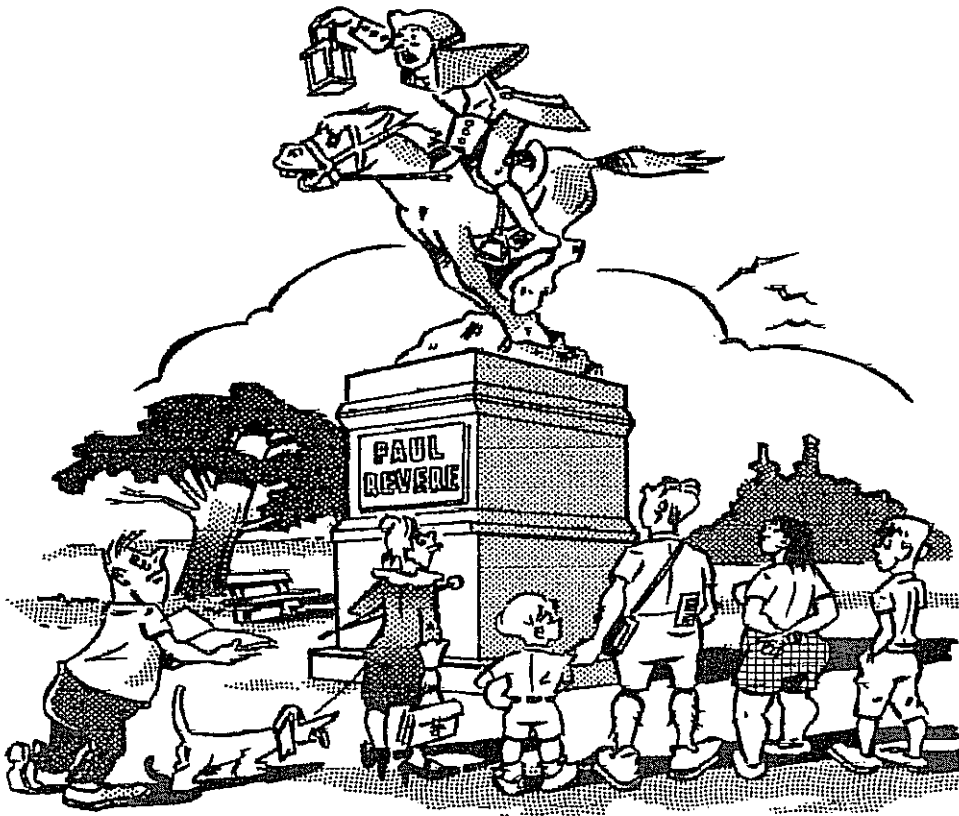
- ❑ A DEARTH of rain last summer led to many failed crops, especially corn and cotton in the valley.
- ❑ This Broadway season was the poorest in years. Critics say this was largely due to a DEARTH of good playwrights.
- ❑ There always seems to be a DEARTH of cookies in the cookie jar after our granddaughter’s visit.

REVERE

(rĭ VEER)

to regard with great devotion
or respect, to honor

Link: PAUL REVERE



*"Hero of the American Revolution,
PAUL REVERE is greatly REVERED."*

- ❑ Mother Teresa was greatly REVERED by all who knew of her humanitarian work in India.
- ❑ Another who enjoyed almost universal recognition and REVERENCE for his humanitarianism in the medical field was Dr. Schweitzer.
- ❑ Everyone REVERES Father Monahan; he is such a good and kindhearted pastor.

PROWESS

(PROW is)

exceptional skill and bravery

Link: PROWLER



"The PROWESS of a PROWLER."

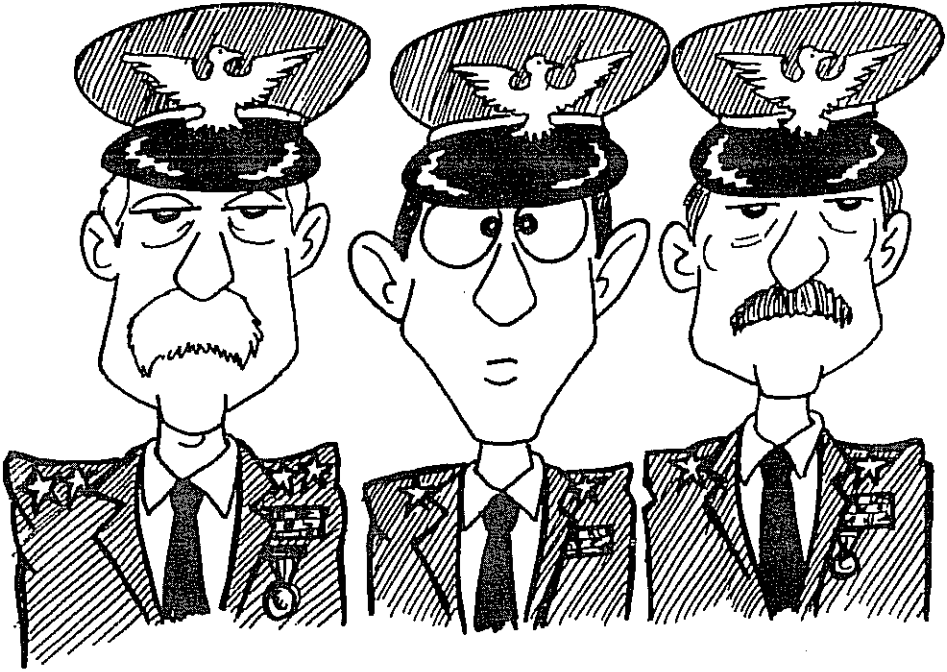
- ❑ The PROWESS of the Sioux chief, Crazy Horse, in leading his warriors into battle, was legendary.
- ❑ Rod Laver's PROWESS as the world's best tennis player in the history of the game is supported by the fact that he won the Grand Slam twice. This has not been done since.
- ❑ Although Jody brags of his golf PROWESS, his friends say he is a meat-and-potato hacker.

GENERALIZE

(GIN er ul ize)

general rather than specific; to
form a general conclusion

Link: GENERAL'S EYES



*"To say that all GENERALS' EYES are
the same is to GENERALIZE."*

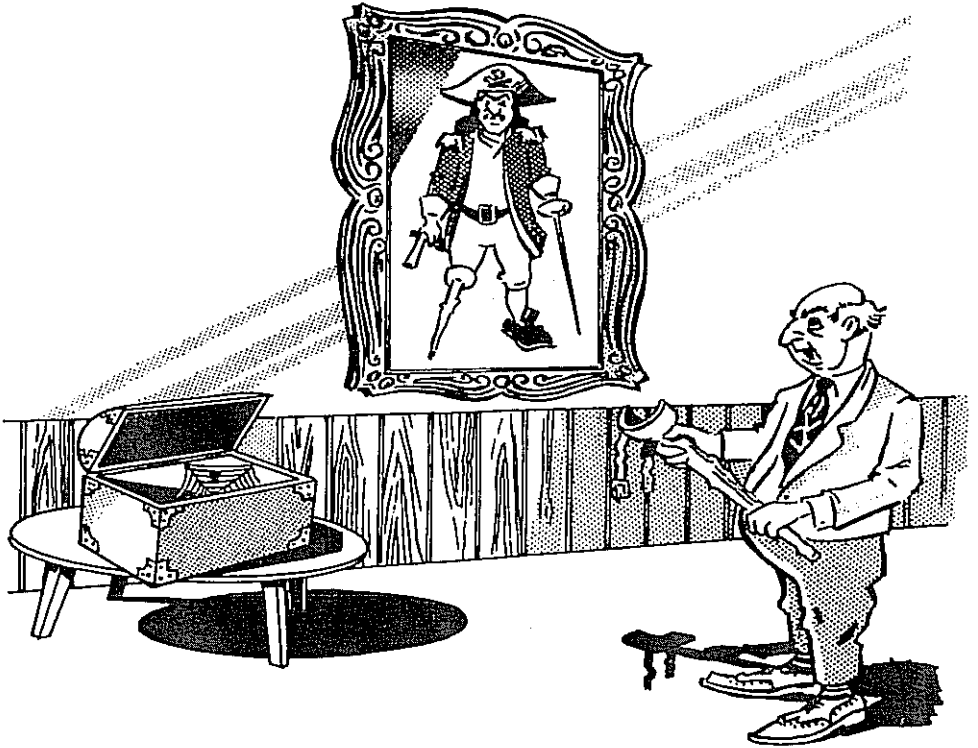
- ❑ Wilma's problem was she always GENERALIZED. Everything was either always bad or always good, and she could never specifically say what she liked or disliked.
- ❑ Our teacher asked us to be specific in our criticism and avoid GENERALIZATIONS.
- ❑ To say that all politicians are crooks and all lawyers are honest is to GENERALIZE. Broad GENERALIZATIONS are only partly true.

LEGACY

(LEG uh see)

something handed down from one who has gone before or from the past; a bequest

Link: LEG I SEE



"The LEG I SEE is my entire LEGACY from Great-Grandfather Paul the Pirate."

- ❑ The LEGACY of the copper mining industry is the creation of mountain wastelands where beautiful, unspoiled forests once stood.
- ❑ The fictional LEGACIES of the Old West in the late 1800s was of cowboys riding from town to town shooting at each other.
- ❑ The Johnson family's ancestral LEGACY was to have blonde hair and green eyes.

PHOBIA
(FOE bee ah)
a persistent, illogical fear
Link: PHOTOS



“Some natives have a PHOBIA about PHOTOS, believing their soul will be captured inside the box.”

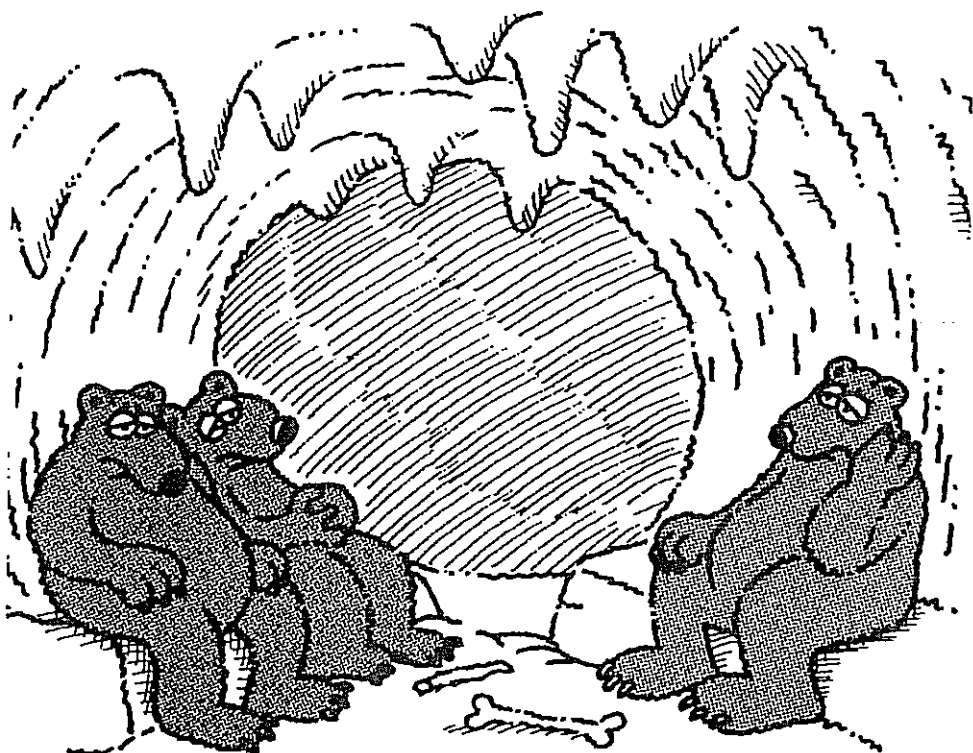
- ❑ Those who have a PHOBIA about heights are said to be acrophobic.
- ❑ Claustrophobia is the PHOBIA of a person who fears small, confined spaces.
- ❑ Monophobia is the PHOBIA of being alone.

SOMBER

(SOM bur)

depressing, gloomy, dark

Link: SOME BEARS



“SOME BEARS endure winter hibernation in a SOMBER state of mind.”

- ❑ You will find most everyone who attends a funeral wears SOMBER clothing, generally black or gray.
- ❑ He had the most SOMBER expression, and there was nothing we could do to cheer him up, hardly what one might expect from a man getting married the next day.
- ❑ The music was anything but lively, and it soon cast a SOMBER spirit over the entire audience.

REVIEW #15: Match the word with its definition.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. insouciant - (South Sea ant) | a. carefree |
| 2. sundry - (sundae) | b. several, various |
| 3. callous - (callus) | c. scarcity of |
| 4. dearth - (earth) | d. handed down |
| 5. revere - (Paul Revere) | e. illogical fear |
| 6. prowess - (prowler) | f. insensitive |
| 7. generalize - (generals' eyes) | g. gloomy |
| 8. legacy - (leg I see) | h. skillful |
| 9. phobia - (photos) | i. to honor |
| 10. somber - (some bears) | j. general conclusion |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

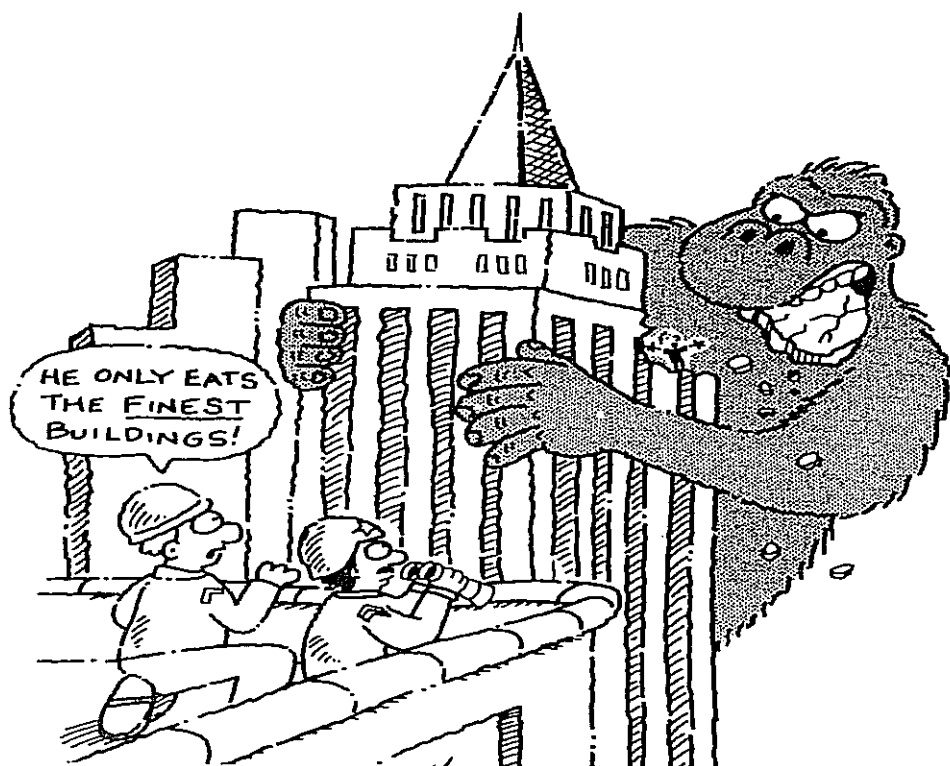
1. Although Jody brags of his golf _____, his friends say he is a meat-and-potato hacker.
2. Jimmy had _____ ice cream sundaes for his birthday.
3. South Sea ants are the most _____ ants of all.
4. A _____ of rain last summer led to many failed crops, especially corn and cotton in the valley.
5. Hero of the American Revolution, Paul Revere is greatly _____.
6. Those who have a _____ about heights are said to be acrophobic.
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EDIFICE

(ED uh fis)

a building, especially one of imposing appearance or size

Link: ATE A FACE



"The Great Kong ATE the north FACE of the EDIFICE."

- ❑ The construction of one EDIFICE led to another, and New York City became a skyline of enormous skyscrapers.
- ❑ The Taj Mahal may not be the largest EDIFICE ever constructed, but surely it is one of the most imposing in the world.
- ❑ Neither imposing in appearance or size, you could hardly refer to an outhouse as an EDIFICE.

PARADOX

(PAIR uh dahks)

a statement that seems true but at the same time seems to also have an opposite truth

Link: BEARS OR DUCKS



"The 'are we BEARS or DUCKS' PARADOX."

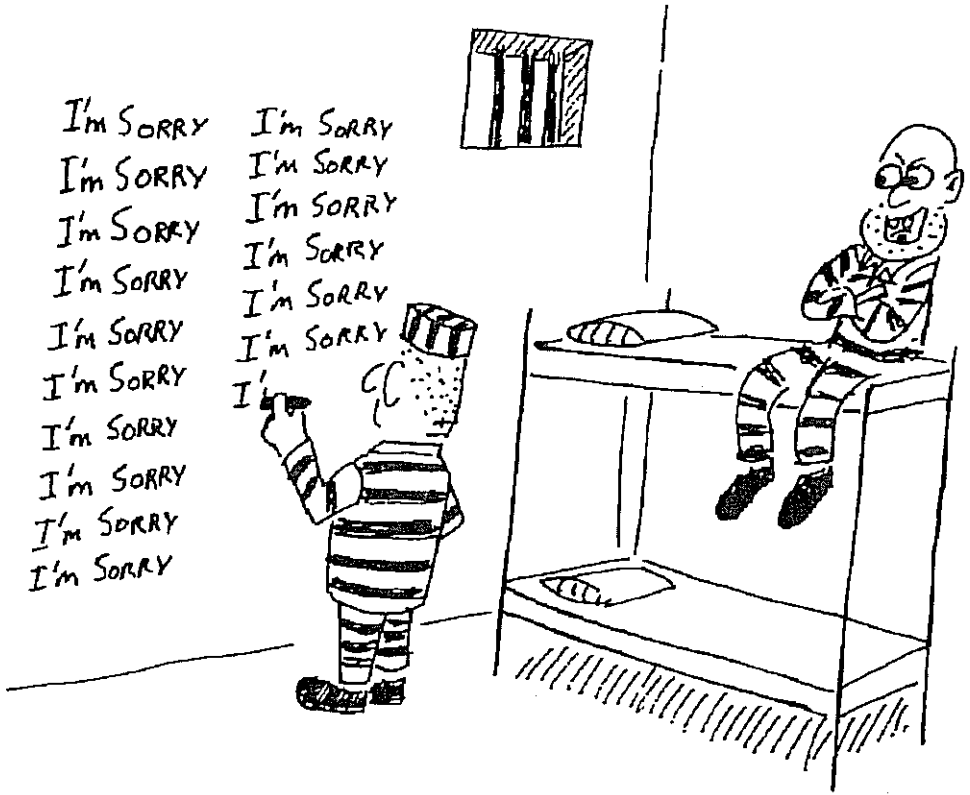
- ❑ Dr. Jekyll was often a PARADOX; as soon as you began to understand him, he became Mr. Hyde.
- ❑ John said he was an agnostic, but the PARADOX was he attended church every Sunday.
- ❑ Herbert's hatred of walking was PARADOXICAL, once you understood he worked as a mailman.

PENITENT

(PEN uh tunt)

sorrow and remorse for past misdeeds

Link: PENITENTIARY



"Bubba was PENITENT for the crimes that landed him in the PENITENTIARY."

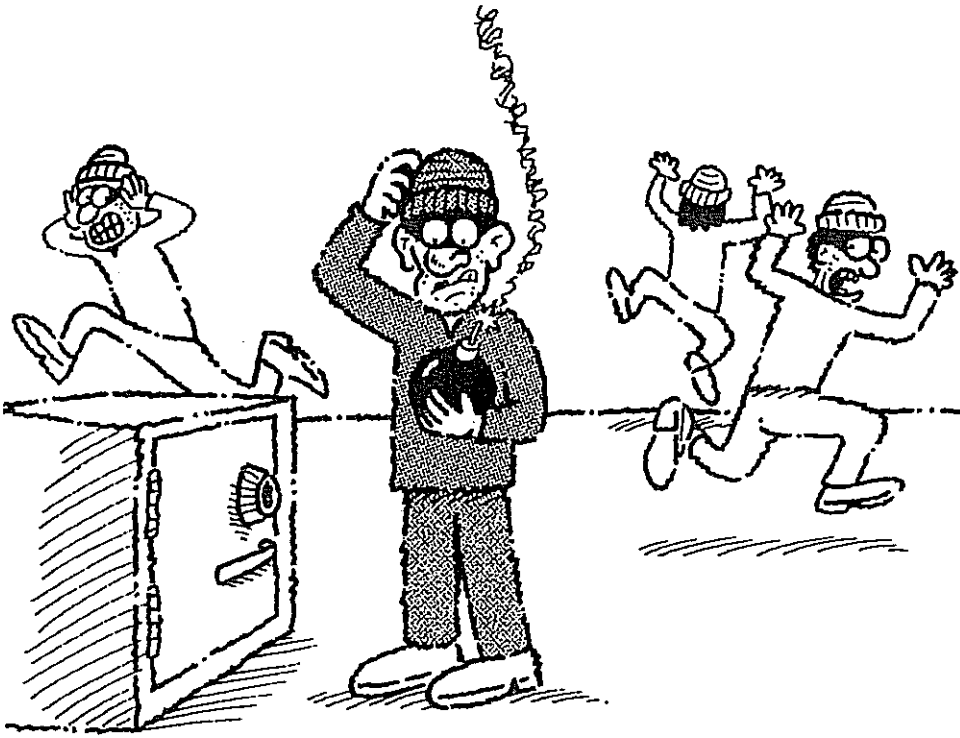
- ❑ Clark became PENITENT when he learned his careless driving put two people in the hospital.
- ❑ The pickpocket pretended PENITENCE but the policeman believed him to be IMPENITENT.
- ❑ Jennifer felt PENITENT that she had cause her mother so much sorrow.

MUSE

(myooz)

to ponder; meditate;
think about at length

Link: FUSE



*"It is unwise to MUSE once
the FUSE is lit."*

- ❑ Rick was such a good auto mechanic he never MUSED over what the problem might be, he knew immediately and went right to work fixing it.
- ❑ Chess is a MUSING game of skill whereupon each player MUSES over all the possible moves before deciding which piece to move.
- ❑ Though the odds of winning the lottery are very low, it is fun to MUSE about what you would do if you actually won.

GLOAT

(gloat)

to brag greatly

Link: GOAT



“And I got this award for receiving so many awards,” said the GLOATING GOAT.

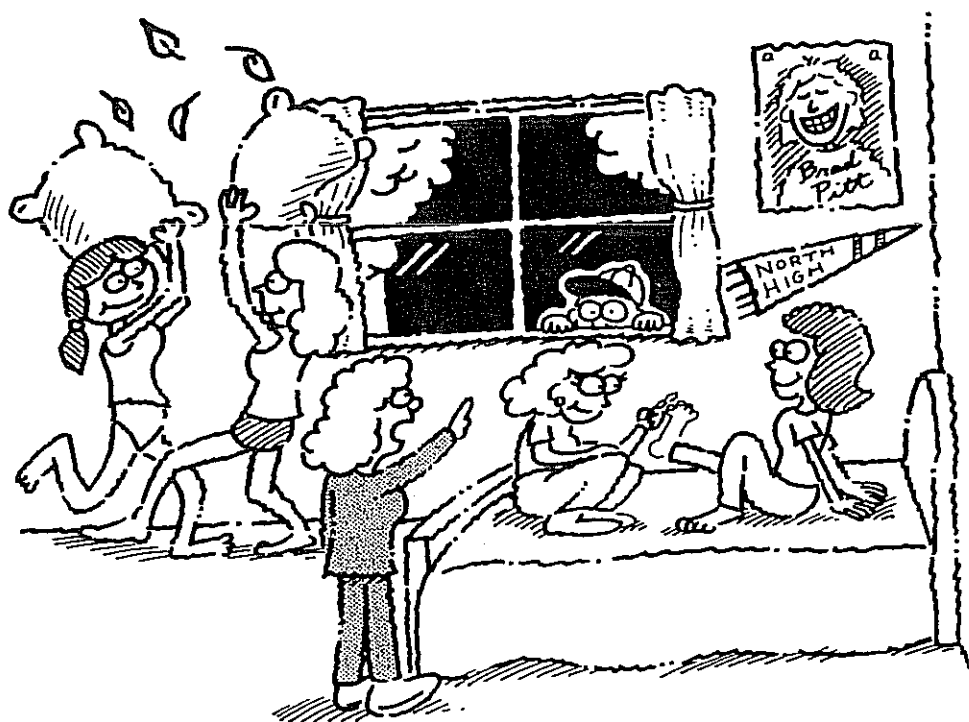
- ❑ For years she GLOATED over the marriage of her daughter to the most eligible bachelor in town.
- ❑ If roosters can GLOAT, that rooster strutted all over the barnyard as if he were the proverbial cock of the walk.
- ❑ The mechanic said he didn’t want to appear to GLOAT, but he did warn his customer last year he would have to fix it now or fix it later, and later would cost more.

PIQUE

(peek)

irritation, resentment stemming from wounded pride; also to arouse curiosity

Link: PEEK



"Jo Ann was PIQUED at her brother for PEEKING at her slumber party."

- ❑ The three sisters showed their PIQUE at not being invited to their cousin's wedding by their refusal to send wedding presents.
- ❑ Joey said he was PIQUED at the chemistry teacher for giving out final grades before he had time to finish his lab work.
- ❑ The sound of the car horn PIQUED our curiosity until we saw our neighbor had accidentally pressed it while backing out of his driveway.

DISPEL

(dis PELL)

to drive away; to dissipate

Link: SPELL



*“The princess kissed many toads before she could
DISPEL the witch’s SPELL on the prince.”*

- ❑ After the crowd had been DISPELLED from the scene of the accident, the wreckers hauled away the tangled, wrecked automobiles.
- ❑ The professor told his student he wanted to DISPEL any thoughts she might have of receiving a better grade than she deserved just because he was a good friend of the family.

RAMIFICATION

(ram uh fu KAY shun)

a branching out; a development growing out of
and often complicating a problem or pain

Link: RAMS ON VACATION



*"A possible RAMIFICATION of encountering
RAMS while ON VACATION."*

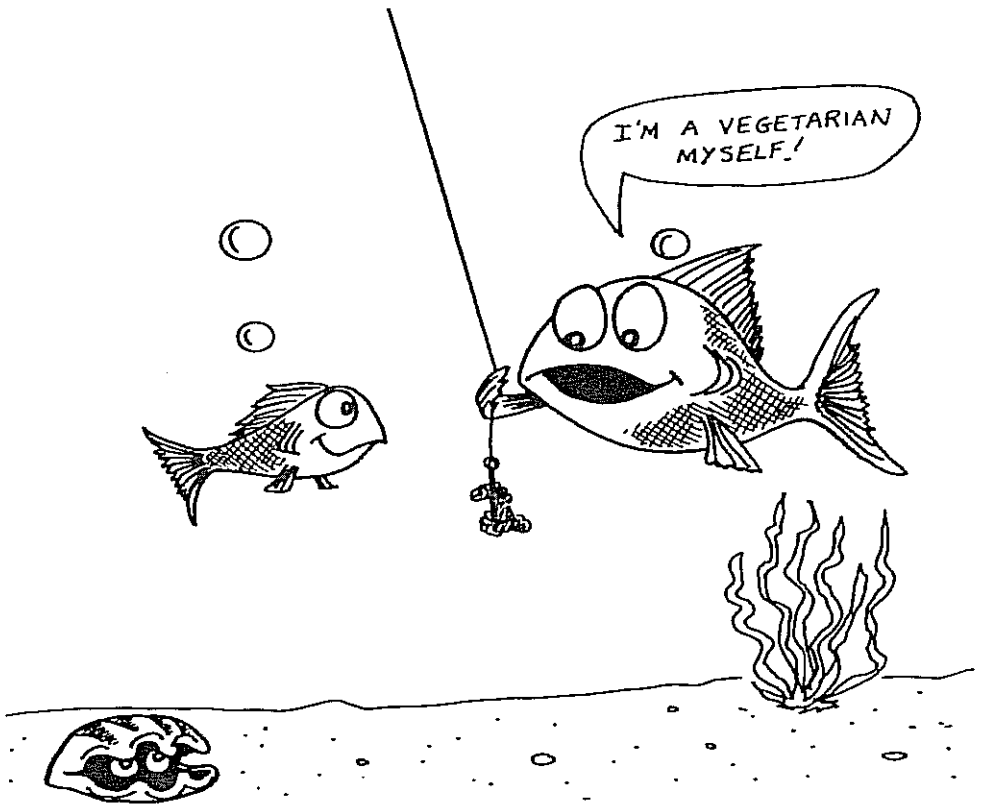
- ❑ Courtney did not realize being late for work three mornings in a row would have RAMIFICATIONS until her boss fired her.
- ❑ A RAMIFICATION is a development or consequence that grows from the main body as limbs grow from trees and plants; therefore, there are RAMIFICATIONS to every act a person makes no matter how small, because every act has a consequence.

ALLURE

(uh LUHR)

to entice with something
desirable; tempt

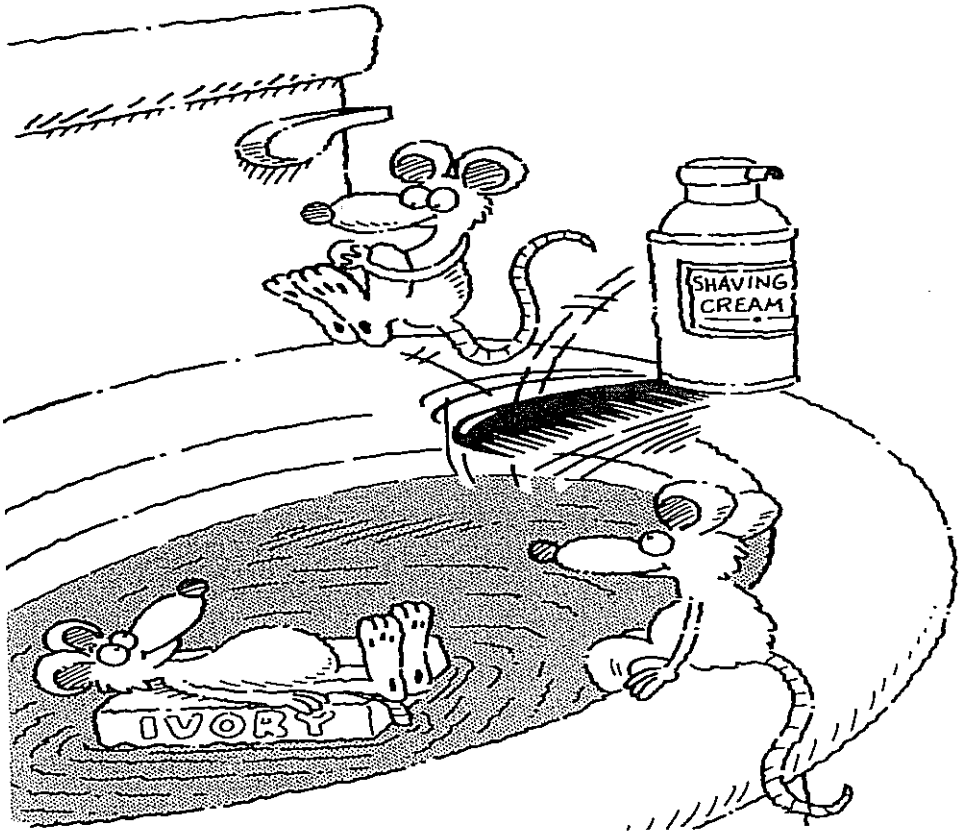
Link: LURE



"Not all fish LURES ALLURE all fish."

- ❑ The ballet dancer's perfume was so ALLURING grown men fainted when she danced past.
- ❑ The sailors were ALLURED into believing that the calm, balmy seas would never become a ferocious storm.
- ❑ Psychologists find it puzzling, but all agree that movie stars have some indescribable ALLURING quality that movie audiences find irresistible.

COMMODIOUS
(kuh MOD dee us)
spacious, roomy, capacious
Link: COMMODE



"A COMMODIOUS COMMODE."

- ❑ The rooms in the castle were so COMMODIOUS that they were as large as the average home.
- ❑ In Hong Kong, the government has built several million apartments for the working class in recent decades. As compared to western standards, they are not very COMMODIOUS, only about half the size of a small, two-bedroom apartment in the United States.

REVIEW #16: Match the word with its definition.

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| 1. edifice - (ate a face) | a. remorse for past deeds |
| 2. paradox - (bears or ducks) | b. ponder, meditate |
| 3. penitent - (penitentiary) | c. a development |
| 4. muse - (fuse) | d. to entice, tempt |
| 5. gloat - (goat) | e. a building |
| 6. pique - (peek) | f. to drive away |
| 7. dispel - (spell) | g. spacious |
| 8. ramification - (rams on vacation) | h. a brag |
| 9. allure - (lure) | i. irritation |
| 10. commodious - (commode) | j. an opposite truth |

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7. The Taj Mahal may not be the largest _____, but surely is one of the most imposing in the world.
8. The three sisters were _____ at not being invited to their cousin's wedding.
9. The princess kissed many toads before she could _____ the witch's spell on the prince.
10. Rick was such a good auto mechanic he never _____ over what the problem might be.

ORTHODOX

(OR thuh dahks)

conventional, doing it by the book,
sticking to established principles

Link: THROW ROCKS



*"In the times of the Roman Empire, it was
ORTHODOX to THROW ROCKS."*

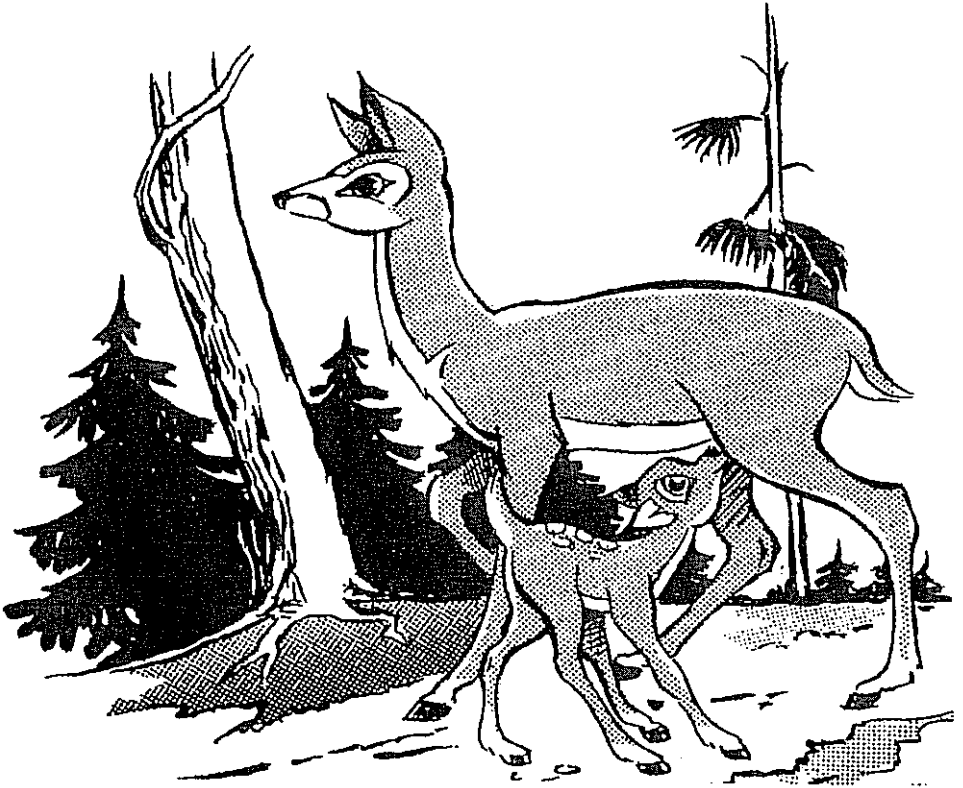
- ❑ An ORTHODOX religion is one that holds fast to historical views that have not changed.
- ❑ The doctor's treatment for Judith's broken finger was ORTHODOX. He X-rayed the finger, set it in a splint, and told her to come back in a week.
- ❑ The ORTHODOX view of the earth is it is round. The views of those who still believe the world is flat, as many did in the thirteenth century, is UNORTHODOX.

FAWN

(fawn)

exhibit affection; seek favor through slave-like flattery; to “suck up” to something

Link: FAWN



“A FAWN FAWNING over his mother.”

- ❑ The head of the movie studio didn't see through the FAWNING of all his underlings, believing they truly thought he was a genius.
- ❑ Mr. Johnson was a professional at “sucking up” to everybody he thought could help him advance in his career, a professional FAWNER from the word go.
- ❑ The grandmother FAWNED over her grandchild, tickling him and making goo-goo sounds.

LETHARGY

(LETH ur gee)

laziness, tiredness; languor

Link: LEOPARD'S TEA



“LETHARGIC LEOPARDS having TEA.”

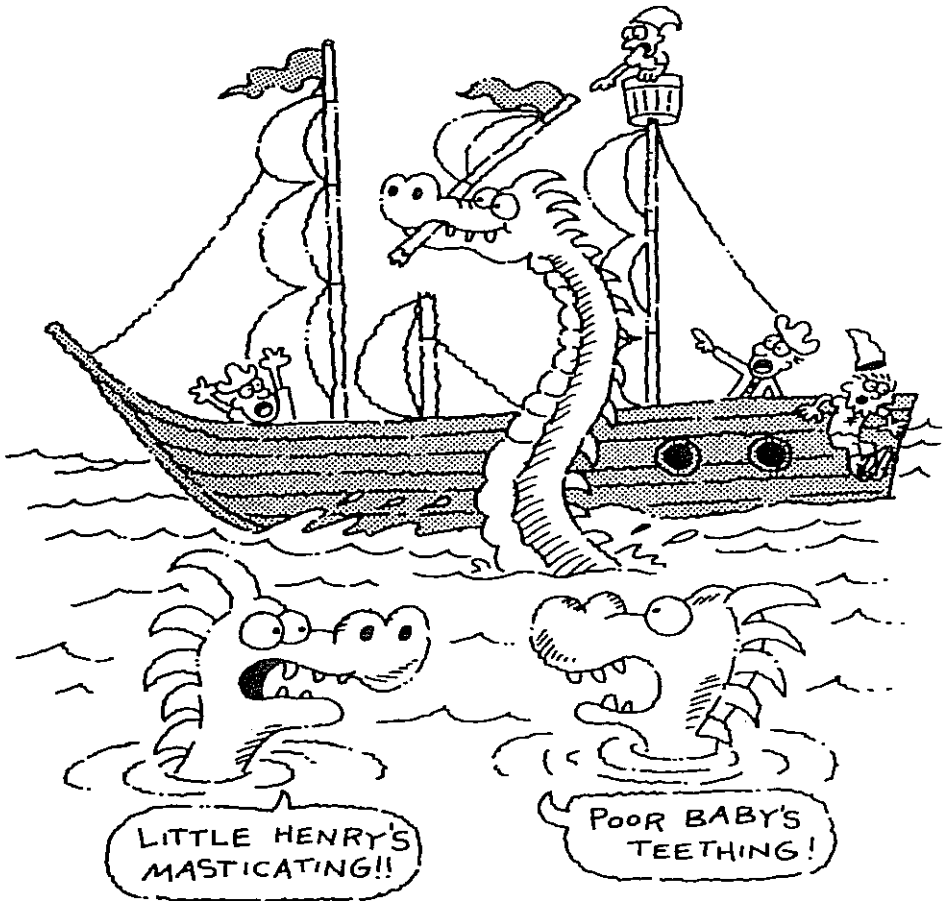
- ❑ There is nothing LETHARGIC about a cheetah chasing prey, as cheetahs are the fastest animals on earth.
- ❑ Cats are LETHARGIC because they have smaller hearts and lungs than other animals.
- ❑ His doctor told Jim he was in good health. His LETHARGY at work and at home was probably due to his being overweight, eating too much and exercising too little.

MASTICATE

(MAS tuh kayt)

to chew

Link: MAST ATE



"Henry ATE the MAST when he started to MASTICATE."

- ❑ The doctor explained that a person's digestion is aided when they MASTICATE their food slowly.
- ❑ The Kiwi bird MASTICATES food before giving it to its young.
- ❑ The judge requested a recess to MASTICATE the facts presented by both the prosecution and the defense.

ARCHAIC

(ahr KAY ik)

belonging to an earlier time,
ancient; outdated

Link: CAKE



"An ARCHAIC CAKE."

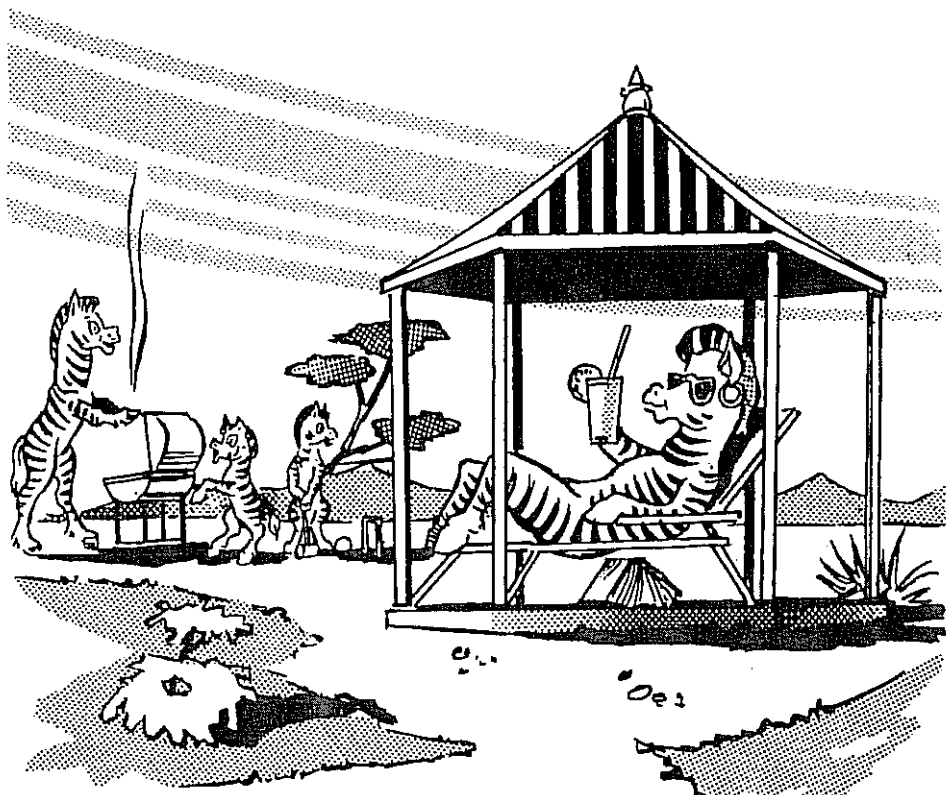
- ❑ Her parents had an absolutely ARCHAIC idea of dating. She not only had to be in by nine o'clock, but her aunt chaperoned her on all her dates.
- ❑ ARCHAIC civilizations, those that aren't around anymore, are the chief subject of archaeological studies.
- ❑ Small countries that depend on agriculture for their economy will never raise their standard of living as long as they use ARCHAIC farm tools.

GAZEBO

(guh ZEE boe)

an outdoor structure with a roof and open sides

Link: ZEBRA



*"A ZEBRA GAZEBO on the Mari Mari Plains
of Kenya, East Africa."*

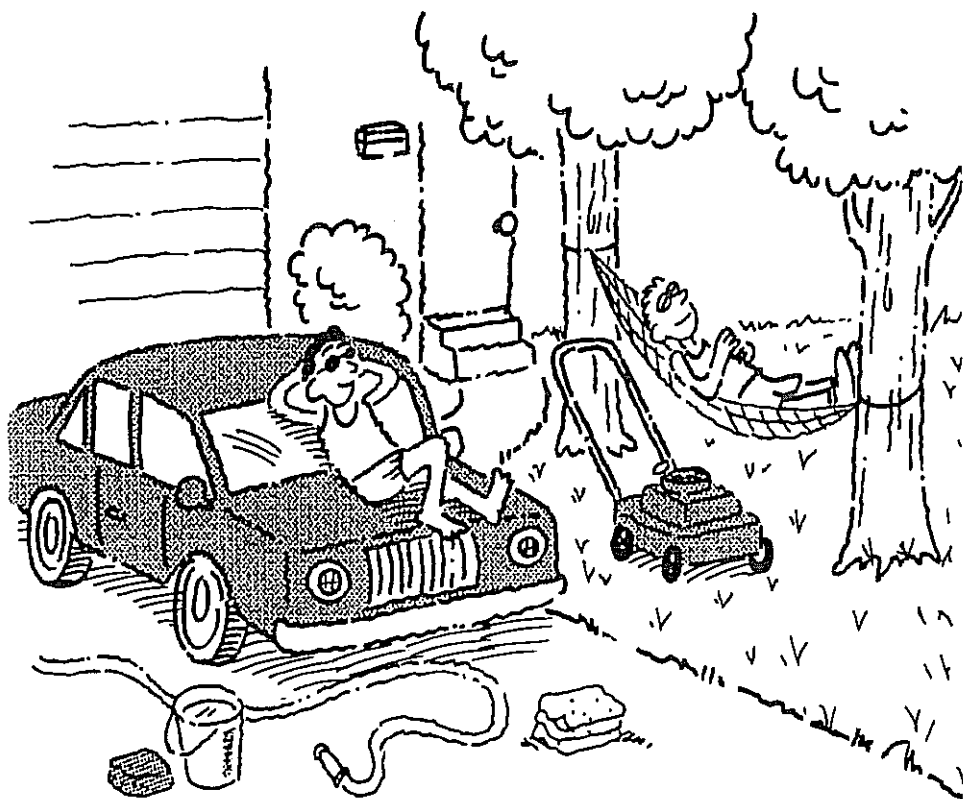
- ❑ A GAZEBO is most always found in a backyard or park.
- ❑ The GAZEBO in the mission courtyard was used for weddings in the summer. In the winter, goats would come and huddle together to stay warm and out of the rainy weather.
- ❑ On Sunday afternoons the family would gather together in the shade of our backyard GAZEBO.

ABHOR

(ab HOR)

to hate very much, to detest utterly

Link: CHORE



"The Booker boys ABHORRED doing CHORES."

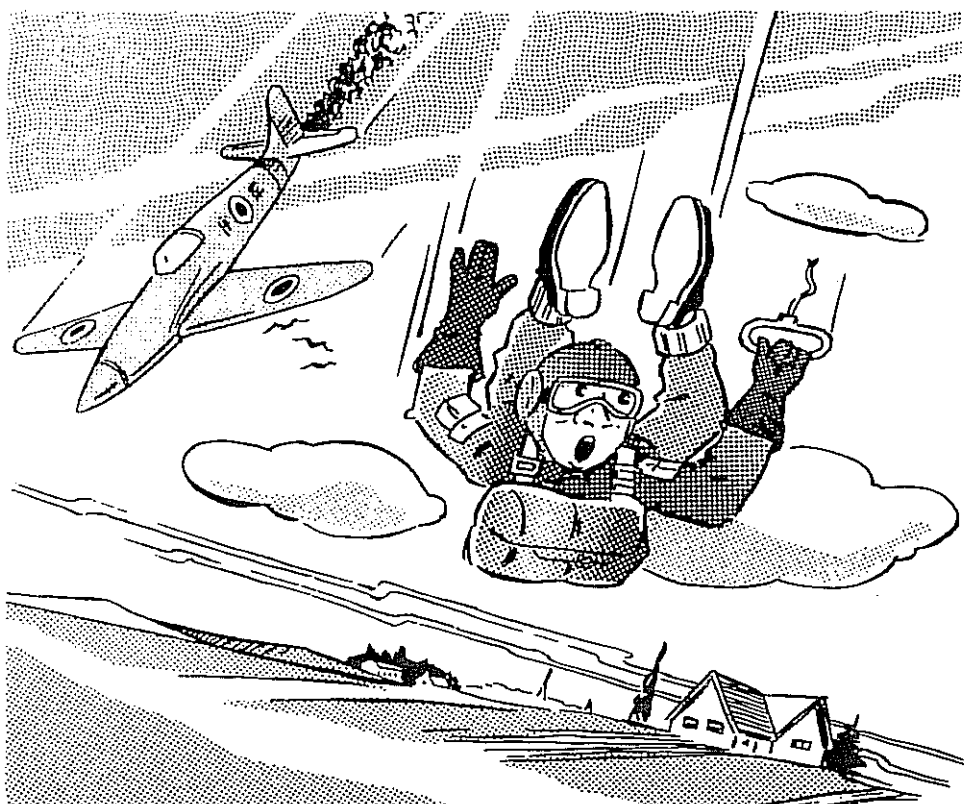
- ❑ To ABHOR insects is to find them ABHORRENT.
- ❑ It is generally believed that most women have an ABHORRENCE of mice.
- ❑ It is a fact that most people ABHOR the thought of public speaking.

PLIGHT

(plyte)

a condition of situation, especially
a distressing one

Link: FLIGHT



“A PLIGHT in FLIGHT.”

- ❑ In most dramatic stage plays, the PLIGHT of the good guys appears at its worse at the end of the second act.
- ❑ Determined to rescue the fifty hostages from their PLIGHT, the police rushed the aircraft before the terrorists could cause further harm.
- ❑ Christopher’s friend advised him not to worsen the PLIGHT he had gotten himself into by starting a fight, which could only make matters worse.

CALLOW

(KAL oh)

immature and inexperienced

Link: SHALLOW



“Our dad was so CALLOW he made his first dive in our SHALLOW kiddie pool.”

- ❑ The CALLOW appearance of the troops he now inspected reminded General Troister that wars kill the youth of the nation, not the old politicians who start them.
- ❑ The CALLOW boater did not have a life preserver or a radio onboard his sailboat.
- ❑ CALLOW she was, but you never saw a more enthusiastic, hard-working young lady at the glove factory.

EUPHONIOUS

(you PHONE ee us)

pleasing to the ear

Link: YOU PHONE US



*“You must be beautiful because you sound so
EUPHONIOUS when YOU PHONE US.”*

- ☐ Carly sings in the choir because she has a sweet, EUPHONIOUS voice.
- ☐ The low, EUPHONIOUS croaking of the summer frogs was music to Jeff’s ear.
- ☐ The grunting of a mature elephant seal is anything but EUPHONIOUS.

REVIEW #17: Match the word with its definition.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. orthodox - (throw rocks) | a. tiredness |
| 2. fawn - (fawn) | b. pleasing to the ear |
| 3. lethargy - (leopard's tea) | c. distressing situation |
| 4. masticate - (mast ate) | d. the established way |
| 5. archaic - (cake) | e. outdoor structure |
| 6. gazebo - (zebra) | f. an earlier time |
| 7. abhor - (chore) | g. inexperienced |
| 8. plight - (flight) | h. to chew |
| 9. callow - (shallow) | i. to detest |
| 10. euphonious - (you phone us) | j. exhibit affection |

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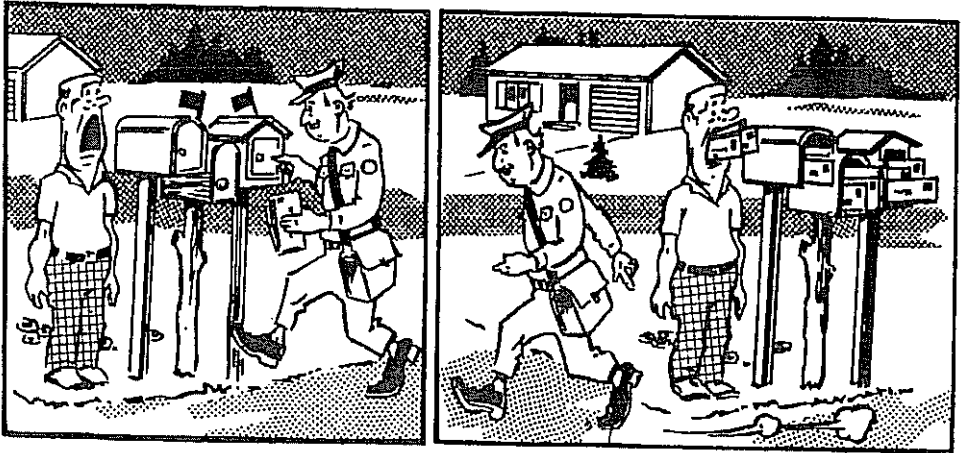
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10. Cats are _____ because they have smaller hearts and lungs than other animals.

QUIRK

(kwurk)

a peculiarity of behavior; an unaccountable act or event

Link: JERK



*“People have the strangest QUIRKS;
some can be real JERKS.”*

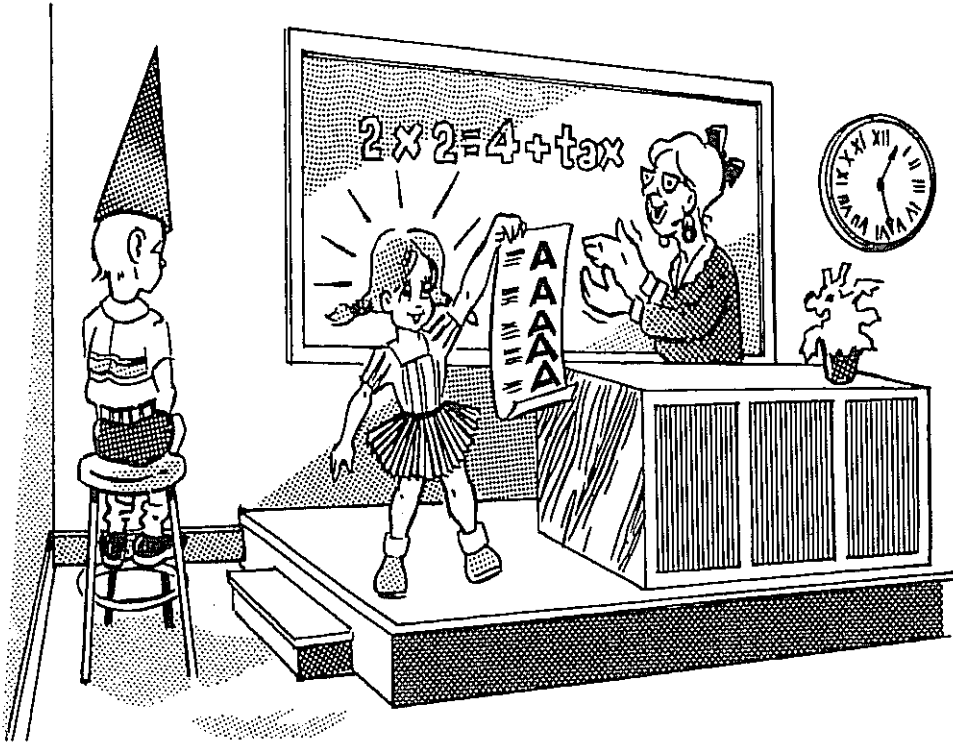
- ☐ Watch out for this horse’s QUIRK; he bucks every time he sneezes.
- ☐ Have you ever noticed that Brad has the strangest QUIRK? Every time someone mentions the word “work,” his leg jerks.
- ☐ It was a QUIRK of fate that Elizabeth was sick at home the day her car pool had an accident.

MORES

(MAWR ayz)

customary cultural standards;
moral attitudes, manners, habits

Link: MORE A's



*“Our educational MORES have it that the MORE A's
a student makes, the better their education.”*

- ❑ According to Chinese MORES, it is considered polite for dinner guests to belch at the table as a gesture of appreciation and enjoyment.
- ❑ It is said that a certain actress of her acquaintance has dubious morals and disregards the accepted MORES for married women.
- ❑ The problem with some community MORES is that the older generation clings to outdated moral attitudes no longer appropriate for the times.

COMPRISE

(kum PRYZE)

to consist of; to include, to contain, to be made up of

Link: SURPRISE



"It was not a pleasant SURPRISE when the pirates discovered their treasure was COMPRISED only of party favors."

- ❑ If we had one more kitten in the house, the litter would COMPRISE thirteen.
- ❑ A basketball team COMPRISES five players and any number of substitutes the coach wants to allow on the team.
- ❑ The first aid kit was COMPRISED of a bottle of aspirin, two gauze pads and a pair of scissors.

CACHE

(kash)

a hiding place, or the objects
hidden in a hiding place

Link: CASH



*"Escaped prisoner #5447 recovered the
CASH from his CACHE."*

- ❑ When Sam worked for the C.I.A., he directed a movie on CACHING, how to hide booty where it would not be discovered and would remain hidden until an agent was ready to recover the contents.
- ❑ Treasure hunters have searched for Blackbeard's treasure in Bahamian caves, but no one has yet found his CACHE.

BUCOLIC

(byoo KAHL ik)

rural or rustic in nature,
country-like

Link: BULLS FROLIC



“BULLS FROLIC when a farm is BUCOLIC.”

- ❑ The judges gave first prize to the painting of a BUCOLIC landscape in greens and blues.
- ❑ There is nothing BUCOLIC about big city life, honking horns and bustling streets are neither peaceful or rustic.
- ❑ Mr. Pride’s farm with it’s peaceful green pastures and a babbling brook, was the perfect BUCOLIC setting for a picnic.

AFFIDAVIT

(af uh DAY vit)

a sworn written statement

Link: AFTER DAVID



“AFTER DAVID slew Goliath, he made out an AFFIDAVIT not to further hurt any big guys.”

- ❑ The defense lawyer had a sworn AFFIDAVIT from witnesses claiming his client was innocent of the crime charged against him.
- ❑ Roseanne had an AFFIDAVIT from her neighbor giving her permission to cut down the tree on their mutual property line.
- ❑ Too ill to appear before the county commission, the chairman accepted an AFFIDAVIT from the claimant.

ABSTRUSE

(ab STROOS)

hard to understand

Link: MOOSE



*"His friends consider Mike, the MOOSE,
to be very ABSTRUSE."*

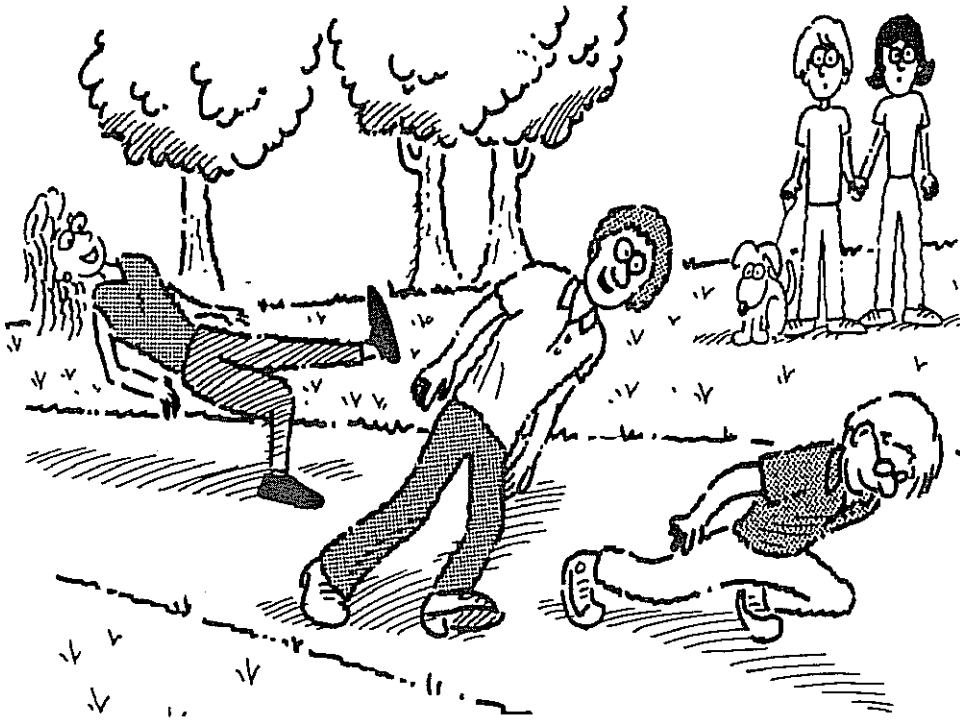
- ☐ Chemistry is an ABSTRUSE subject of study for many students.
- ☐ The scientists had many ABSTRUSE theories about atomic interactions.
- ☐ Elizabeth's directions to the party were very ABSTRUSE.

OBLIQUE

(oh BLEEK)

at an angle; indirect or evasive

Link: FREAK



*"Folks are not FREAKS just because
they walk OBLIQUELY."*

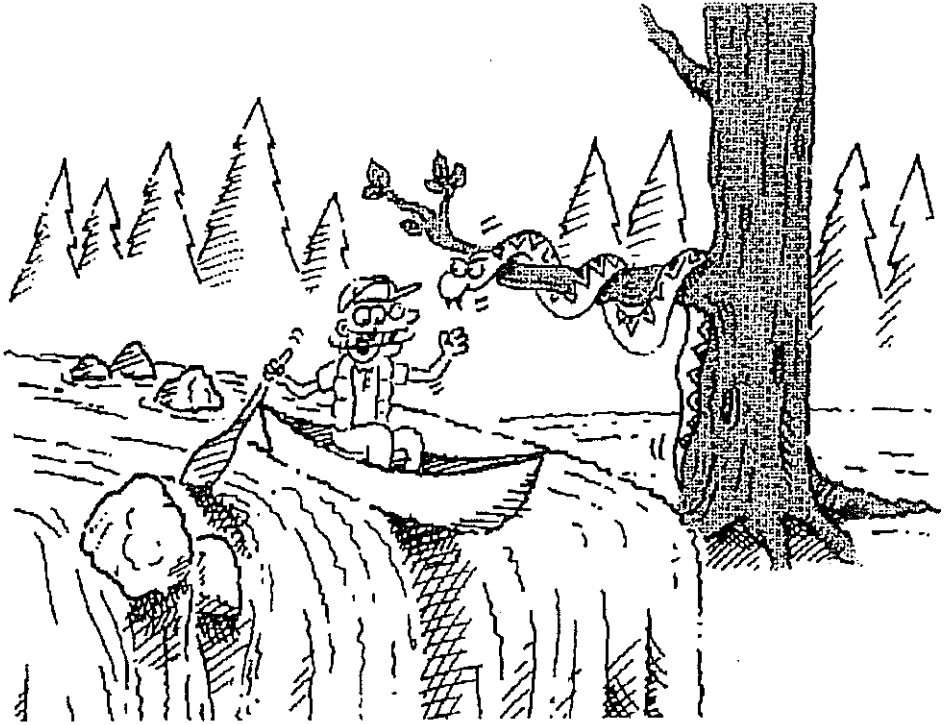
- ❑ To complement someone OBLIQUELY is to do so indirectly.
- ❑ The wall OBLIQUES from the entrance gate at a sharp angle (lines are said to be OBLIQUE if they are neither parallel or perpendicular to one another).
- ❑ The restaurant owner made OBLIQUE references to the impatience of his customers.

DILEMMA

(DEE lim ma)

a difficult situation where one must choose between two or more choices that seem unfavorable; any problem or predicament

Link: LIMB



“The DILEMMA facing Jake was to go over the waterfall or to grab the LIMB.”

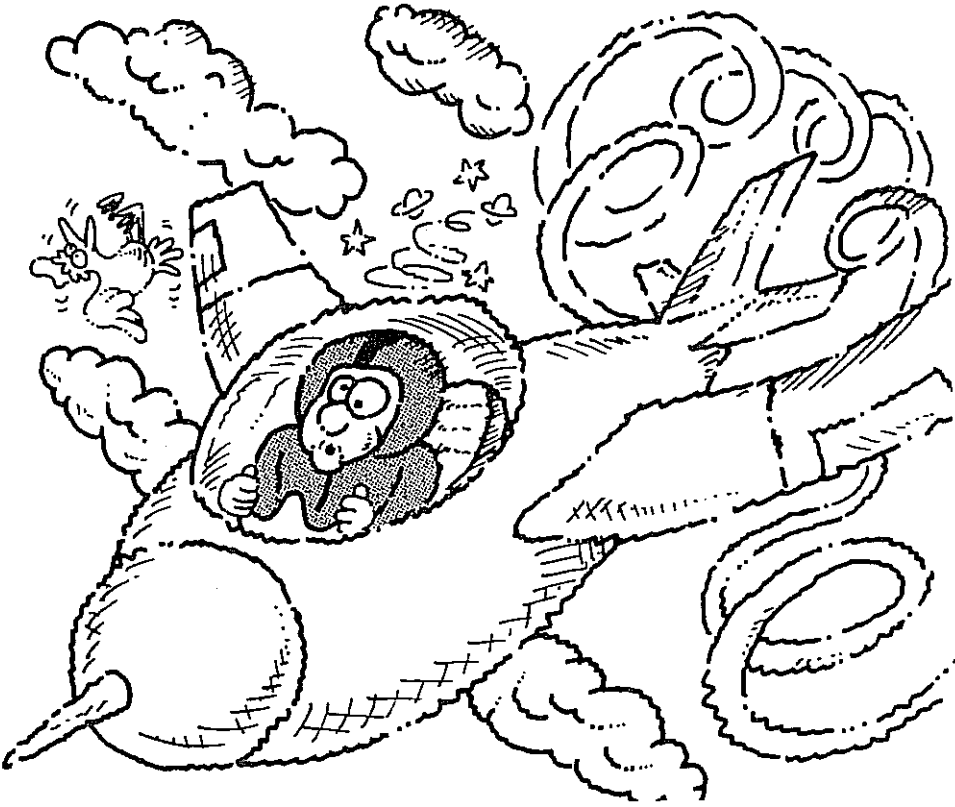
- ❑ John faced the DILEMMA of either taking a cut in pay or losing his job.
- ❑ Helen was on “the horns of a DILEMMA.” She had to move with her family to another town and lose a semester in school or stay by herself until summer.
- ❑ It was a small DILEMMA, but Bill couldn’t choose between pecan or cherry pie for dessert.

VERTIGO

(vur tuh GO)

the sensation of dizziness

Link: WHERE TO GO



"When test pilot Bob developed a bad case of VERTIGO, he didn't know WHERE TO GO."

- ❑ Charles was acrophobic and even suffered from VERTIGO while standing on a stool, replacing the lights in the kitchen.
- ❑ A person said to have acrophobia is someone who has a fear of great heights. Typically, acrophobes suffer from VERTIGO if they are in a tall building and look down.

REVIEW #18: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. quirk - (jerk) | a. hard to understand |
| 2. mores - (more A's) | b. behavior peculiarity |
| 3. comprise - (surprise) | c. cultural habits |
| 4. cache - (cash) | d. sworn statement |
| 5. bucolic - (bulls frolic) | e. dizziness |
| 6. affidavit - (after David) | f. to be made up of |
| 7. abstruse - (moose) | g. country-like |
| 8. oblique - (freak) | h. hiding place |
| 9. dilemma - (limb) | i. at an angle |
| 10. vertigo - (where to go) | j. a difficult situation |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

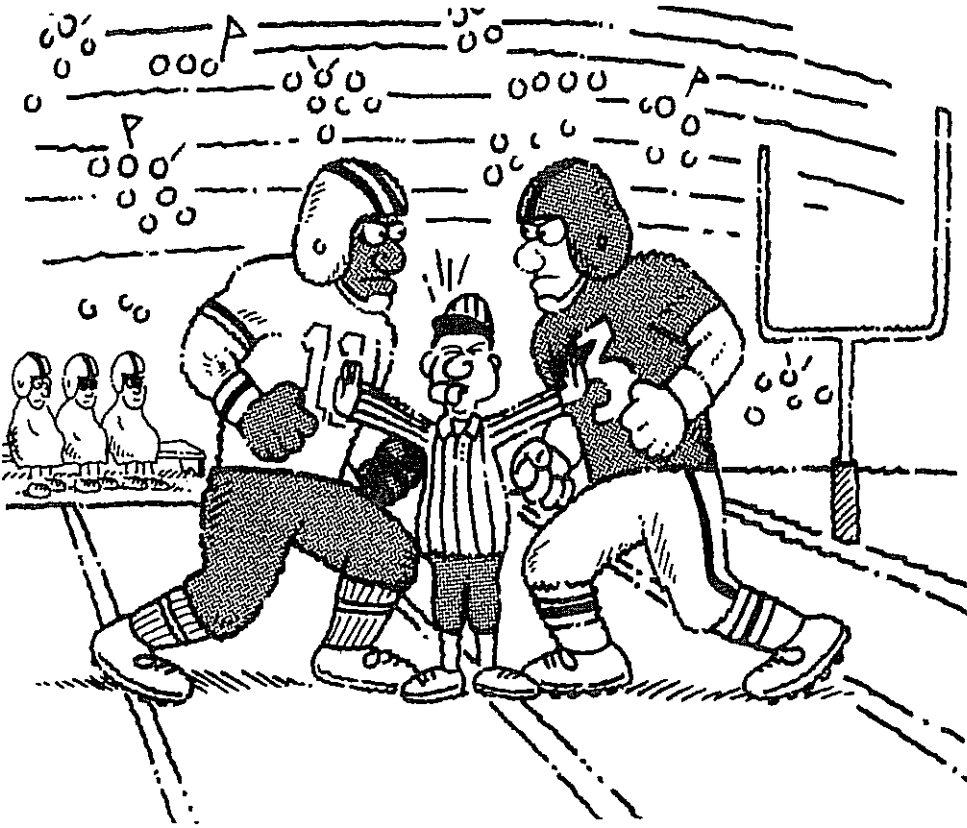
1. Treasure hunters have searched for Blackbeard's treasure, but no one has yet found his _____.
2. When test pilot Bob developed a bad case of _____, he didn't know where to go.
3. The _____ roof line makes it easy for rain water to run off.
4. Watch out for this horse's _____; he bucks every time he sneezes.
5. A basketball team _____ five players, and any number of substitutes.
6. The judges gave first prize to the painting of a _____ landscape in greens and blues.
7. Chemistry is an _____ subject for many students.
8. The defense lawyer has a sworn _____.
9. John faced the _____ of either taking a cut in pay or losing his job.
10. It is said that a certain actress of her acquaintance had dubious morals and disregards the accepted _____ for married women.

INTERVENE

(in tur VEEN)

to come between; to mediate,
to occur between times

Link: **BETWEEN**



"Referees INTERVENE BETWEEN player disputes."

- ❑ Harold and his twin brother might have argued all day if their father hadn't INTERVENED and said if they couldn't decide who would ride in the front seat, they could both sit in the back.
- ❑ So much had happened to the family in the INTERVENING years since Brett had gone off to college.

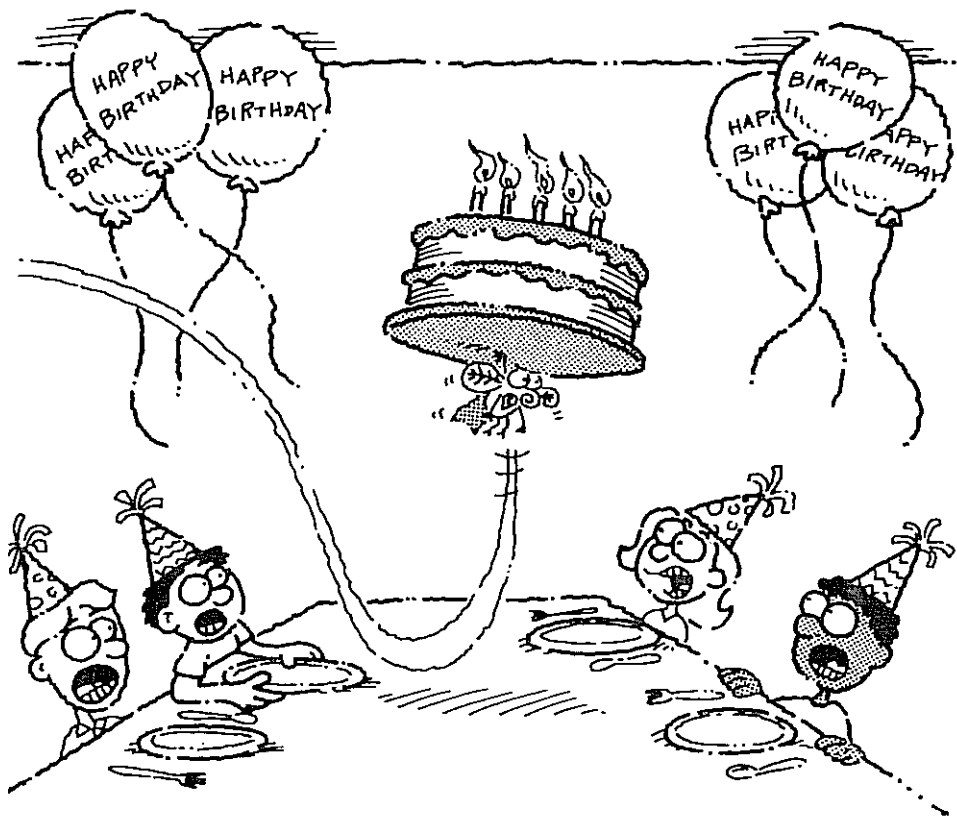
STUPEFY

(STOO puh fie)

to make numb with amazement;

to stun into helplessness

Link: SUPER FLY



"The kids were STUPEFIED when SUPER FLY stole the cake."

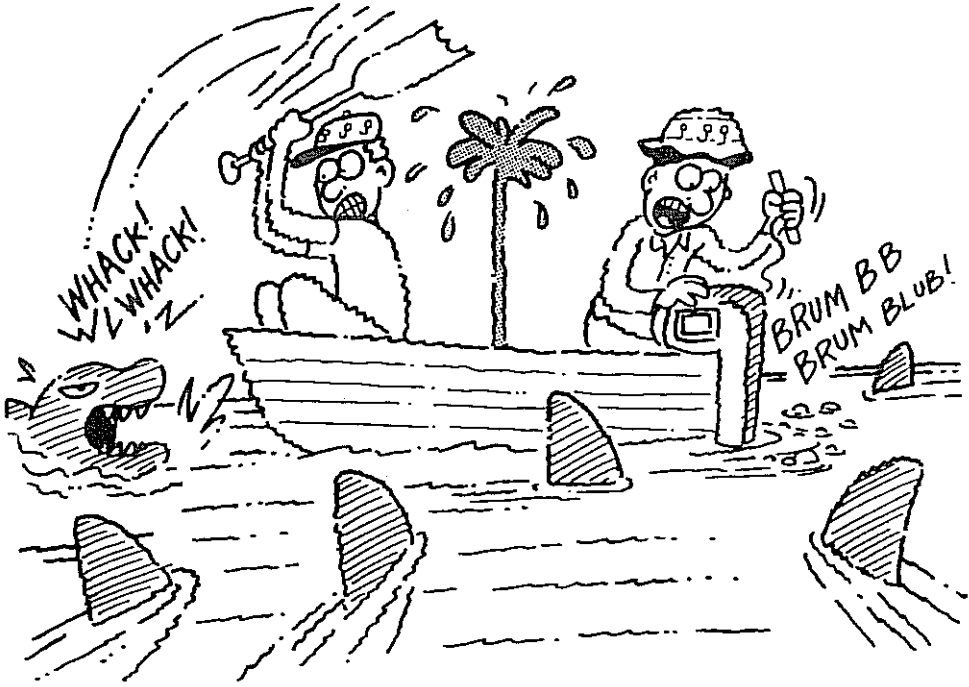
- ❑ When Corporal Burch heard that an atomic bomb had been dropped on Japan and the war was over, he was STUPEFIED.
- ❑ The magician's trick left his audience STUPEFIED.
- ❑ The plumber seemed STUPEFIED when he could not fix the leaky faucet.

BLEAK

(bleak)

depressing, discouraging, harsh,
cold, barren, raw

Link: LEAK



*"Sometimes a simple LEAK can lead to
BLEAK consequences."*

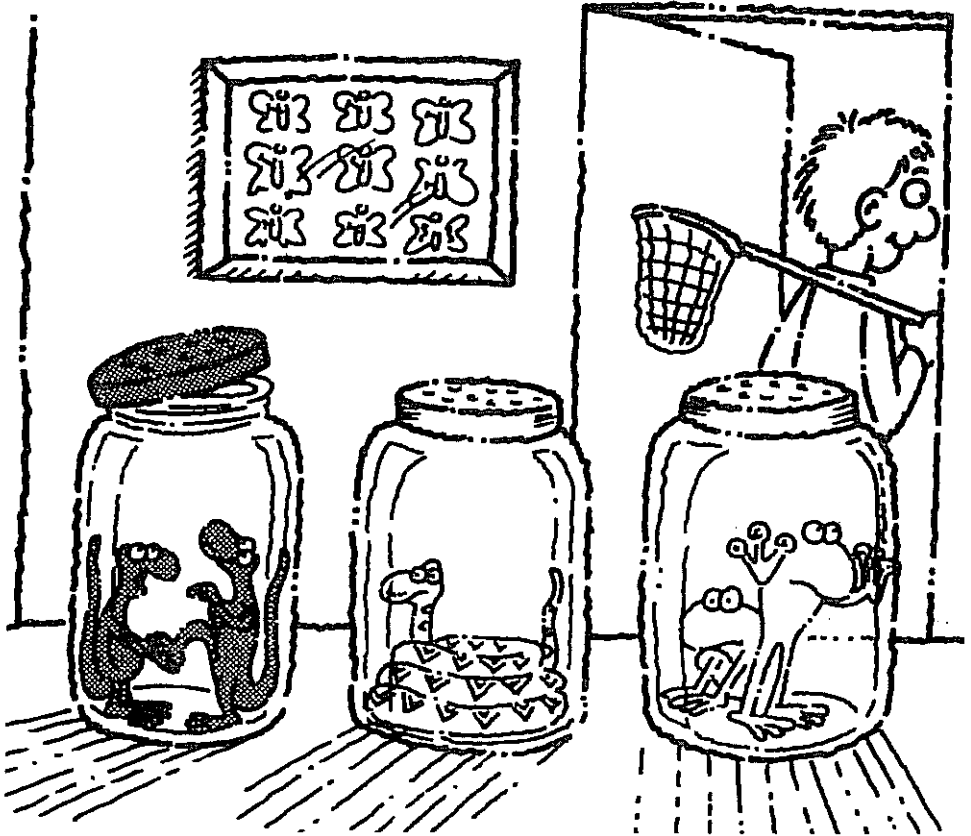
- ❑ After Joy lost the first set six-love, the chances for the girl's tennis team to win the state championship began to look BLEAK.
- ❑ The vet said we should keep our hopes up, but the chance of our dog, Spot, surviving the car accident appeared BLEAK.
- ❑ The BLEAKNESS of the Aleutian Islands, where the winds howl constantly, makes one shiver just to see a picture of it.

AJAR

(uh JARR)

partially open

Link: JAR



"Hey, the JAR'S AJAR; we're outta here."

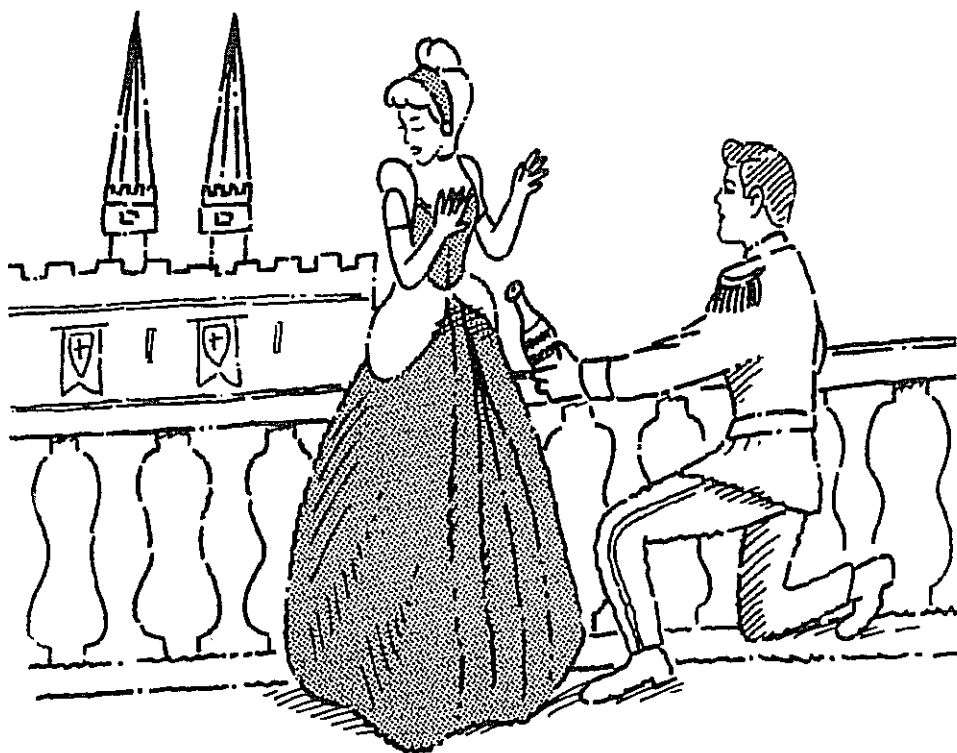
- ❑ When the police carefully examined the crime scene, they found a second-story window next to the large oak tree in the backyard had been left AJAR.
- ❑ Even though Mr. Kreamer had rejected the offer to sell his hardware store, he left the offer AJAR by saying he would reconsider after the Christmas season.

DEMUR

(dih MUR)

to object, to make exception

Link: PURE



“Cinderella was so PURE she DEMURRED from drinking even a root beer.”

- ❑ Billy DEMURRED when his friends wanted him to run for class president.
- ❑ The mayor said he would DEMUR if asked to speak at the town rally.
- ❑ Nancy DEMURRED when Henry suggested she should share her lunch with he and his six friends.

CATHARSIS

(kuh THAR sis)

an emotional or psychological cleansing
that brings relief or renewal

Link: CATS AND HORSES



“CAT AND HORSE CATHARSIS.”

- ❑ Psychologists now know that the companionship of domesticated pets can lead to a CATHARSIS for mentally disturbed patients.
- ❑ After Jeremy returned to the French World War II battlefield he had known fifty years before, he said he found the experience CATHARTIC.

ALLEVIATE

(uh LEE vee ayt)

to make less severe;
to relieve, to lessen

Link: LEAVES ATE



“The natives believed if they ATE the LEAVES of some trees, it would ALLEVIATE many illnesses.”

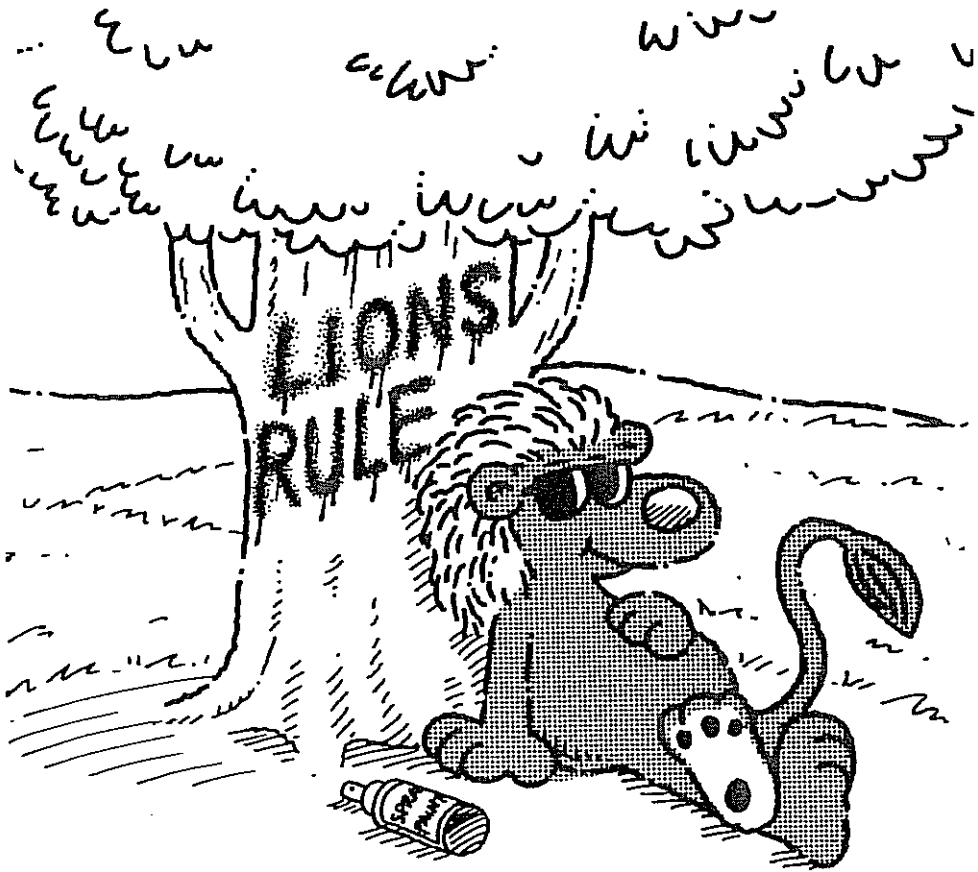
- ❑ When Peter arrived with sacks of ice for the party, it ALLEVIATED the need to wait for the icemaker to produce more.
- ❑ When the team stopped for lunch, our coach ALLEVIATED the need for the waitress to bring separate checks when she offered to pay for all of us as a gesture of congratulations for our victory.
- ❑ Aspirin ALLEVIATES painful headaches most of the time.

DOMAIN

(DOUGH mane)

a territory over which one rules,
has influence or powers

Link: PLAIN



"Lions have DOMAIN over the PLAINS of Africa."

- ❑ When Minnesota Fats entered a pool hall, all the other players respectfully stopped their own games to watch, for they knew, this was his DOMAIN.
- ❑ The DOMAIN of the native Florida panther is in the Everglades and South Central Florida.
- ❑ The courtroom is the DOMAIN of attorneys and judges.

CANDOR

(CAN dur)

truthfulness, sincere honesty

Link: CONDOR



"A CONDOR with CANDOR."

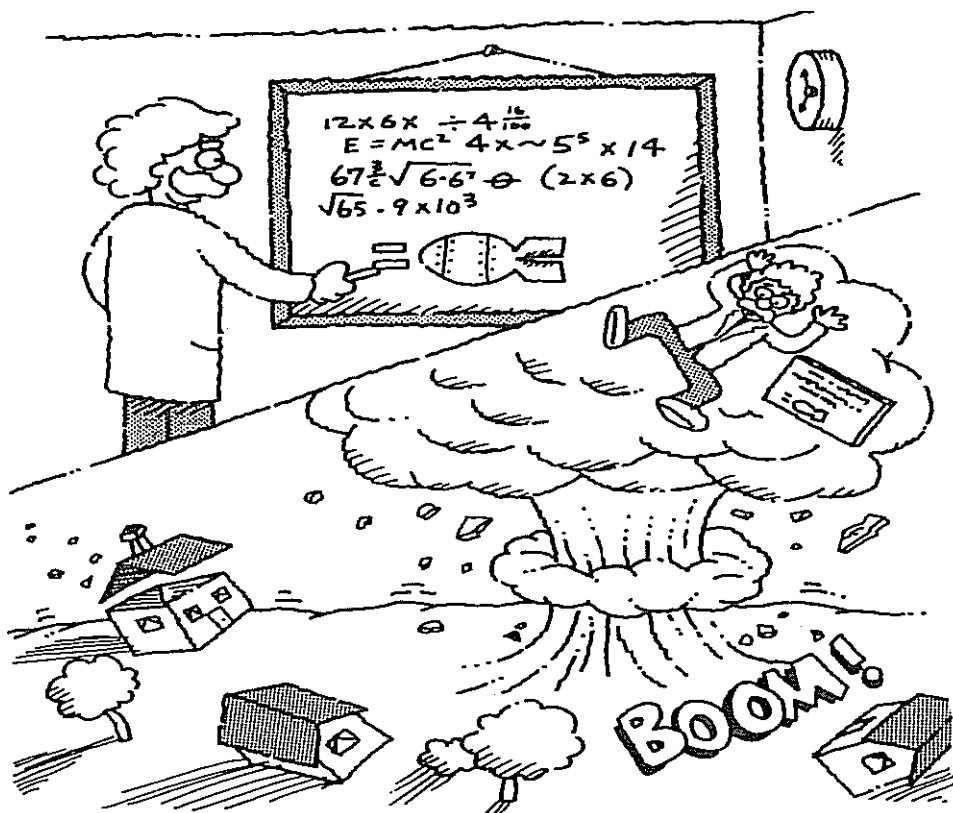
- ❑ Speaking with CANDOR, the governor called for police reforms throughout the state.
- ❑ Without regard to feelings, our teacher said she would criticize our term papers with absolute CANDOR.
- ❑ The coach told his team that CANDOR means to speak honestly, and to speak CANDIDLY, the team stunk. (CANDID is showing CANDOR.

AFTERMATH

(AF tur math)

events following some occurrence;
a consequence of

Link: AFTER MATH



“AFTER doing the MATH for calculating the atomic bomb, Einstein would live to see the resulting AFTERMATH.

- ❑ Poverty and economic depression are usually the AFTERMATH of wars.
- ❑ An AFTERMATH of the bombing of Hiroshima was a modern new city that arose in its ruins.
- ❑ The AFTERMATH of Christina skipping classes too often to practice ballet was flunking Chemistry 101.

REVIEW #19: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. intervene - (between) | a. partly open |
| 2. stupefy - (super fly) | b. events following |
| 3. leak - (leak) | c. to relieve, lessen |
| 4. ajar - (jar) | d. truthfulness |
| 5. demur - (pure) | e. emotional relief |
| 6. catharsis - (cats and horses) | f. barren, depressing |
| 7. alleviate - (leaves ate) | g. ruling a territory |
| 8. domain - (plain) | h. to object |
| 9. candor - (condor) | i. come between |
| 10. aftermath - (after math) | j. helpless amazement |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

1. The burglars had entered the house from a second story window which had been left _____.
2. Referees _____ between player disputes.
3. Poverty and economic depression are usually the _____ of wars.
4. The mayor said he would _____ if asked to speak at the town rally.
5. The natives believed if they ate the leaves of some trees it would _____ many illnesses.
6. The _____ of the native Florida panther is the Everglades and South Central Florida.
7. When Corporal Burch heard that an atomic bomb had been dropped on Japan, he was _____.
8. The vet said our dog's chances of surviving the auto accident appeared _____.
9. Speaking with _____, the governor called for police reforms throughout the state.
10. Psychologists now know that the companionship of domesticated pets can lead to a _____ for mentally disturbed patients.

AFFINITY

(uh FIN uh tee)

a natural attraction;

kinship; similarity

Link: FIN TEA



"The Chinese have an AFFINITY for shark fin soup and shark FIN TEA."

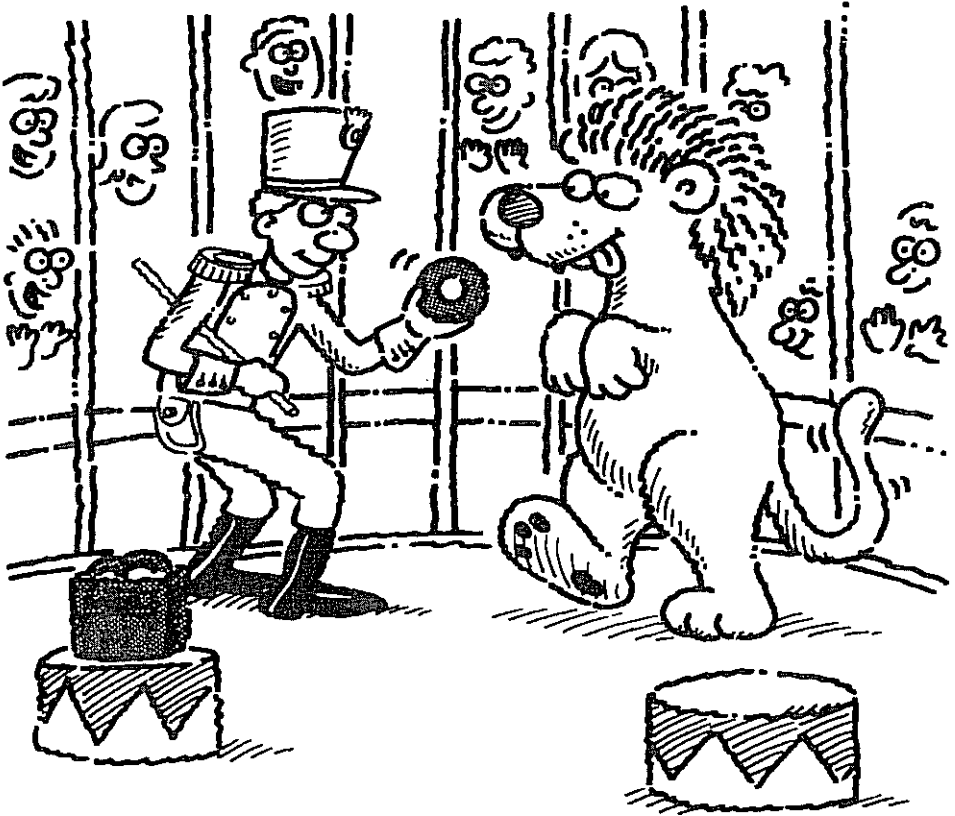
- ❑ Max had an AFFINITY for sports and excelled at football, basketball, and tennis.
- ❑ Monkeys have an AFFINITY for climbing, birds for flying and fish for swimming.
- ❑ A natural AFFINITY exists between monkeys and apes.

INVEIGLE

(in VAY gul)

to tempt or persuade by using
deception or flattery

Link: BAGEL



"The animal trainer INVEIGLED the lion to perform by tempting him with a BAGEL."

- ❑ My brother, Ryan, INVEIGLED me into doing his chemistry homework by promising to take my turn washing dishes for the next week.
- ❑ New York City street vendors INVEIGLE people into purchasing counterfeit Rolex watches for many times what they are worth.

DEMAGOGUE

(DEM uh gawg)

a leader who obtains power by appealing to the emotions and prejudices of the people

Link: THEM DOGS



*“THEM DOGS, Hitler and Mussolini,
were infamous DEMAGOGUES.”*

- ❑ Historians will almost exclusively agree that Hitler and Mussolini were DEMAGOGUES who were greatly responsible for starting World War II. (Demagogues are leaders, but not in a positive way.)
- ❑ Lawyers, politicians, and other authority figures who inflame the populace to further their own aims are said to be DEMAGOGUES who engage in DEMAGOGUERY.

(bih ZAR)

Link: **BAZAAR**



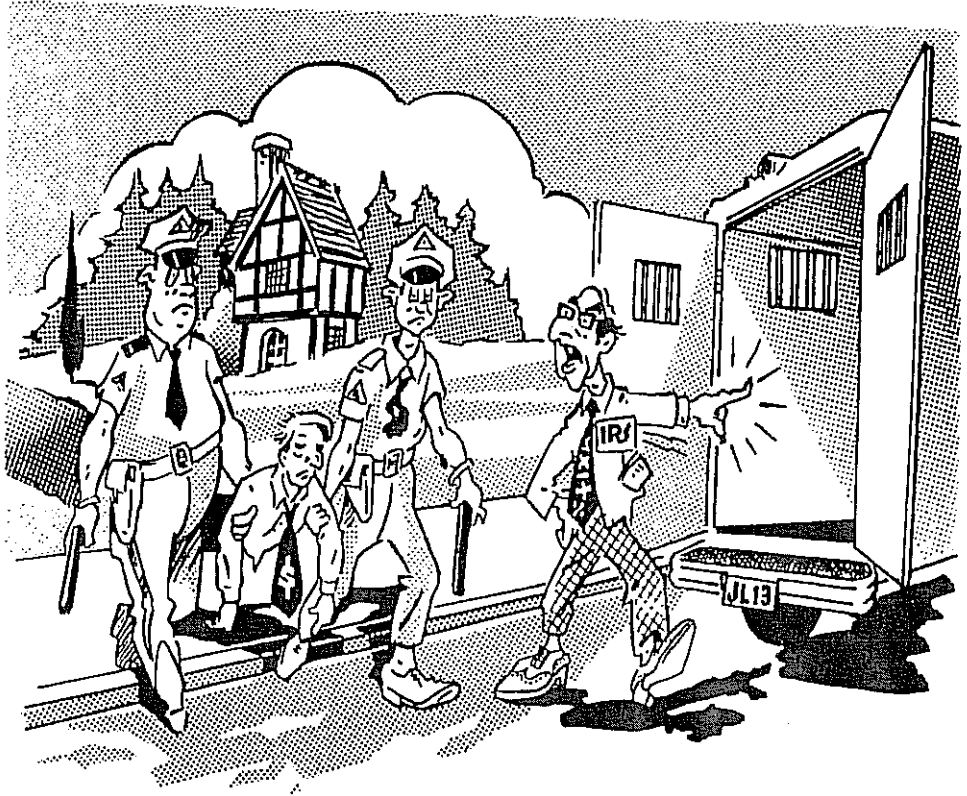
- ❑ It was a BIZARRE set of events that led to the violinist being in the small Swiss village, for it was here he met a young flutist who was to become his wife.
- ❑ As the medication began to take effect, Randolph's eyes took on a faraway look, and he muttered some BIZARRE nonsense about wanting to ride the pony one more time.
- ❑ "Wasn't he BIZARRE?" Lorna said of the strange man who appeared from nowhere and offered to give her an apple.

LAX

(lax)

careless, negligent; not tense, slack

Link: TAX



*"This is what happens when you're
LAX in paying your TAX."*

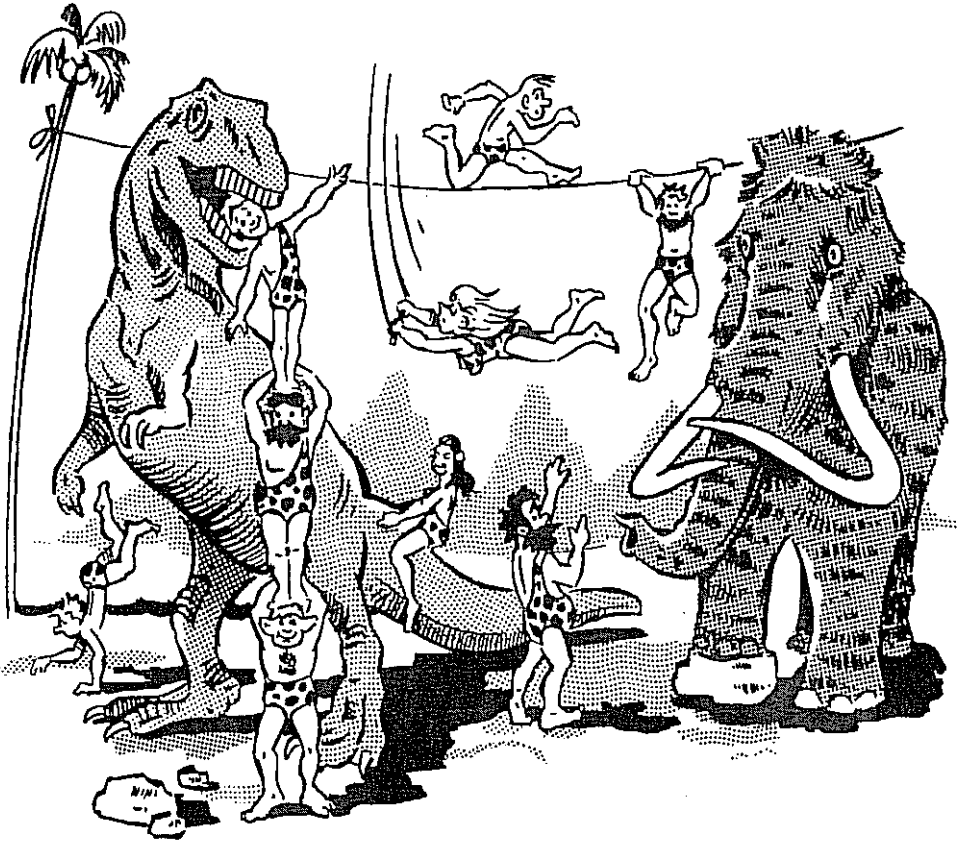
- ❑ When the bank security became LAX, it was then the bank robbers planned to rob the bank.
- ❑ Most bachelors are LAX in their housekeeping, but Mike and Bob set a record for LAXITY, as they only washed eating utensils when they were ready to eat.
- ❑ When they arrived at the dock, they found the ropes were LAX, and their boat was bumping against the dock.

CIRCA

(SUR ka)

about; at an estimated
historical time period

Link: CIRCUS



*“The first-known CIRCUS took place CIRCA
200,000 B.C.”*

- ❑ The exact date of the first Egyptian dynasty is not known, but it is believed to have occurred CIRCA 3000 B.C.
- ❑ CIRCA is another word for “about” or “more or less,” and always refers to a passage of time.

PIED

(pyed)

multi-colored, especially of more than one color in patches

Link: **PIED PIPER**



“If you’ve ever wondered where the PIED PIPER got his name, it came from wearing PIED clothing.”

- ❑ Hot-air balloons are most always PIED for safety purposes so they can be seen by powered aircraft that might be flying nearby.
- ❑ This season’s hottest Paris fashion is PIED skirts.
- ❑ The PIED tuxedo James wore to the ball made him the subject of much attention.

HERBICIDE

(HERB uh side)

a substance used to destroy
plants, especially weeds

Link: SUICIDE



*"When weeds commit SUICIDE,
they use a HERBICIDE."*

- ❑ Environmentalists have proven that HERBICIDAL runoffs from farmland pollute our rivers, streams, and oceans.
- ❑ HERBICIDE is essential for controlling weeds in the production of fruits and vegetables.
- ❑ Ed completely destroyed his lawn after he mistook HERBICIDE for fertilizer.

MELANCHOLY

(MEL un kahl ee)

depression of spirits, gloomy, weary

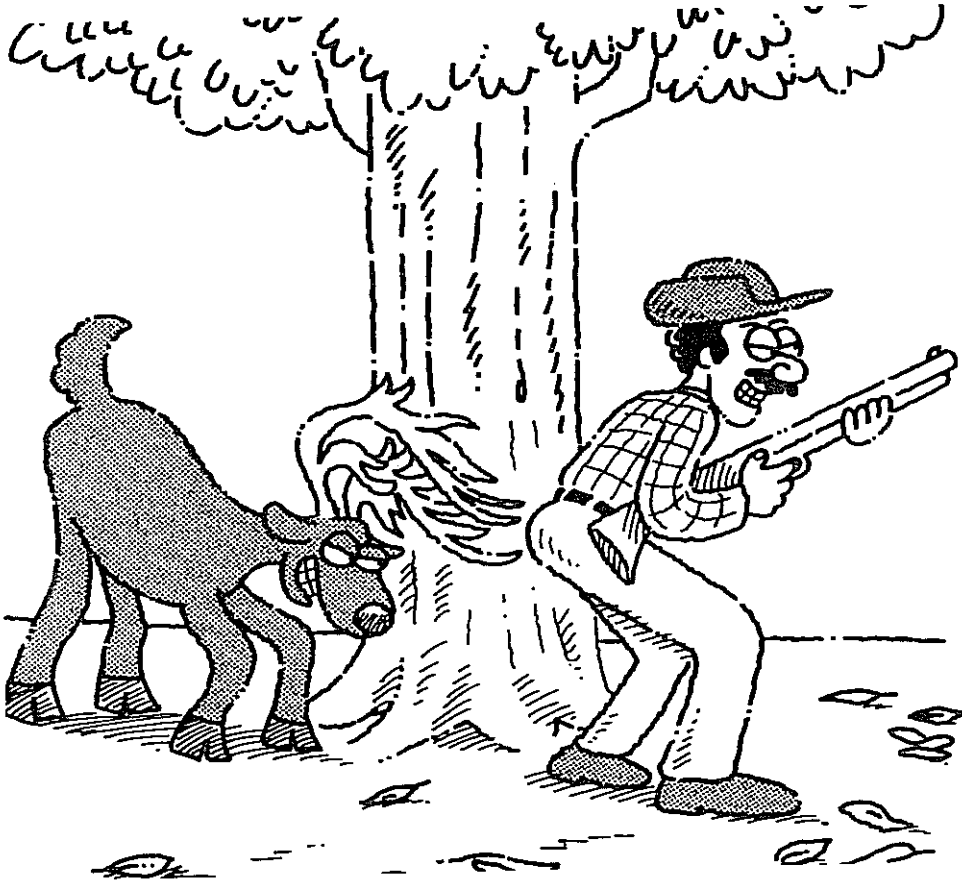
Link: MELON



"Farmer Brown was beset with MELANCHOLY when he saw what the worms had done to his MELON patch."

- ❑ Sitting in her living room and thinking of her late husband brought a touch of MELANCHOLY to Aunt Mildred's remembrances of Uncle John.
- ❑ The best word to describe Jim is MELANCHOLY; no matter the situation, he always walks around looking like he had lost his best friends.
- ❑ It was a MELANCHOLY day, gloomy and dark.

ANTERIOR
(an TIR ee ur)
situated in front
Link: ANTLERS



*"The ANTERIOR position of a deer's ANTLERS
come in very handy."*

- ❑ There is the ANTERIOR up front, the interior inside, the exterior outside, and the posterior bringing up the rear.
- ❑ The ANTERIOR of a stage is not as interesting as what takes place behind the scenes.
- ❑ The ANTERIOR of a ship is called the bow.

REVIEW #20: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. affinity - (fin tea) | a. evil leader |
| 2. inveigle - (bagel) | b. unconventional |
| 3. demagogue - (them dogs) | c. natural attraction |
| 4. bizarre - (bazaar) | d. persuade by deception |
| 5. lax - (tax) | e. multi-colored |
| 6. circa - (circus) | f. situated in front |
| 7. pied - (Pied Piper) | g. estimated time period |
| 8. herbicide - (suicide) | h. depression of spirits |
| 9. melancholy - (melon) | i. careless, negligent |
| 10. anterior - (antlers) | j. plant poison |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

1. It was a _____ day, gloomy and dark.
2. Historians agree that Hitler and Mussolini were _____ who started World War II.
3. Monkeys have an _____ for climbing, birds for flying and fish for swimming.
4. The animal trainer _____ the lion to perform by tempting him with a bagel.
5. _____ is another word for "about" or "more or less," and always refers to a passage of time.
6. When the bank security became _____, it was then the bank robbers planned to rob the bank.
7. The _____ of a ship is called the bow.
8. If you've ever wondered where the Pied Piper got his name, it came from wearing _____ clothing.
9. _____ is essential for the production of fruits and vegetables in controlling weeds.
10. It was a _____ set of events that led to the violinist being in the small Swiss village he never planned to visit.

EMBELLISH

(im BEL ish)

to beautify by adding ornaments; to
add fanciful or fictitious details to

Link: BELLY



*“BELLY dancers EMBELLISH their
BELLY buttons with jewels.”*

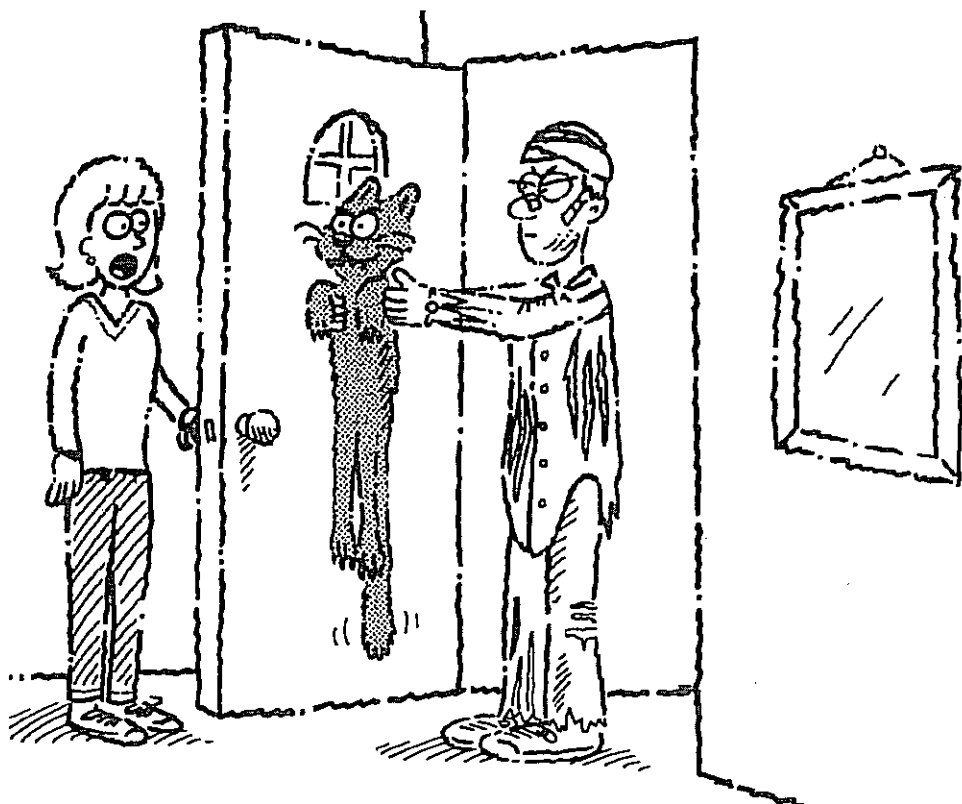
- ❑ Every time Thomas caught fish, he would EMBELLISH the size until you would think they were as big as whales.
- ❑ A little EMBELLISHMENT to a story rarely hurts, but makes the telling more engaging.
- ❑ Rod was eliminated as a job prospect when the prospective employer learned he EMBELLISHED his educational background to include a college degree he did not possess.

PETULANT

(PET you lant)

ill humor, irritable, cranky

Link: PET HUNT



"The PET you gave me made me PETULANT."

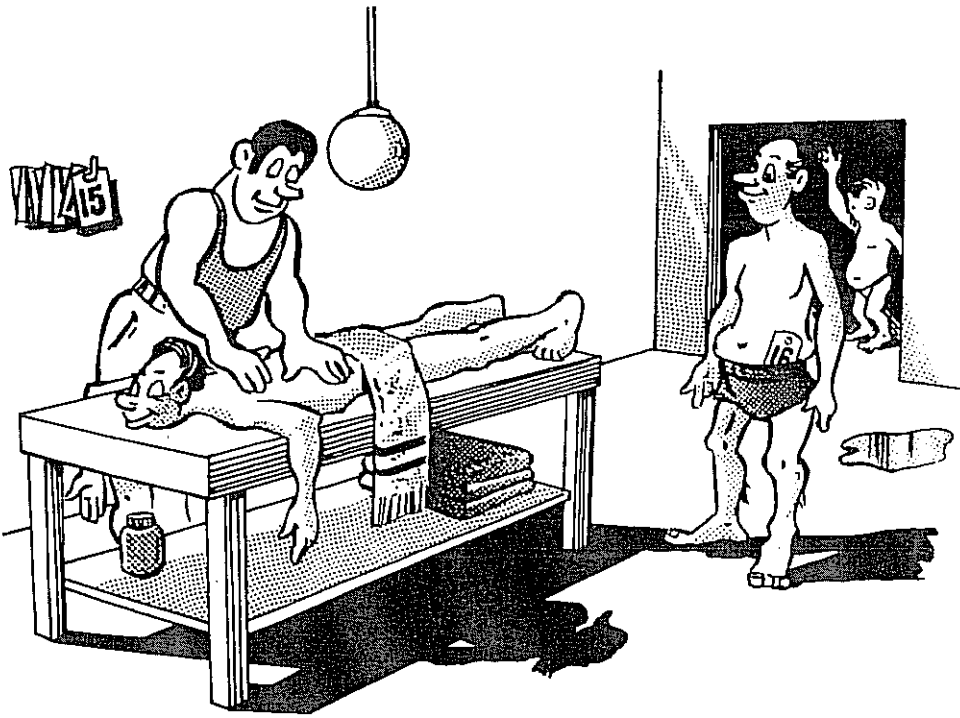
- ☐ The PETULANT teacher slammed down her book and stalked angrily from the classroom.
- ☐ My mother told me not to play in the house the day my father lost his job, saying he was in a bad mood and very PETULANT.
- ☐ A PETULANT little creature, spoiled rotten by her parents, she had everything you could imagine and yet seldom ever smiled.

ASSUAGE

(uh SWAJE)

to soothe; to make less severe;
to satisfy, ease, lessen

Link: MASSAGE



"A good MASSAGE is known to ASSUAGE sore muscles and relieve uptight feelings."

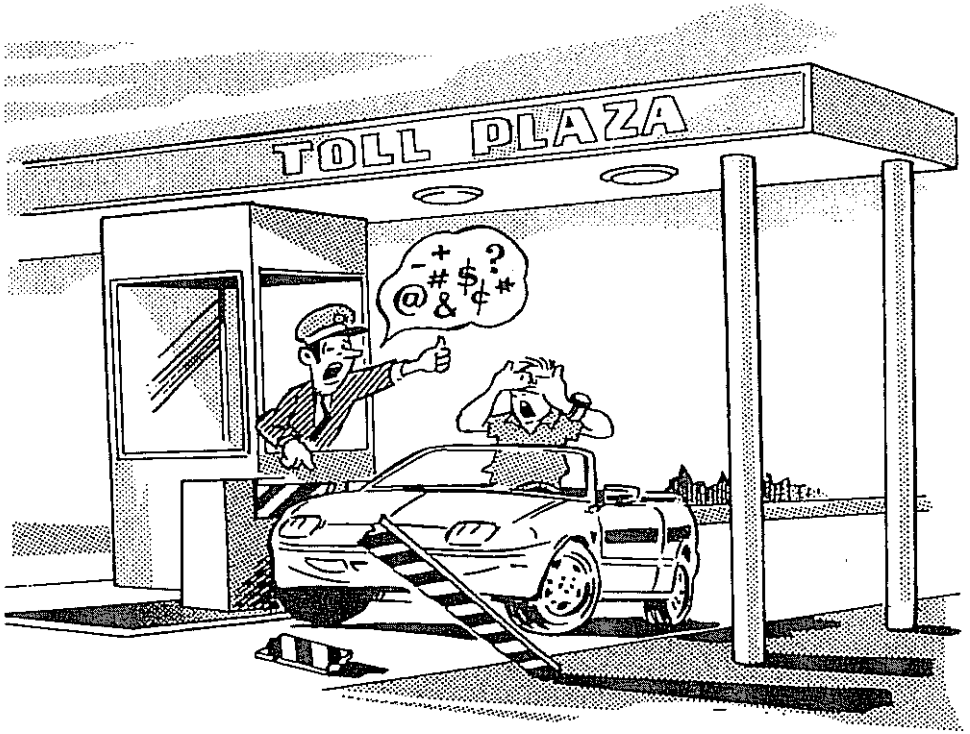
- ❑ When Jane double-faulted on match point, her coach came to her side and tried to ASSUAGE her disappointment by telling her she played a great tournament, but that no one is perfect.
- ❑ Dr. Moore was able to ASSUAGE the fear of his patient by predicting successful treatment.
- ❑ Many athletes drink Gatorade to ASSUAGE their thirst.

CASTIGATE

(KASS tuh gate)

to criticize harshly, usually with the intention of correcting wrongdoing

Link: PASSED THE GATE



*"The gate attendant CASTIGATED Herman
for PASSING THE GATE."*

- ❑ The coach was CASTIGATED by the university's administration for not recruiting football players in compliance with NCAA regulations.
- ❑ Jimmy's mother CASTIGATED him for tracking mud on their new living room carpet.
- ❑ When CASTIGATED for behavior unbecoming of a naval officer, Chief Petty Officer Peterson was denied shore-leave.

WREST

(rest)

pull away, take by violence

Link: WRIST



"The policeman grabbed the thief by the WRIST and WRESTED away his gun."

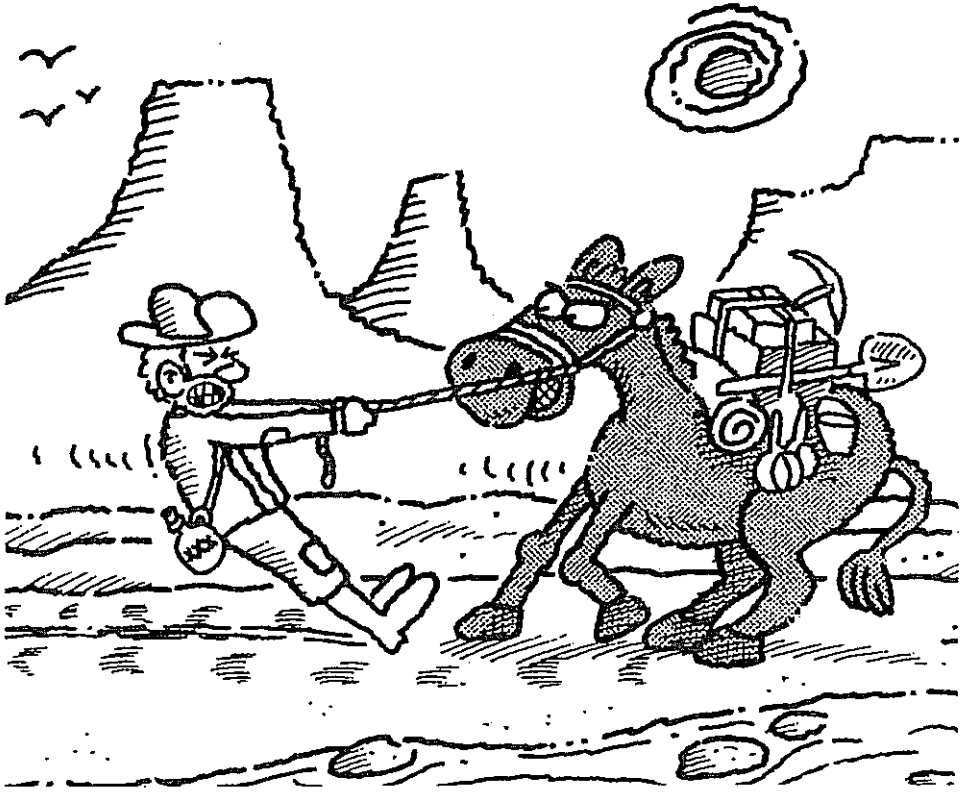
- ❑ Police will tell you that in dealing with a person who threatens you with a knife or a club, it is the best policy not to attempt to WREST the weapon away from them.
- ❑ When it was clear that the driver had too much to drink, the passengers WRESTED the keys away from him for their own safety.

PERVERSE

(pur VERS)

stubborn; contrary; intractable

Link: REVERSE



"Deadwood Dick's horse was so PERVERSE he often would go in REVERSE."

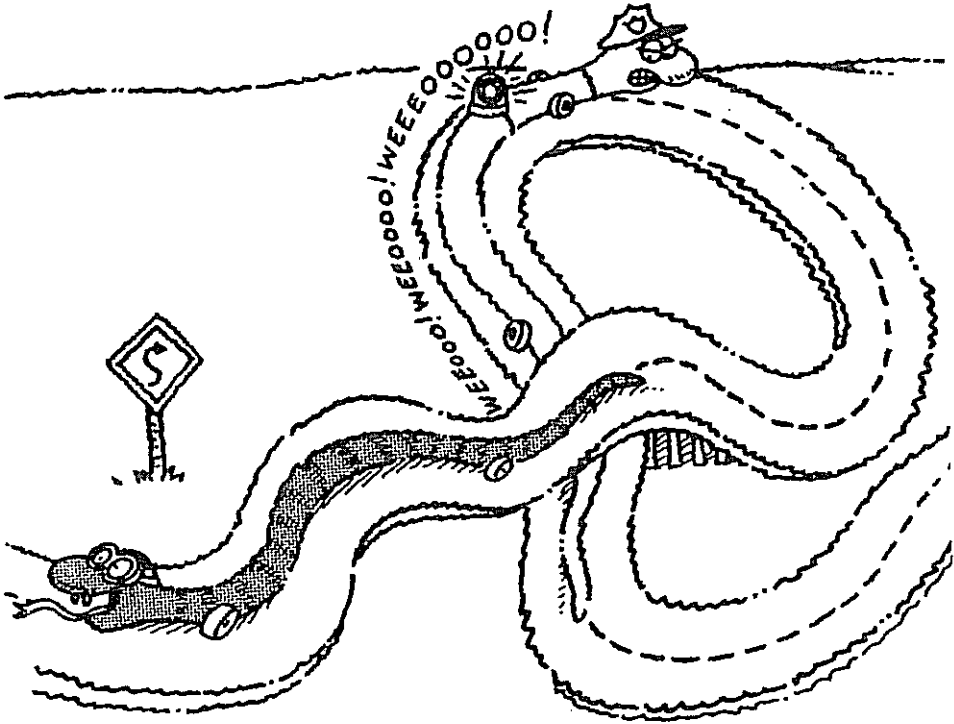
- ❑ Our neighbor Mike is a hateful person who takes a PERVERSE pleasure in having the worse kept lawn in the neighborhood.
- ❑ It is PERVERSE of Aunt Emma to make us wait for dinner when she can't eat steak with her false teeth anyway.
- ❑ The PERVERSENESS of the hunting guide was apparent; he had returned to camp without us and we were lost in the woods within the hour.

SERPENTINE

(sur pun TEEN)

snakelike in shape or movement;
winding as a snake

Link: SERPENT TEEN



*"A SERPENT TEEN hot-rodding on a
SERPENTINE road."*

- ❑ Mountain roads SERPENTINE, winding around one mountain to the next.
- ❑ Really good mystery stories have SERPENTINE plots that lead the reader first one way, then back another, always keeping you guessing to the very end.
- ❑ Jack dashed through the line, SERPENTINING his way through tacklers until he scored the winning touchdown.

ABUT

(UH but)

border upon; to adjoin

Link: BUTT



"ABUTTING BUTTS."

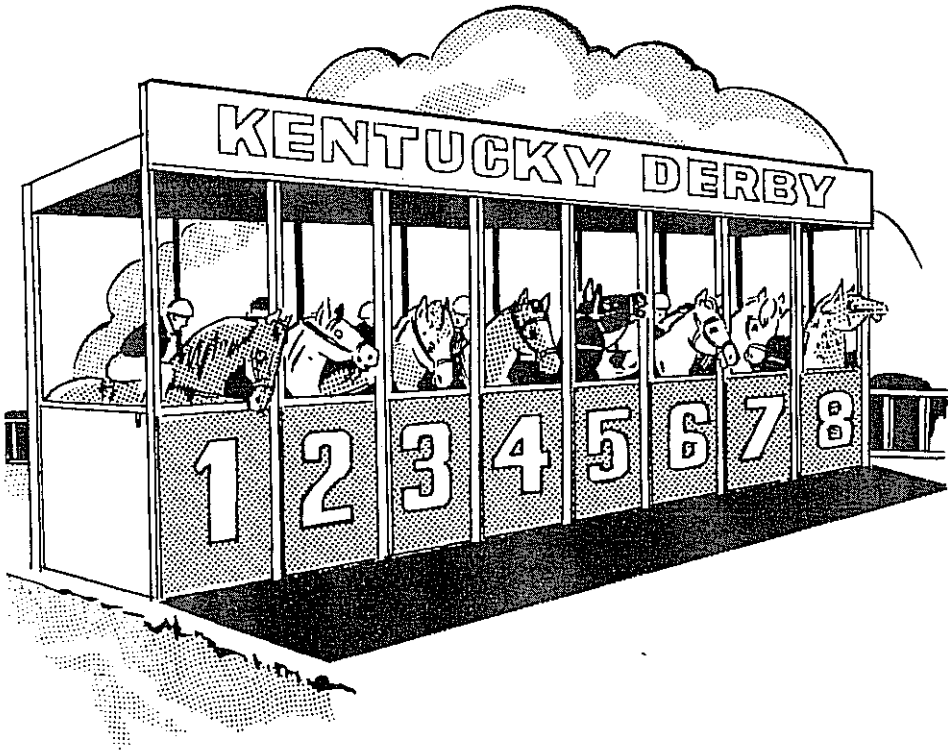
- ❑ In Hong Kong the skyscrapers so closely ABUT each other, in some cases they touch sides.
- ❑ Texas ABUTS Mexico on its southern border.
- ❑ The ABUTTING rocks formed a perfect wall for riflemen to defend the castle.

SEGREGATE

(SEG rug gate)

to separate or keep apart
from others

Link: SEPARATE GATE



“At the track, race horses are SEGREGATED into SEPARATE GATES to begin the race.”

- ❑ The bulls were SEGREGATED into one pen and the heifers SEGREGATED into another pen.
- ❑ To SEGREGATE truth from fiction is the duty and obligation of every trial jury.
- ❑ The chairman asked the board to SEGREGATE the facts from the rumors so they could arrive at a reasonable course of action.

WITHER

(WITH ur)

shriveled, shrunken, dried-up

Link: WEATHER



*“Too much sun and too little rain makes corn
WITHER in the summer WEATHER.”*

- ❑ A few WITHERED apples were all that remained on the tree after the pickers had worked their way through the orchard.
- ❑ He remembered her as a bouncy cheerleader. Fifty years later he attended his high school reunion, only to find she was still bouncy, but a bit WITHERED with the passage of time.

REVIEW #21: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. embellish - (belly) | a. ill-humor |
| 2. petulant - (pet) | b. soothing |
| 3. assuage - (massage) | c. add ornaments |
| 4. castigate - (passed the gate) | d. to adjoin |
| 5. wrest - (wrist) | e. shrunken |
| 6. perverse - (reverse) | f. stubborn |
| 7. serpentine - (serpent teen) | g. to separate |
| 8. abut - (butt) | h. snake-like |
| 9. segregate - (separate gate) | i. criticize harshly |
| 10. wither - (weather) | j. pull away |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

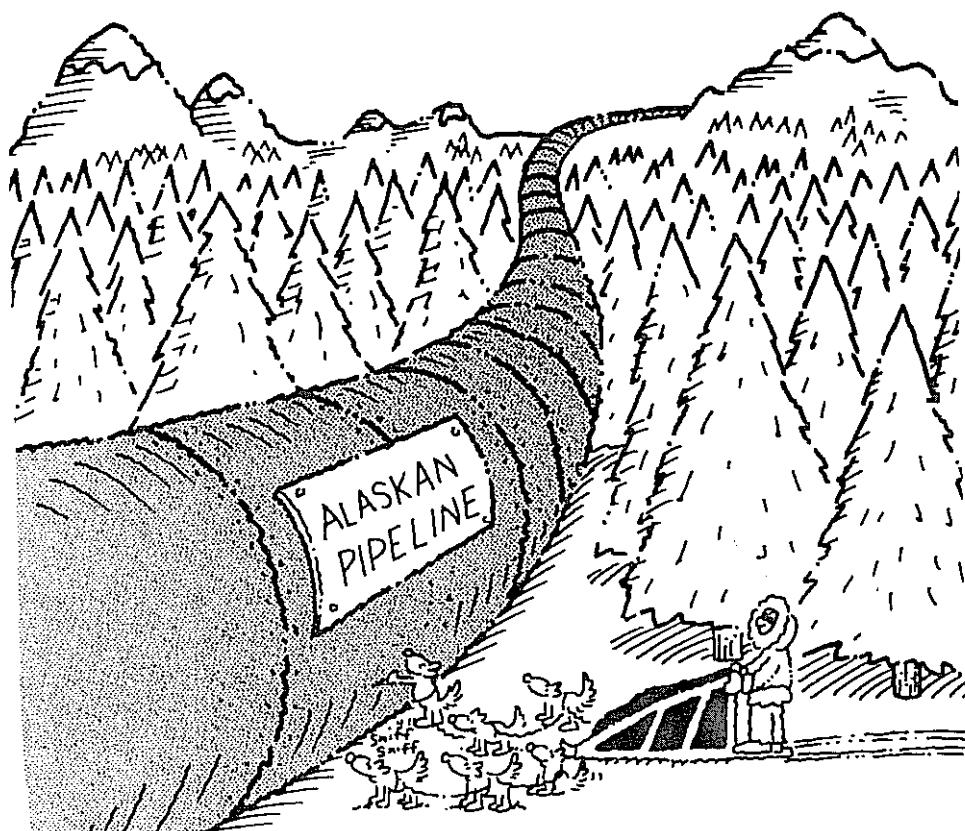
1. Texas _____ Mexico on its southern border.
2. Too much sun and too little rain makes corn _____ in the summer weather.
3. Deadwood Dick's horse was so _____ he often would go in reverse.
4. The _____ teacher slammed down her book and stalked angrily from the classroom.
5. Every time Zachary caught fish, he would _____ the size until you'd think they were as big as whales.
6. Dr. Moore was able to _____ the fear of his patient by prescribing a successful treatment.
7. Mountain roads _____, winding around one mountain to the next.
8. At the track, race horses are _____ into separate gates to begin the race.
9. The gate attendant _____ Herman for passing the gate.
10. The policeman grabbed the thief by the wrist and _____ away his gun.

GRANDIOSE

(GRAN dee ohs)

grand and impressive, especially
flashy and showy

Link: GRAND HOSE



*“The GRANDIOSE Alaskan Pipeline resembles
nothing more than a GRAND HOSE.”*

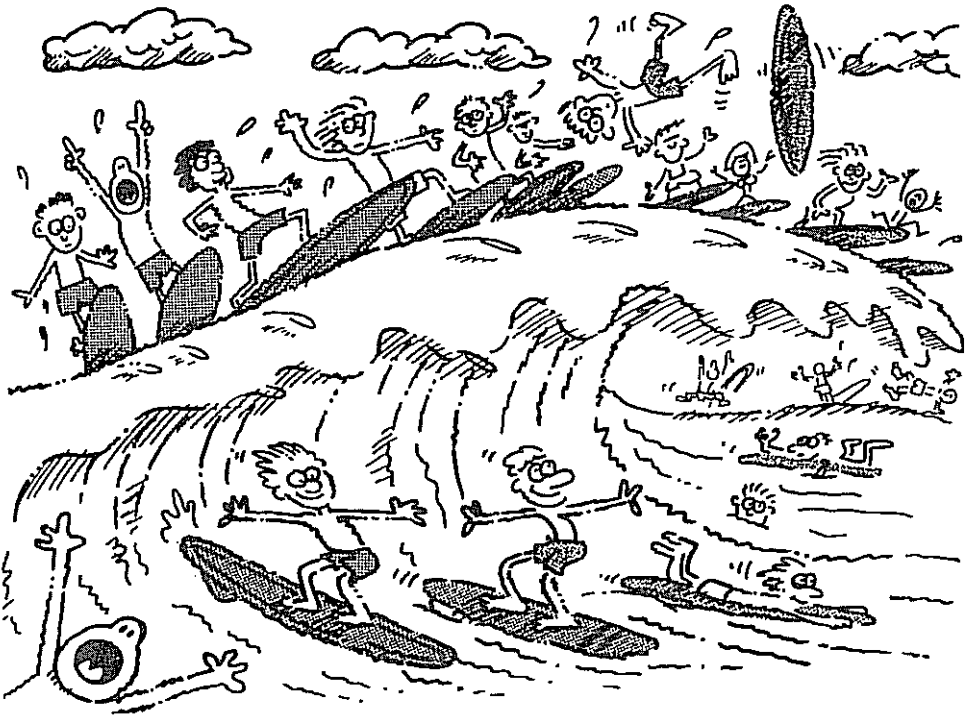
- ❑ Our coach had a GRANDIOSE plan to beat the Dallas Cowboys, only he didn’t count on the fact they had a GRANDIOSE plan of their own.
- ❑ In all respects it was a simple enough house, unlike many others in that part of town. But the one exception was the GRANDIOSE fireplace in the family room, big enough to drive a truck through.

SURFEIT

(SUR fit)

an overabundant amount, especially
overindulgence in eating and drinking

Link: SURFERS



*"A SURFEIT of SURFERS is a sure path to
disastrous surfboard accidents."*

- ❑ Thanksgiving is a time when most families have large meals that are a SURFEIT for everyone at the table.
- ❑ The beach store had a SURFEIT of bathing suits and last Saturday put on a bathing suit sale.
- ❑ A SURFEIT of recruits showed up to try out for the team, and Coach Rex had to turn the freshmen away.

UNBRIDLED

(un BRIDE duld)

violent, unbounded, unrestrained

Link: BRIDLE



"A wild horse without a BRIDLE can be an UNBRIDLED demon to ride."

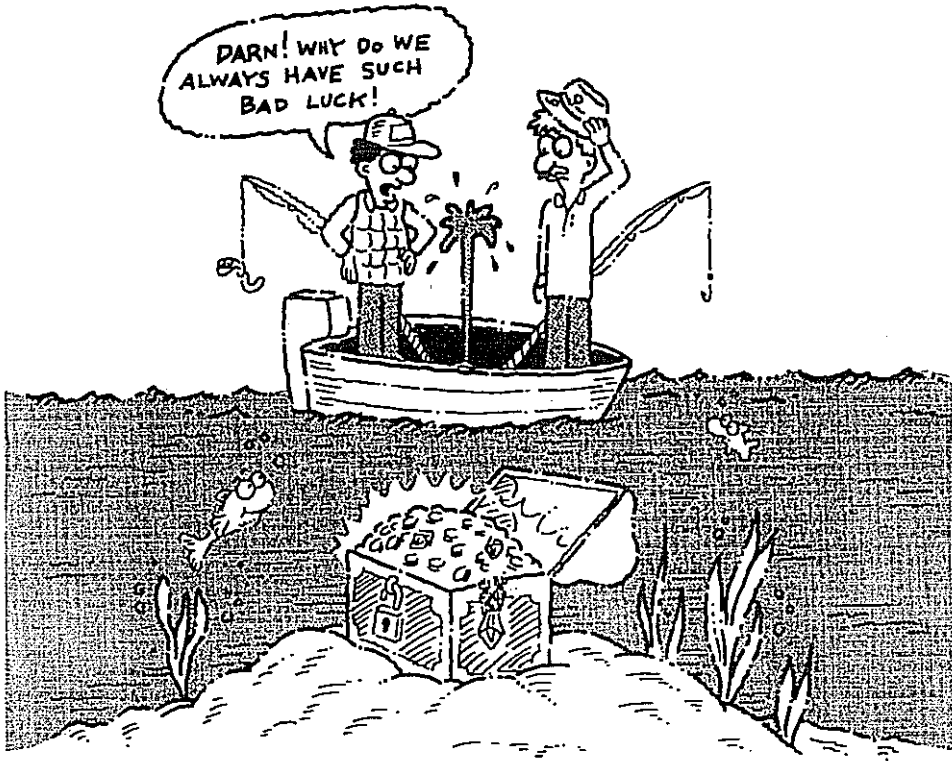
- ❑ It is small wonder the children in that family are always in trouble; they are UNBRIDLED and do whatever they please.
- ❑ In last-minute desperation, the candidate made an UNBRIDLED speech full of deceitful accusations he hoped would discredit the mayor.
- ❑ Andrea's UNBRIDLED passion for dancing was evident in every performance she gave.

FORTUITOUS

(for TWO uh tus)

occurring by accident or chance

Link: FORTUNE FOR THE TWO OF US



"FORTUITOUS FORTUNE FOR THE TWO OF US."

- ❑ Arriving at the opera at the last moment, it was FORTUITOUS there were seats available for the two of us.
- ❑ "The most FORTUITOUS event of my entire life," said President Roosevelt, "was meeting my wife, Eleanor."
- ❑ Missing the ill-fated flight because of the traffic jam on the way to the airport was FORTUITOUS to the extreme.

ENRAPTURE

(en RAP chur)

to delight, to thrill or give pleasure

Link: CAPTURE



"The head-hunters were ENRAPTURED when they CAPTURED Mr. and Mrs. Cranium."

- ❑ John and Mary were ENRAPTURED when they heard they had won a new car in the YMCA fund-raising lottery.
- ❑ It was an ENRAPTURING performance. Everyone was thrilled to attend the revival of Tennessee Williams' play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

GUILE

(gyle)

craft, cunning, deceitfulness;
artfulness

Link: MILE



*Nobody could say Billy didn't use GUILE
when running the MILE."*

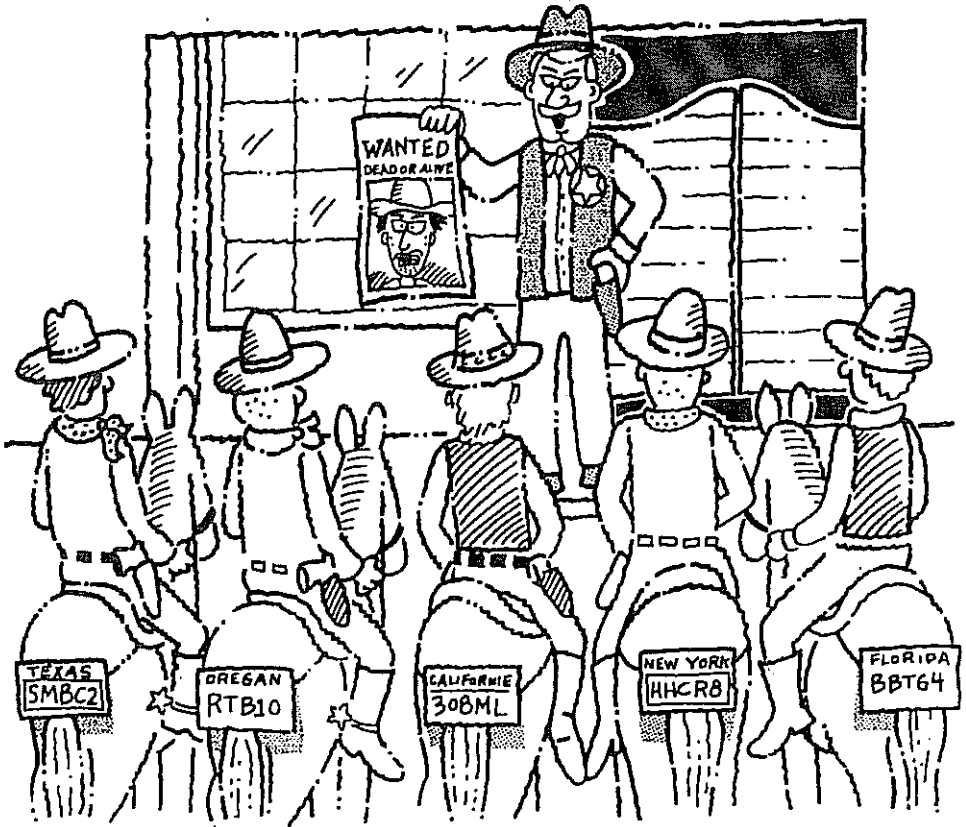
- ❑ Few people realized Bob's reputation as a shrewd businessman was due to his GUILE.
- ❑ The GUILE of the ticket scalper was shocking. He was selling tickets today for yesterday's matches.
- ❑ (BEGUILE is different from GUILE in that it is deception in a charming way.) Lois BEGUILED her beau with fetching flirtations.

MARSHAL

(MAHR shul)

to assemble together for the purpose of doing something; also an officer in the police or military

Link: MARSHAL



*"The MARSHAL MARSHALED a posse
to capture the Waco Kid."*

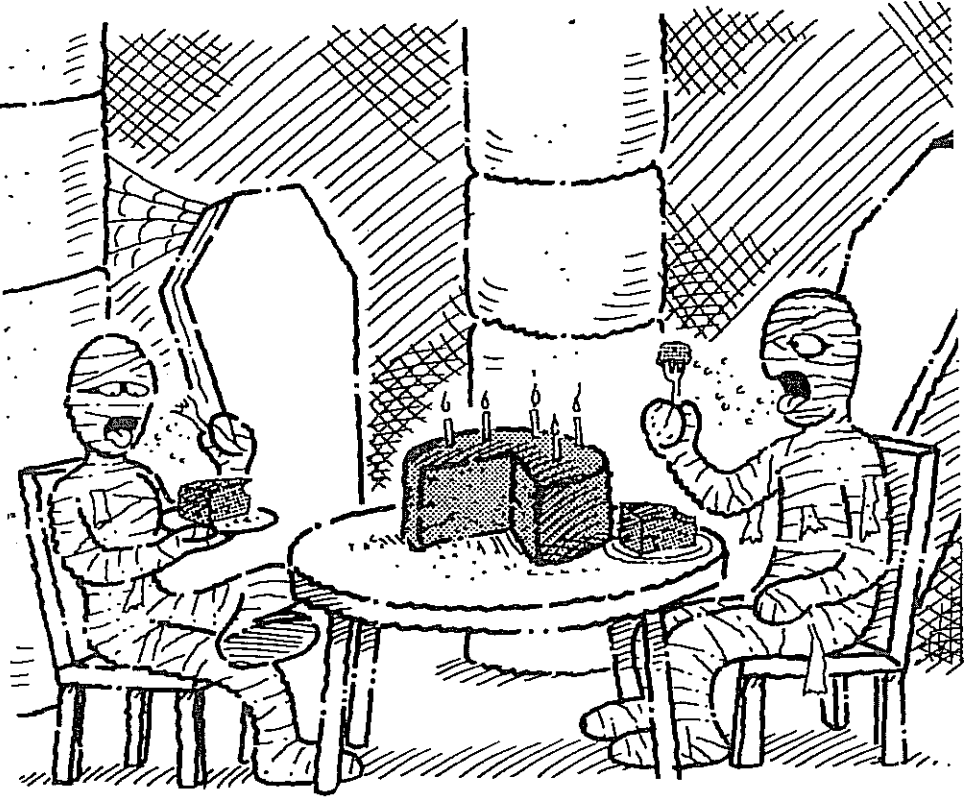
- ❑ MARSHALING their forces, the British defeated Rommel at El Alamein.
- ❑ The Republicans MARSHALED their voters to firmly defeat the Democrats in the Congressional elections of 1994.
- ❑ The defense team MARSHALED its arguments before presenting them to the jury.

DESICCATE

(DES uh kayt)

to dry out completely;
dehydrate

Link: THIS DRY CAKE



“Sharif, old buddy, THIS DRY CAKE has done gone and got itself DESICCATED.”

- ❑ The drought was the worst in fifty years, and the olives on the trees were DESICCATED.
- ❑ The whale carcasses cast upon the beach had begun to DESICCATE by the time the marine biologist arrived at the scene.
- ❑ Raisins are grapes that have been shrunken and dried through a process of DESICCATION.

PHOTOGENIC

(phoh toe GIN ik)

suitable, especially attractive
for photography

Link: PHOTO GENIE



*"The PHOTOS of this PHOTOGENIC GENIE
could get her a television series."*

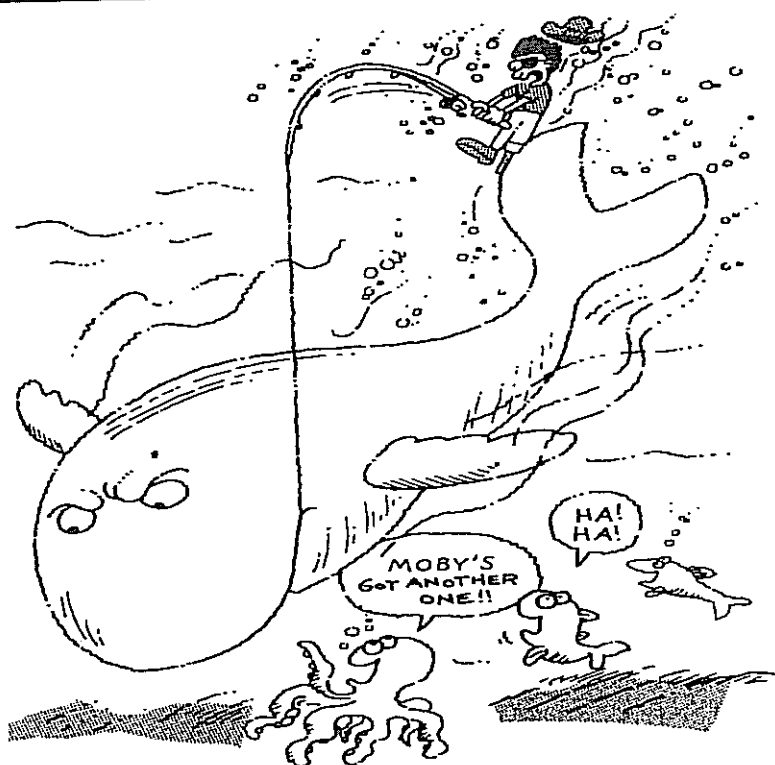
- ❑ Some movie actors and actresses are not all that attractive in person, but have become successful because they are very PHOTOGENIC on screen.
- ❑ Though not at all PHOTOGENIC, the Statue of Liberty is probably the most photographed public monument in the world.

RELINQUISH

(ri LING kwish)

to give up doing, professing, or intending; to surrender, give in

Link: REEL IN FISH



*"Captain Ahab would never RELINQUISH
REELING IN the FISH."*

- ❑ I will never RELINQUISH my ambition to become a circus clown.
- ❑ Robert was a forty-year-old sore-arm, Class AA pitcher when he finally RELINQUISHED his dream of playing in the major leagues.
- ❑ The retiring C.E.O. merrily RELINQUISHED his control of the company with a wave from his yacht.

REVIEW #22: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. grandiose - (grand hose) | a. to be lucky |
| 2. surfeit - (surfers) | b. to dry out |
| 3. unbridled - (bridle) | c. overabundant |
| 4. fortuitous - (fortune for two of us) | d. impressive, showy |
| 5. enrapture - (capture) | e. unrestrained |
| 6. guile - (mile) | f. cunning, crafty |
| 7. marshal - (marshal) | g. to delight |
| 8. desiccate - (this dry cake) | h. take good photos |
| 9. photogenic - (photo genie) | i. to surrender |
| 10. relinquish - (reel in fish) | j. assemble a group |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

1. The marshal _____ a posse to capture the Waco Kid.
2. Our coach had a _____ plan to beat the Dallas Cowboys, but it back-fired.
3. The whale carcasses cast upon the beach had begun to _____ in the hot, summer sun.
4. John will never _____ his ambition to become a lawyer.
5. John and Mary were _____ when they had won a new car in the YMCA fund raising lottery.
6. It was _____ for the two of us that there were still seats available for the opera.
7. Her _____ passion for dancing was evident in every performance she gave.
8. The beach store had a _____ of bathing suits and last Saturday put on a bathing suit sale.
9. Because of their _____ qualities, actors are able to become successful movie stars..
10. Nobody could say Billy didn't use both speed and _____ when running the mile.

TYRO

(TY row)

a beginner; a novice

Link: TIE ROPE



*"You could tell by the way Curly TIED ROPE,
that he was a cowboy TYRO."*

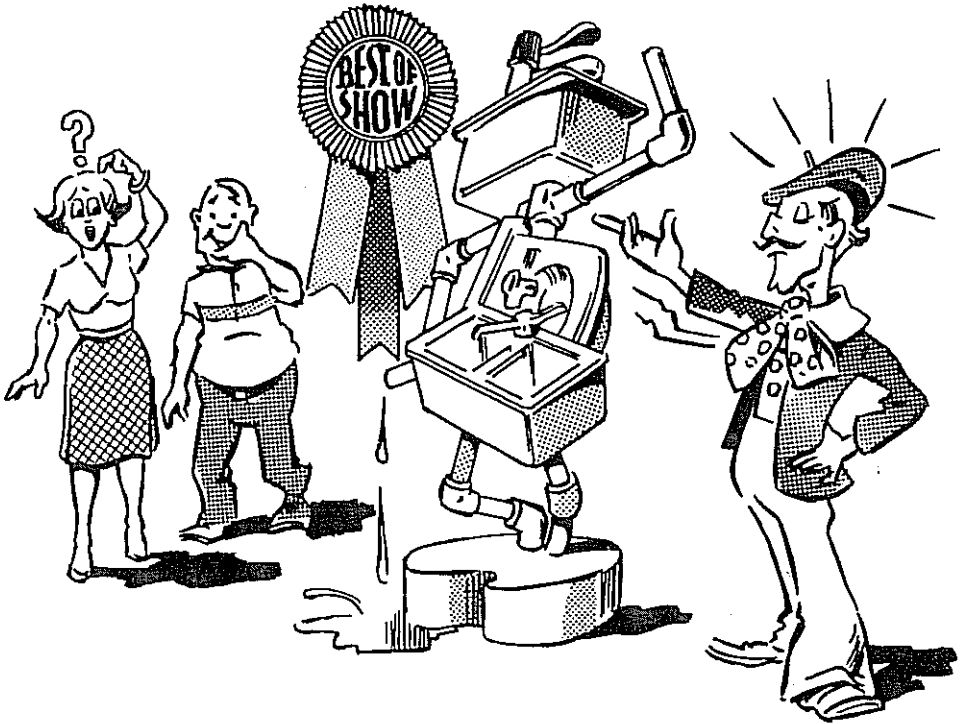
- ❑ People never suspected that this was Henry's first marathon race; he ran the course like a veteran instead of a TYRO.
- ❑ What the forest rangers hated most was the 4th of July and other national holidays when hordes of camper TYROS invaded the park in their RV's and littered the forest, all of which had to be cleaned after they departed.

IDIOSYNCRASY

(id dee oh SINK ruh see)

a behavioral quirk; a person's idea about behavior different from others

Link: SINK CRAZY



*"Waldo's artistic IDIOSYNCRASY is he's
SINK CRAZY."*

- ❑ Harriet had a way of smacking her lips every time you asked her a question, a harmless enough IDIOSYNCRASY, only it drove you crazy after a while.
- ❑ Jimmy Chen's habit of eating soup as a last course is no IDIOSYNCRASY; most Chinese have soup last instead of first as is the American custom.

ADJUNCT

(AJ unkt)

something connected or added to another
in a subordinate position; an assistant

Link: ADD JUNK



*“The tank driver ADDED JUNK as
an ADJUNCT to his tank.”*

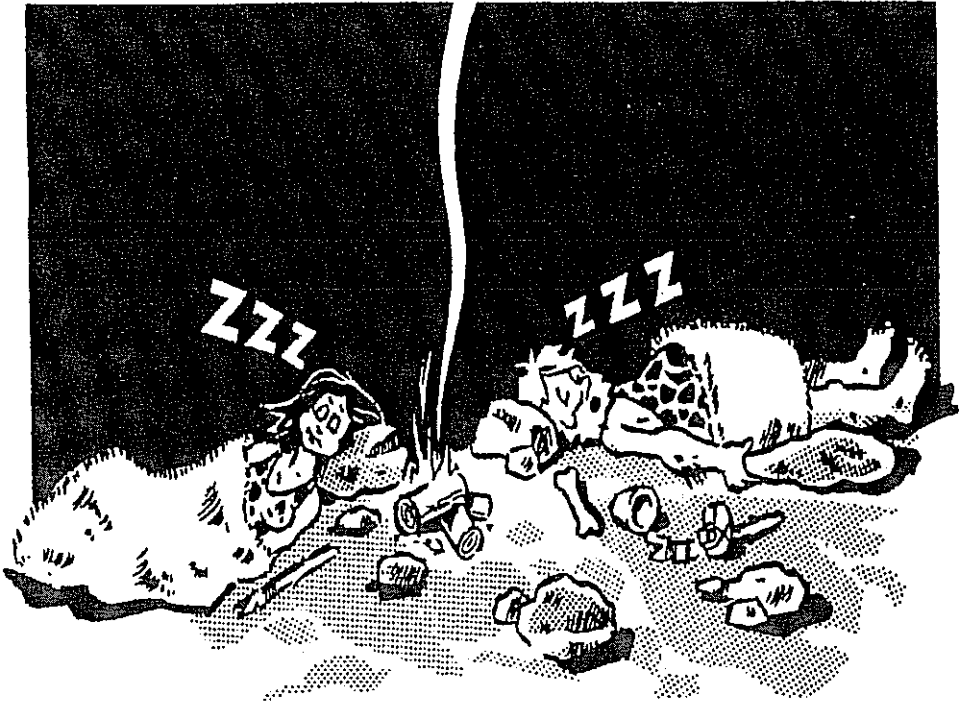
- ❑ Hang-gliding is only an ADJUNCT to Roseanna’s real love, which is skydiving.
- ❑ The library was an ADJUNCT to the Blakemores’ original home.
- ❑ The general’s adjutant was not an ADJUNCT, but a permanent part of his staff command.

YORE

(yore)

former days, an era long past

Link: FLOOR



*“In days of YORE, folks slept
on the FLOOR.”*

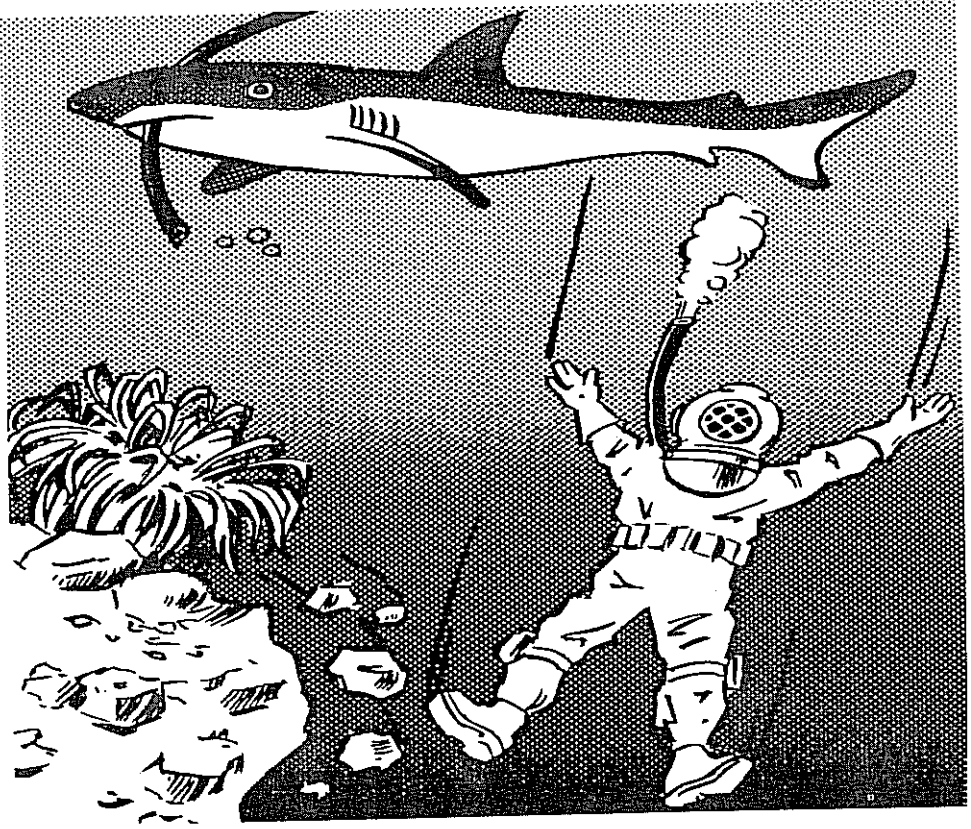
- ❑ (YORE is generally to be seen in the phrase “days of YORE.”) In days of YORE, my sister and I had to walk five miles to school in waist-deep snow.
- ❑ An exception to the word yore meaning a time long past would be the Royal House of YORE, which held the English throne from 1461 to 1485. But that of course, was in the days of YORE.

ABYSS

(uh BISS)

bottomless pit; a yawning gulf;
a profound depth or void

Link: MISS



*"The diver MISSED the ledge and sank
deep into the ABYSS."*

- ❑ The lost spaceship wandered endlessly in the vast ABYSS of the galaxy.
- ❑ After the rescuers dug without success for three days through the snow of the avalanche in search of the missing skier, they were disheartened and faced an emotional ABYSS of despair.

EMULATE

(IM u late)

to attempt to equal or surpass;
especially through imitation

Link: IMITATE



"Jimmy EMULATES his dad by IMITATING him."

- ☐ Most people EMULATE those they most admire.
- ☐ The famous golfer, Tiger Woods, has a golf swing that many golfers try to EMULATE.
- ☐ Pete EMULATED his older brother but was too small to make the baseball team.

CAJOLE

(kuh JOHL)

to wheedle, coax, or persuade someone to do something they didn't want to

Link: PAROLE



"Jimmy the Geek tried to CAJOLE the warden into giving him a PAROLE."

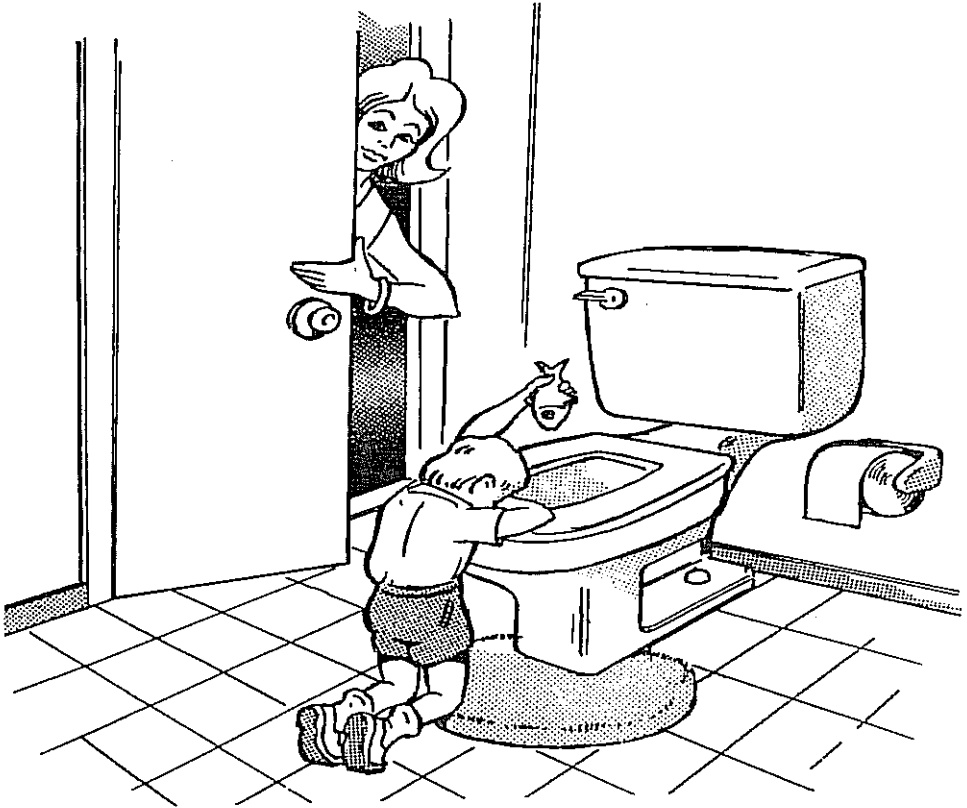
- ❑ Allison CAJOLED me into entering the marathon just so she could get a free T-shirt.
- ❑ Some of the younger Republicans were CAJOLED into voting for the Democratic candidate because he promised to lower the voting age.
- ❑ Jeannie always sweet-talked and CAJOLED her parents into letting her have her way.

BEREAVE

(buh REEV)

to be left alone, especially through
the death of another

Link: LEAVE



“BEREAVING the LEAVING of a friend.”

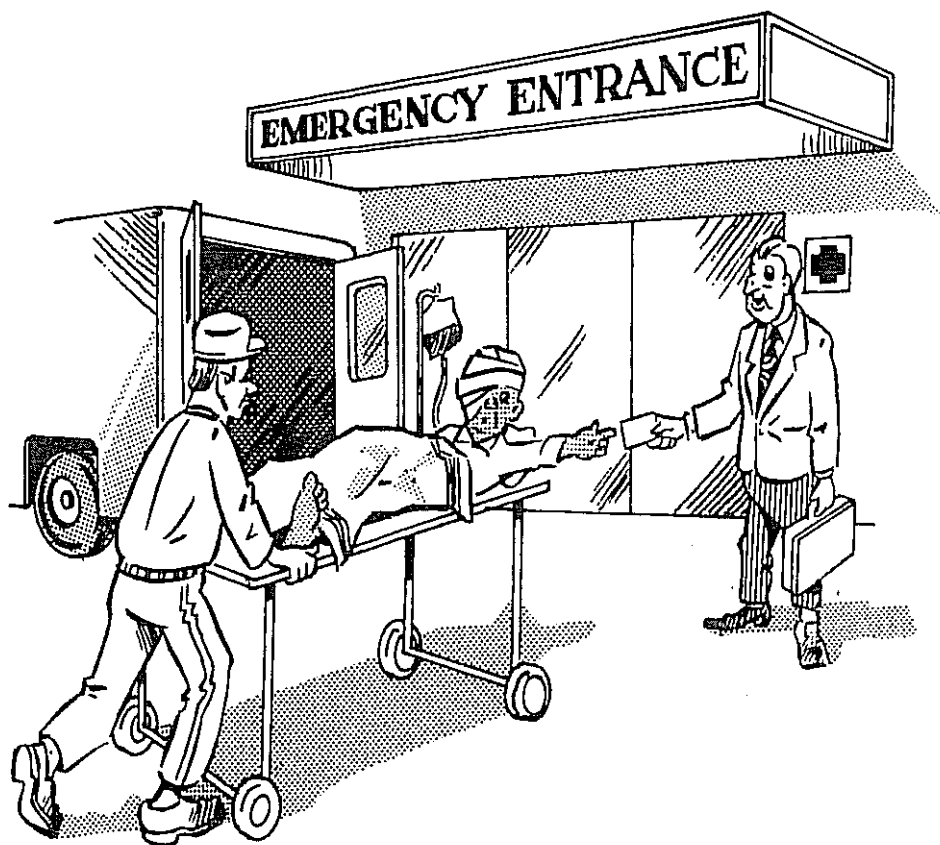
- ❑ When their pony died, the BEREAVED children were told by their mother that everyone dies, and it was all right to cry and feel sad for a time.
- ❑ At his funeral procession, Jacqueline Kennedy’s BEREAVEMENT over the death of her husband, President John F. Kennedy, was recorded on television for the entire nation to see.
- ❑ The BEREAVED widow wore a black dress to her husband’s funeral.

LOITER

(LOY ter)

hang around; linger

Link: LAWYER



“Ambulance-chasing LAWYERS LOITER outside hospitals waiting for customers.”

- ❑ A sign outside the players’ entrance to the stadium said, “No LOITERING,” but autograph hounds LOITERED there before and after games anyway.
- ❑ The supporting actor was on stage during most of the play, but he was so ineffective it was almost as if he were a LOITERER.

REVIEW #23: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. tyro - (tie rope) | a. former days |
| 2. idiosyncrasy - (sink crazy) | b. something added |
| 3. adjunct - (add junk) | c. behavior quirk |
| 4. yore - (floor) | d. to attempt to equal |
| 5. abyss - (miss) | e. to coax or persuade |
| 6. emulate - (imitate) | f. abnormal |
| 7. atypical - (typical) | g. profound depth |
| 8. cajole - (parole) | h. a beginner |
| 9. bereave - (leave) | i. to hang around |
| 10. loiter - (lawyer) | j. suffering from the death of a loved one |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

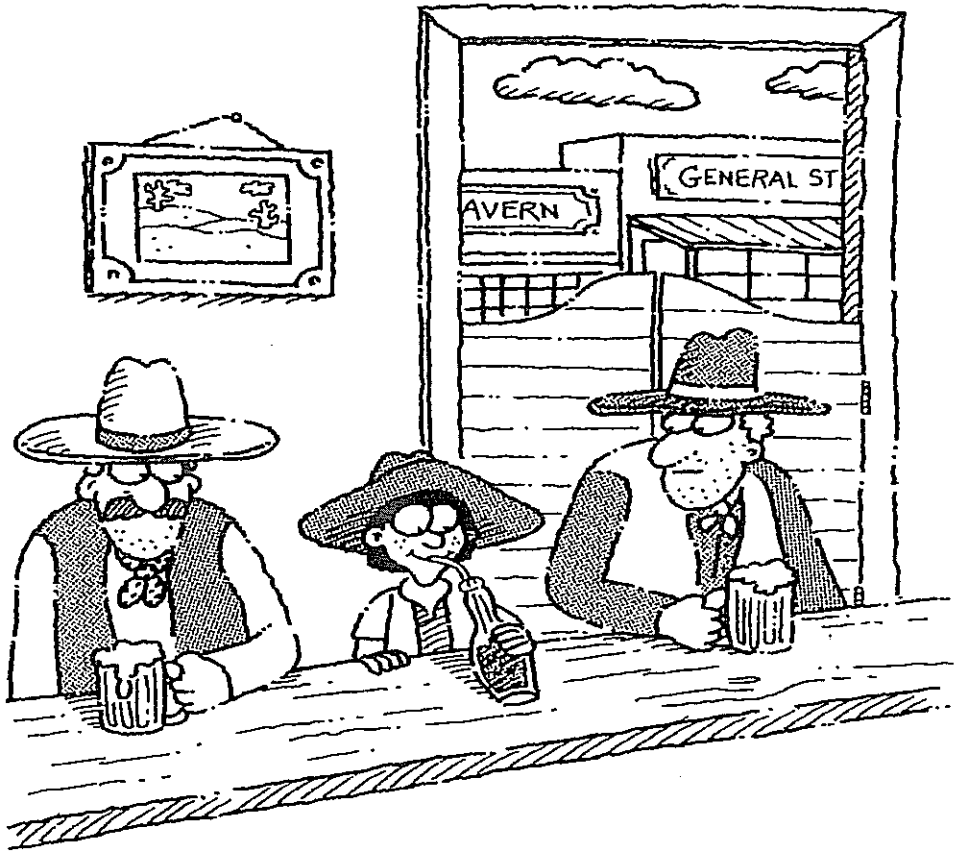
1. Jimmy the Geek tried to _____ the warden into giving him a parole.
2. Most people _____ those they most admire.
3. A shark without a dorsal fin is _____ of the species.
4. The _____ widow wore a black dress to her husband's funeral.
5. Ambulance-chasing lawyers _____ outside hospitals waiting for customers.
6. No one suspected this was Henry's first marathon race; he ran the course like a veteran instead of a _____.
7. The lost spaceship wandered endlessly in the vast _____ of the galaxy.
8. The library was an _____ to the Blakemores' original home.
9. In days of _____, my sister and I had to walk five miles to school in waist-deep snow.
10. Harriet had a way of smacking her lips, a harmless enough _____, only it drove you crazy.

LIEU

(loo)

instead of; in place of

Link: BREW



*"In LIEU of a BREW, Billy The Kid
had an orange soda."*

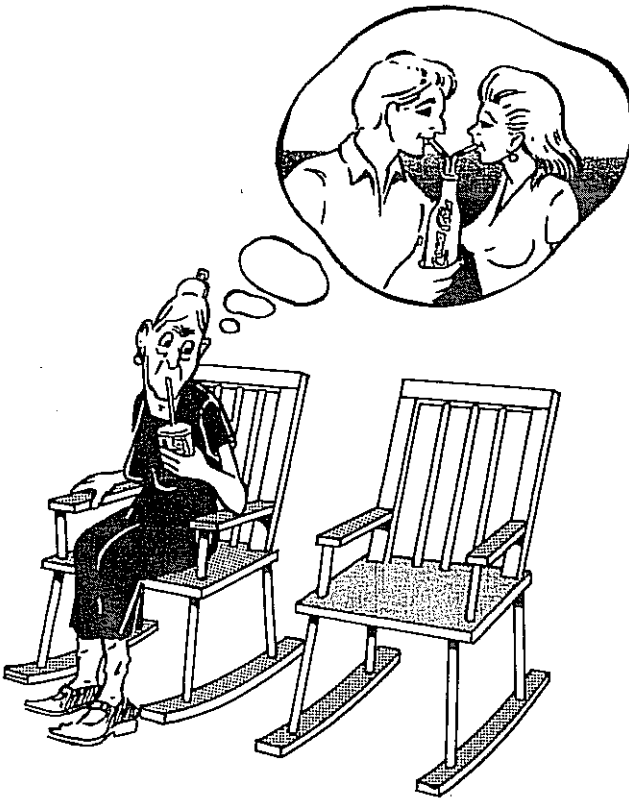
- ❑ In LIEU of entering the university in September, Roger decided to work and save some money and start in January.
- ❑ Not wanting to lose her amateur standing after winning the U.S. Open singles title, Faye accepted the silver trophy in LIEU of the \$545,000 first prize check.

EVOKE

(EE voke)

to summon forth, call to mind,
awaken, produce, suggest

Link: COKE



"Sometimes a song, a picture, even a COKE, can EVOKE the most poignant of youthful memories."

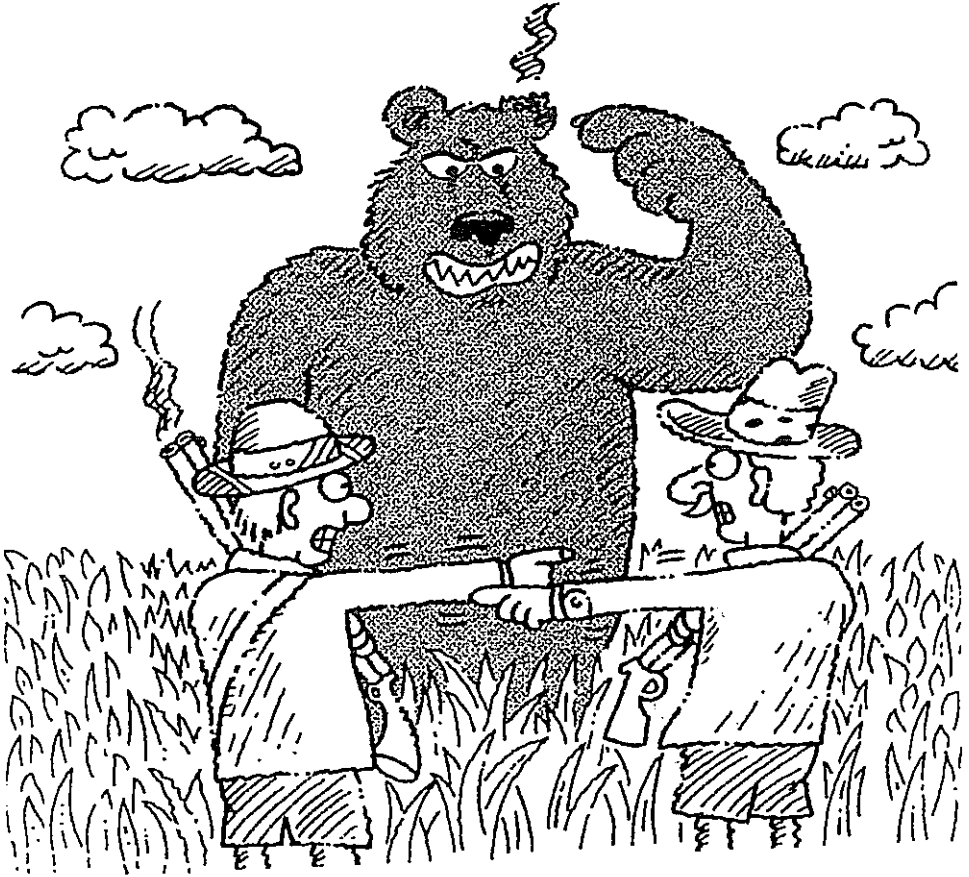
- ❑ A clap of thunder and a flash of lightning over the old castle EVOKED dark spirits for the villagers who remember the night of the headless ghosts.
- ❑ The demand made by the gymnastics coach for her gymnasts to give up dating and to spend weekends practicing EVOKED a strike by all the members of the team.

MAIM

(maim)

to disable or disfigure, to cripple

Link: BLAME



*"Roger MAIMED the bear's ear and
BLAMED Walter."*

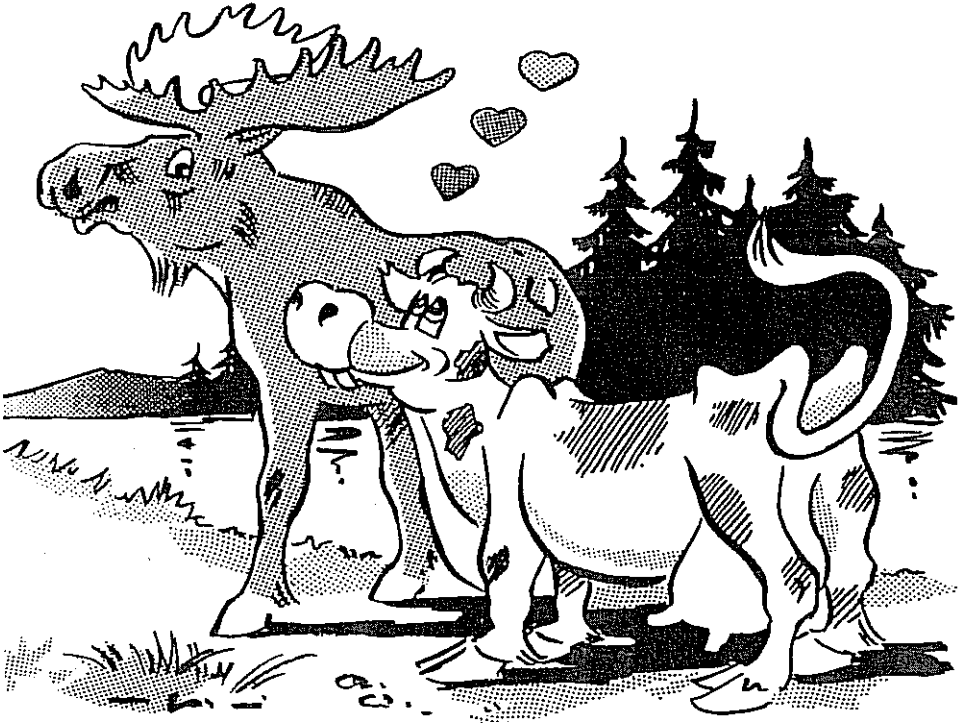
- ❑ Joshua was a private in the U.S. Army and saw action in the invasion of France where on the sixteenth day after the landing, he was MAIMED when he stepped on a land mine and lost his leg.
- ❑ Every year people are MAIMED in automobile accidents by drunk drivers, the major cause of highway accidents.

DEDUCE

(dee DOOS)

to come to a conclusion by reasoning
from the evidence

Link: MOOSE



*“Marvin the MOOSE wondered why Elsie the cow
couldn’t DEDUCE that he was a MOOSE.”*

- ❑ When the doors to the living room were locked the day before Christmas, Peggy DEDUCED her mother was wrapping presents and didn’t want to be disturbed.
- ❑ From the footprints in the snow, we DEDUCED that the missing hikers had wandered in circles several days before disappearing entirely.
- ❑ It is impossible for trial lawyers to DEDUCE what verdict a jury will bring in.

LEXICON

(LEX a ken)

a dictionary; vocabulary terms used in or of a particular profession, subject or style

Link: MEXICAN



"A MEXICAN reading his LEXICON."

- ❑ The LEXICON used by air traffic controllers is incomprehensible to non-pilots: "down wind to twenty seven, hold three twenty at two thousand, traffic at eleven o'clock, two miles."
- ❑ Sailors have a nautical LEXICON; "port means left, starboard means right, bow means front and stern means rear."

MENAGERIE

(muh NAJ uh ree)

a collection of live wild animals
on exhibit

Link: LINGERIE



“A MENAGERIE of LINGERIE.”

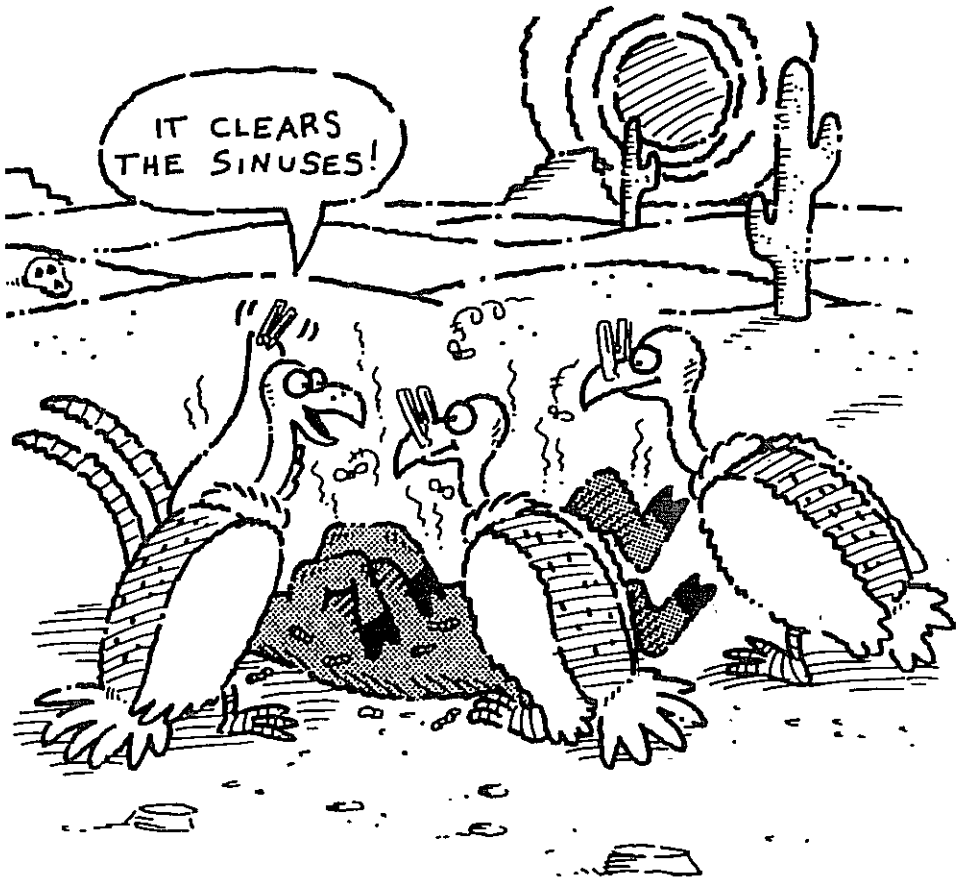
- ❑ Busch Gardens has a wonderful MENAGERIE of lions, tigers, elephants and other wild animals roaming free and on display in a park-like setting.
- ❑ To have a house pet is one thing, but Susan keeps so many parrots and cats in her house, it is a virtual MENAGERIE.
- ❑ With twelve children in the family, the Jacksons referred to their offspring as their MENAGERIE.

PERMEATE

(PUR mee ayt)

to flow or spread through; penetrate

Link: WORM HE ATE



*"The WORMS HE ATE PERMEATED
the carcass."*

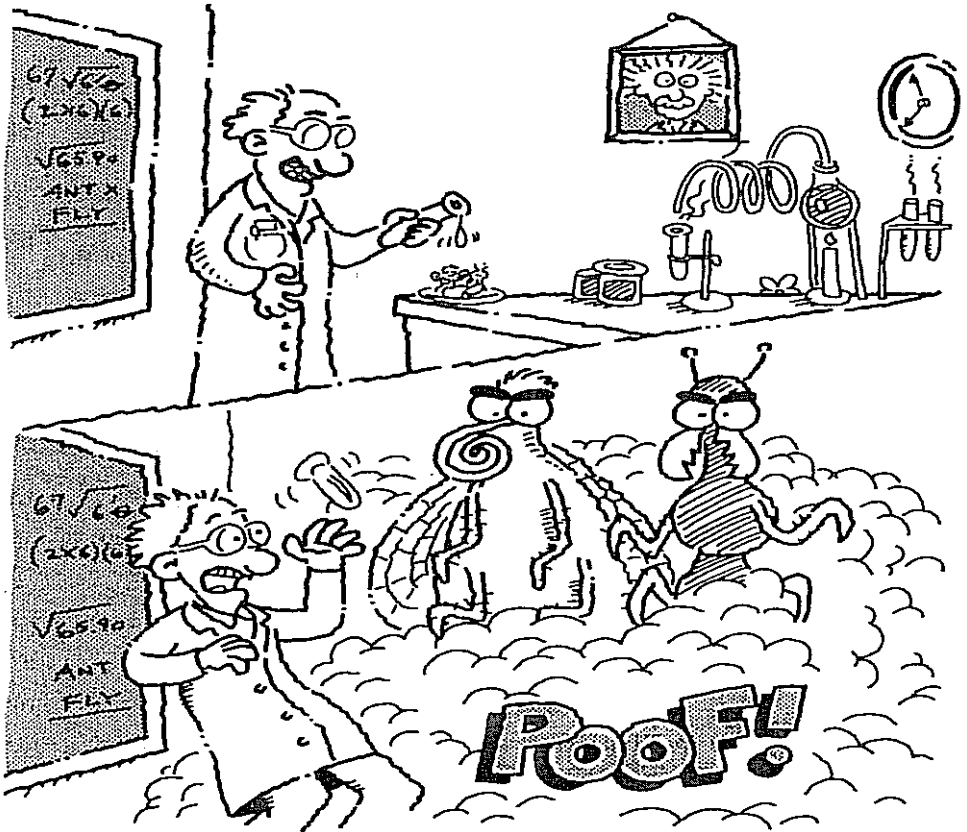
- ❑ Corruption had PERMEATED every level of the government from the president to the dog catcher; they all belonged in jail.
- ❑ Before the explosion, witnesses said the smell of gasoline PERMEATED the flight cabin.
- ❑ Joshua was soaked clear through his raincoat; the rain had PERMEATED every inch of his clothing.

AMPLIFY

(AM pluh fi)

to make larger, louder, or
more powerful

Link: ANTS AND FLIES



*“Dr. Frankie AMPLIFIED the ANTS AND FLIES
to a monstrous proportion.”*

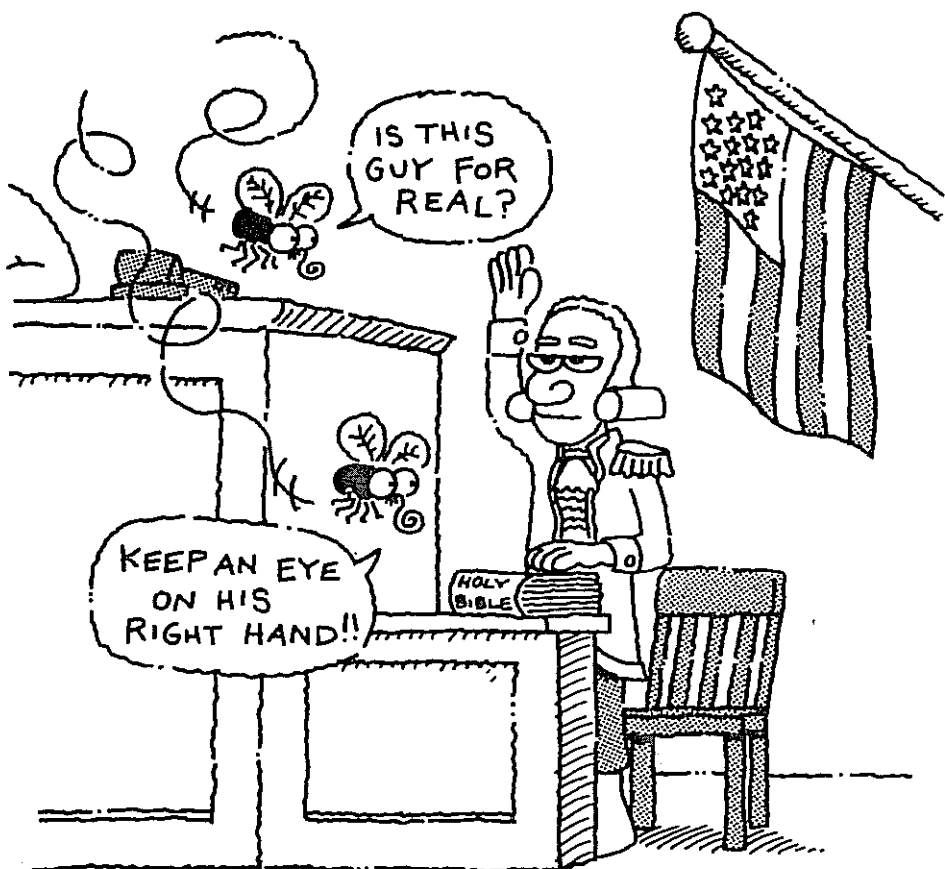
- ❑ The music was AMPLIFIED to the point where the guests couldn't hear themselves speak.
- ❑ General Rommel was unable to AMPLIFY the role of his tank corps in the battle of El Alamein because he didn't have fuel to run them.
- ❑ Some actors attempt to AMPLIFY their roles by upstaging their fellow actors.

CERTIFY

(SUR te fi)

to confirm formally; verify

Link: HURT A FLY



“George Washington never told a lie, and he would CERTIFY that he never HURT A FLY.”

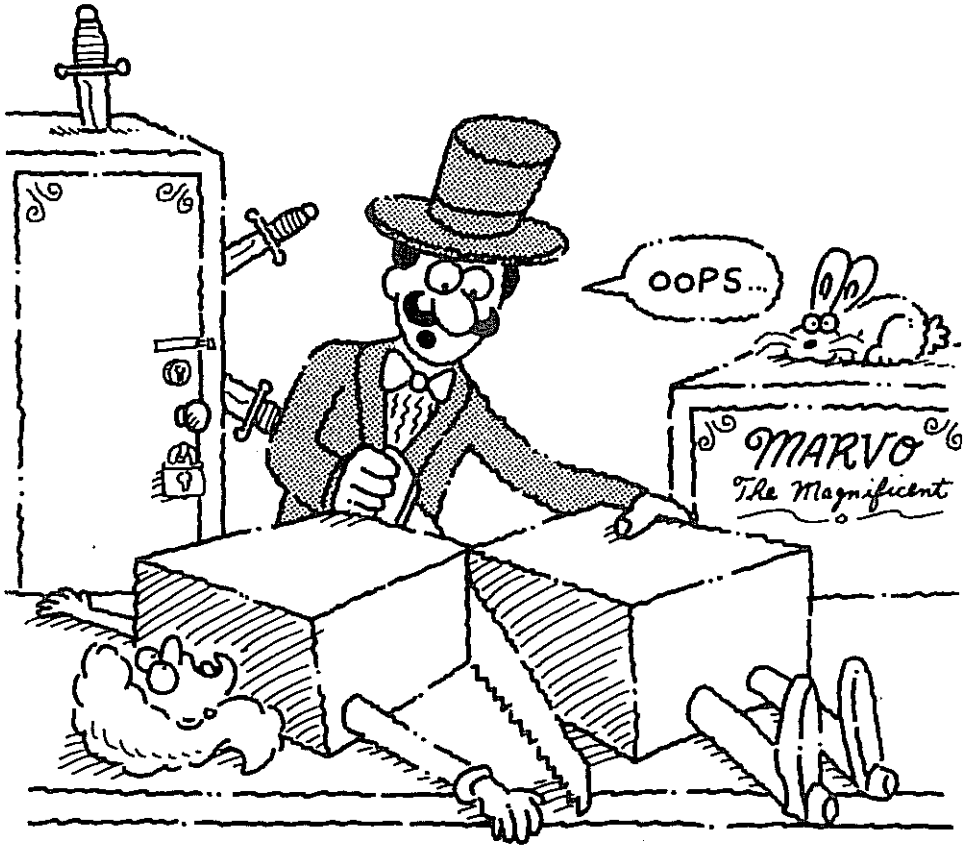
- ❑ The valuable papers arrived by CERTIFIED mail.
- ❑ In front of the entire commission, Jane was asked to CERTIFY she could prove her accusations.
- ❑ Jack was a CERTIFIABLE liar and crook, wanted in many countries by the authorities.

PARTITION

(PAR tish un)

the division of something into parts; an interior structure dividing a larger area

Link: MAGICIAN



"The MAGICIAN creates a PARTITION."

- ❑ Korea was originally one country before being PARTITIONED into North and South Korea.
- ❑ Most college football teams are PARTITIONED into varsity and "scrubs," the "scrubs" being those trying to make the varsity team.
- ❑ In most tennis clubs there are fence PARTITIONS separating the courts from each other.

REVIEW #24: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. lieu - (brew) | a. to confirm |
| 2. evoke - (coke) | b. in place of |
| 3. maim - (blame) | c. call to mind |
| 4. deduce - (moose) | d. special dictionary |
| 5. lexicon - (Mexican) | e. to disable |
| 6. menagerie - (lingerie) | f. to divide |
| 7. permeate - (worm he ate) | g. flow through |
| 8. amplify- (ants and flies) | h. animal collection |
| 9. certify - (hurt a fly) | i. come to a conclusion |
| 10. partition - (magician) | j. make larger |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

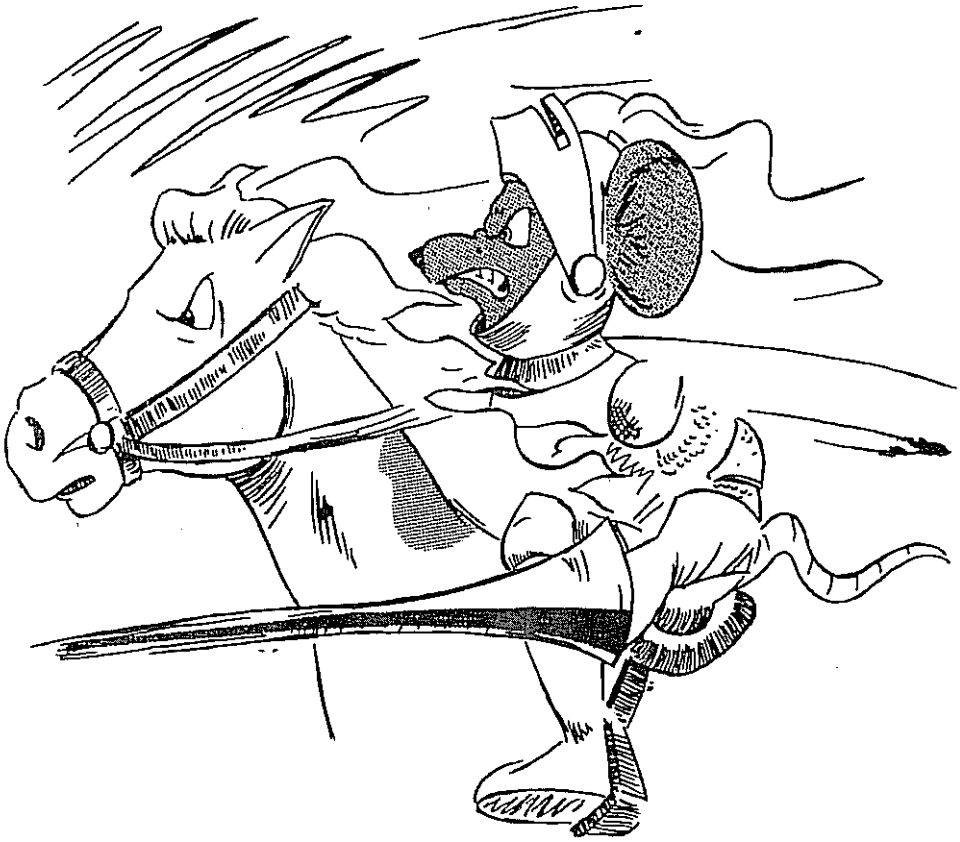
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3. In _____ of entering the university in September, Roger decided to work and enter the next term.
4. The music was _____ to the point where the guests couldn't hear themselves speak.
5. Before the explosion, witnesses said the smell of gasoline _____ the flight cabin.
6. In most tennis clubs there are fence _____ separating the courts from each other.
7. Every year people are _____ in automobile accidents by drunk drivers.
8. Sometimes a song, a picture, even a coke, can _____ the most poignant of youthful memories.
9. It is impossible for trial lawyers to _____ what verdict a jury will bring in.
10. To have a pet is one thing, but Susan has so many parrots and cats at home, it's a virtual _____.

JOUST

(joust)

a combat with lances between two knights, a tilting match; any combat suggestive of a joust

Link: MOUSE



“A JOUSTING MOUSE in King Arthur’s time.”

- ❑ Running and enjoying the competition, Bill and Harry JOUSTED each other playfully.
- ❑ It was a JOUSTING match to the death between Sir Lancelot and the Black Knight.
- ❑ Her toes all bruised, Sue Ellen declared it wasn’t a dance, but a JOUSTING match.

INFAMY

(in fa MEE)

having an evil reputation;
extreme disgrace

Link: FAMILY



*"Blackbeard the Pirate's FAMILY will
live in INFAMY."*

- ❑ Western outlaws such as Jesse and Frank James have been made heroes in movies, but in reality they were INFAMOUS for their bad deeds.
- ❑ The INFAMIES of Germany's Adolf Hitler will live for eternity.
- ❑ The great white shark has been made INFAMOUS by the movie *Jaws*.

NEPOTISM

(NEP uh tiz um)

favors shown by those in high positions to relatives and friends

Link: NEPHEWISM



“Mr. Roberts, the C.E.O. of the company, shows a little NEPOTISM toward his NEPHEW.”

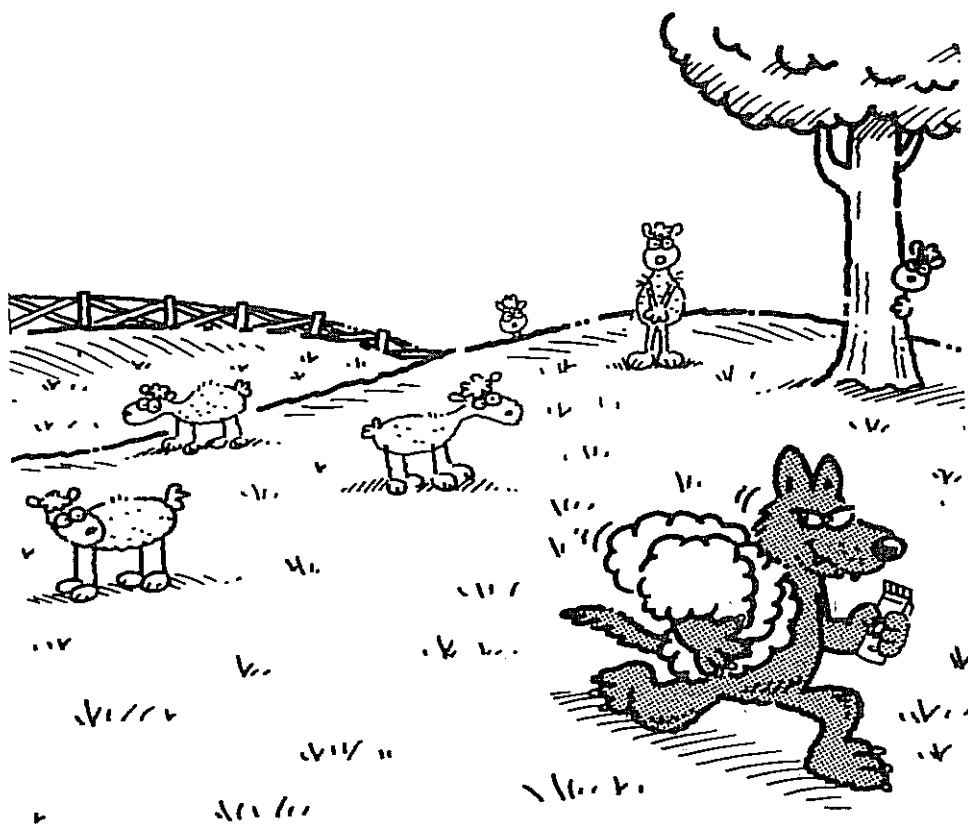
- ❑ Totally inept, Howard was a real estate agent for the company only because his uncle, the president, was not above a little NEPOTISM.
- ❑ NEPOTISM is an acceptable way of life in Central American countries.

FLEECE

(fleece)

to defraud, swindle; also the wool
of a sheep or similar animal

Link: FLEEING



"FLEEING with the FLEECE."

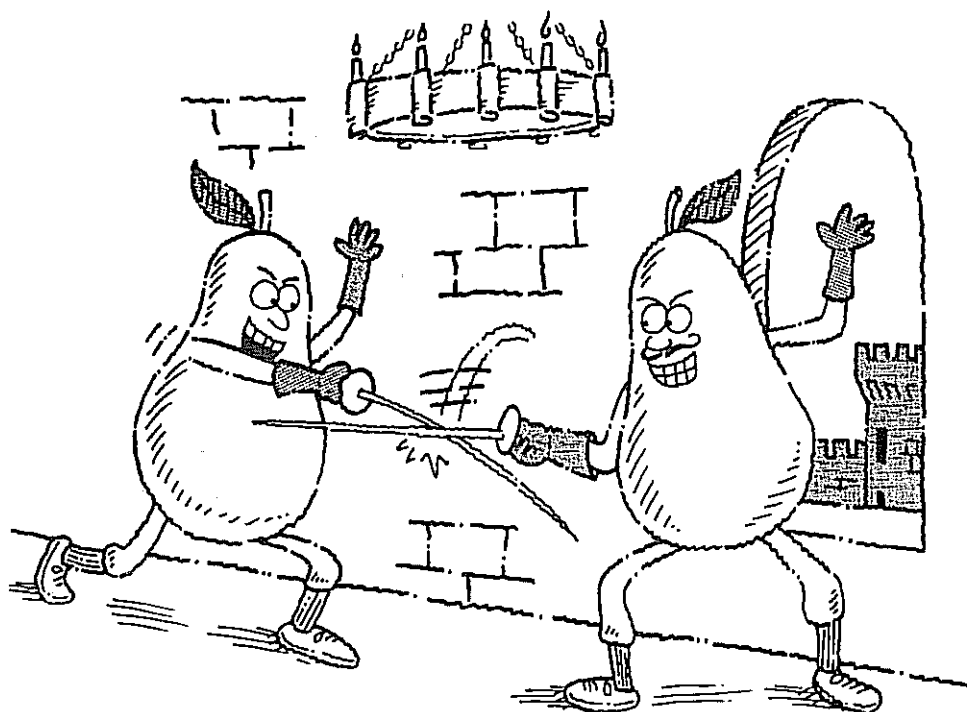
- ❑ It was spring on the Australian sheep farms, the time of year when the sheep are FLEECEd for their wool.
- ❑ The housewives on our street were FLEECEd by a con man selling bogus magazine subscriptions.
- ❑ Jim had larceny in his heart all his life and would sooner FLEECE a customer than make an honest deal.

PARRY

(pary)

to ward off a blow; to turn aside;
to avoid skillfully, to evade

Link: PEAR



"The PEARS PARRIED each other's fencing movements."

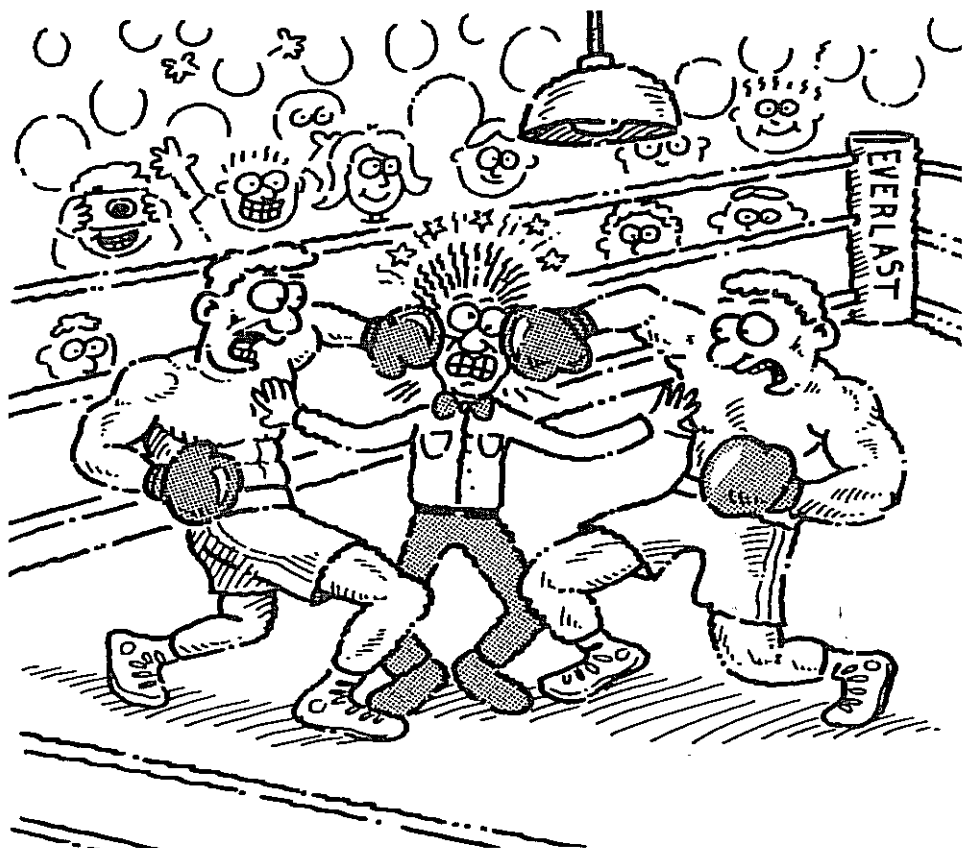
- ❑ The boxers PARRIED blows as each waited for an opening to strike a knockout punch.
- ❑ PARRYING with respective verbal arguments, the politicians blamed each other for the increase in statewide crime.
- ❑ The knights charged Robin Hood's men, who PARRIED their lances with limbs from the trees in Sherwood Forest.

PERIPHERY

(puh RIF uh ree)

the outermost part within a boundary, the outside edge

Link: REFEREE



“REFEREES would be wise to stay outside the PERIPHERY of a boxer’s reach.”

- ❑ On the PERIPHERY of any argument, Jasmine will listen but rarely ever speak.
- ❑ Colonel Mason posted guards at the PERIPHERY of the camp for night security.
- ❑ What you see out of the corner of your eyes is your PERIPHERAL vision (looking straight ahead and seeing to the side).

ENTOMOLOGY

(IN toe mol o gee)

the scientific study of insects

Link: APOLOGY



*“An ENTOMOLOGIST making his APOLOGY
to the insects he must study.”*

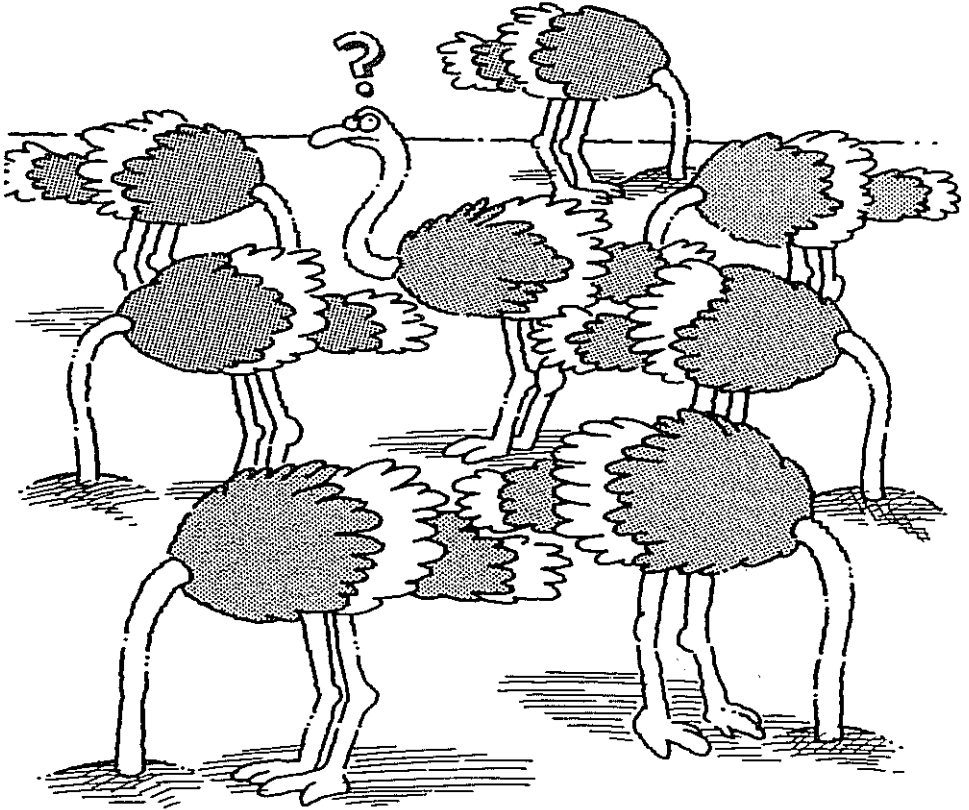
- ❑ The primary function of ENTOMOLOGISTS is to discover how to prevent insects from destroying crops.
- ❑ (Many words ending in GIST refer to a person of science in their particular field.) A GEOLOGIST studies the earth; a PSYCHOLOGIST is a scientist of human behavior; and a METEOROLOGIST is a person who studies the atmosphere and weather.

OSTRACIZE

(AHS truh syze)

to exclude from a group;
to shun

Link: OSTRICH



"Ozzie the OSTRICH wondered why he was being OSTRACIZED from the group."

- ❑ Andre felt OSTRACIZED by the members of the club, but the truth was they couldn't understand his accent.
- ❑ After gaining a reputation as a cheap-shot player with the Pittsburgh Steelers, he joined the Dallas Cowboys only to find he was OSTRACIZED by the Dallas players as well.

CAPACIOUS

(kuh PAY shush)

roomy, able to hold much

Link: CAP SPACIOUS



"A SPACIOUS CAP is CAPACIOUS."

- ❑ The old castle has a CAPACIOUS dining room large enough to seat a small army.
- ❑ David's memory for jokes is CAPACIOUS; he remembers them all.
- ❑ Our bed at the hotel was really CAPACIOUS; all three sisters slept there.

FICKLE

(FIK ul)

often changing for no reason;
not loyal or consistent

Link: PICKLE



"Pregnant women are very FICKLE; one moment they want ice cream, the next, PICKLES."

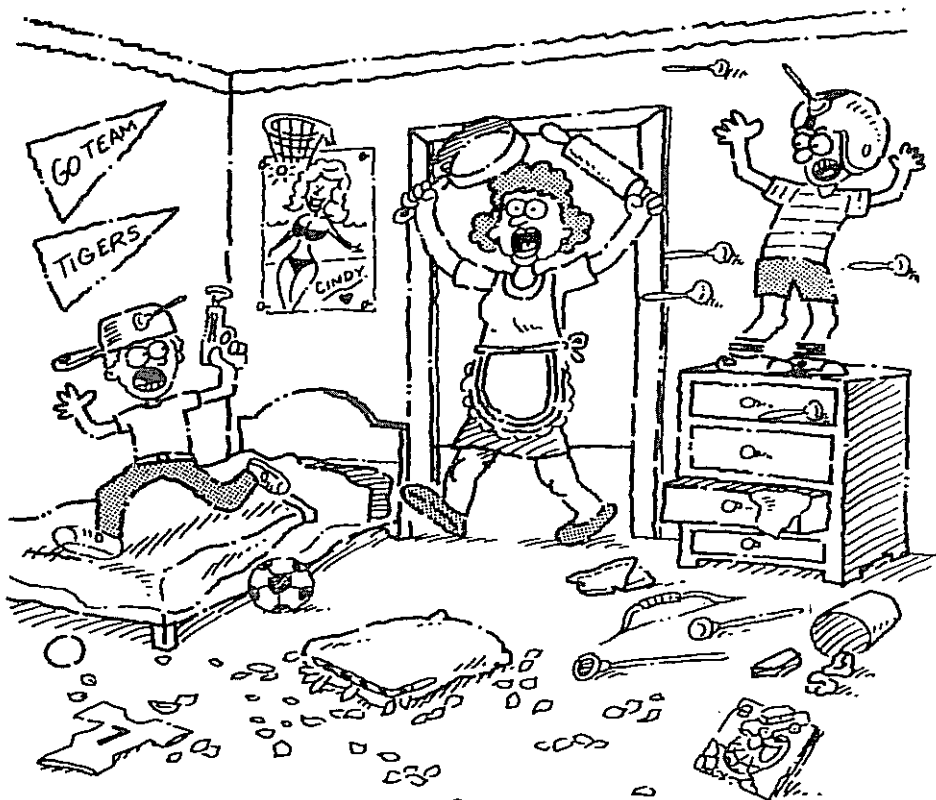
- ❑ The summer weather is always very FICKLE, each morning the sun shines, but when you are ready to play golf, it starts to rain.
- ❑ The FICKLE girl is one whose boyfriend is the one she is holding hands with at the moment.
- ❑ Coach Adams' FICKLENESS was known by all his players; he would say you were the best player on the team, but would replace you the first time you made a mistake.

MARAUDER

(muh RAWD er)

raider, intruder

Link: MA RAIDER



"The fiercest MARAUDERS are MA RAIDERS."

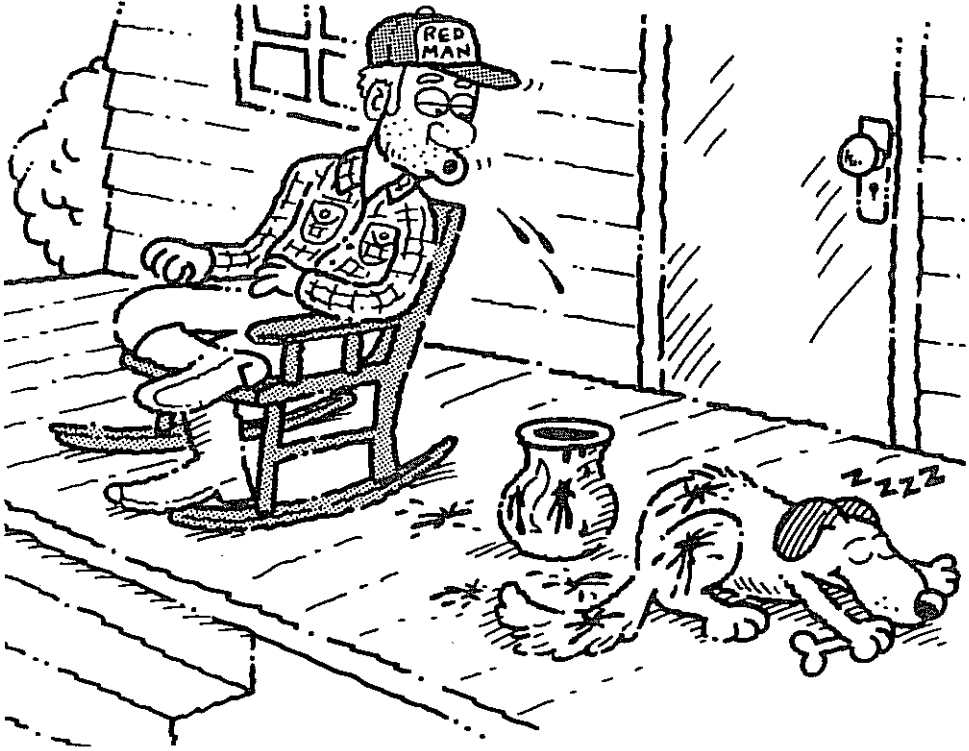
- ❑ Among the legendary pirate MARAUDERS of the eighteenth century were Captain Kidd, Calico Jack Rackam, Charles Vane, Blackbeard and Sir Henry Morgan.
- ❑ Christine referred to her husband Christopher as a kitchen MARAUDER for his midnight raids on the ice box.
- ❑ During the Civil War, MARAUDING bands of Confederate guerrillas raided Union supply lines in the Midwest.

EMIT

(EE mit)

to send or give out; to express, utter;
to put in circulation as money

Link: SPIT



*"Uncle Otto sure could EMIT a
lot of chewing tobacco SPIT."*

- ❑ The new federal laws on automobile EMISSIONS are directed at reducing pollution on our nation's highways.
- ❑ The mayor spoke on crime, EMITTING the most nonsense I have ever heard on that subject.
- ❑ David told the mechanic that the car EMITTED a strange sound when he started the engine.

ENGULF

(in GULF)

to surround or enclose completely

Link: GULF



*"The GULF of Mexico ENGULFS
many deserted islands."*

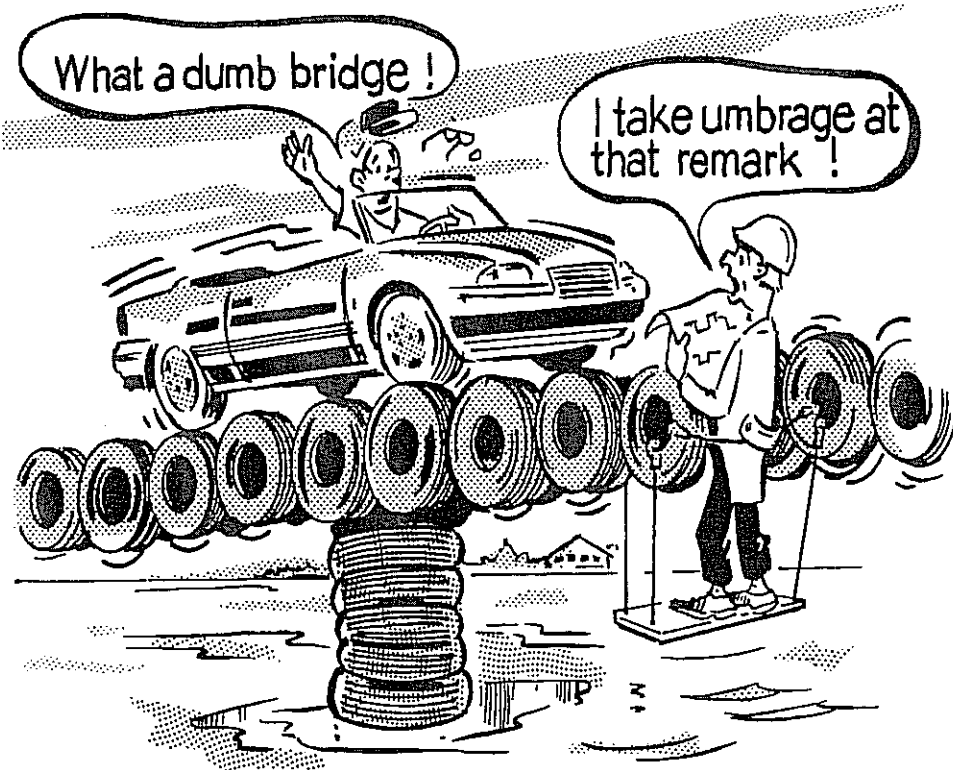
- ☐ The movie stars were ENGULFED by a swarm of paparazzi as they arrived at the Academy Awards ceremony.
- ☐ An ENGULFING movement by the Union troops cut off the Confederate retreat.
- ☐ The hurricane completely ENGULFED the town in a surge of wind and water.

UMBRAGE

(UM bridge)

sense of injury or insult; to take
offense, displeasure

Link: DUMB BRIDGE



*"Mike, the engineer, took UMBRAGE when
people called it a DUMB BRIDGE."*

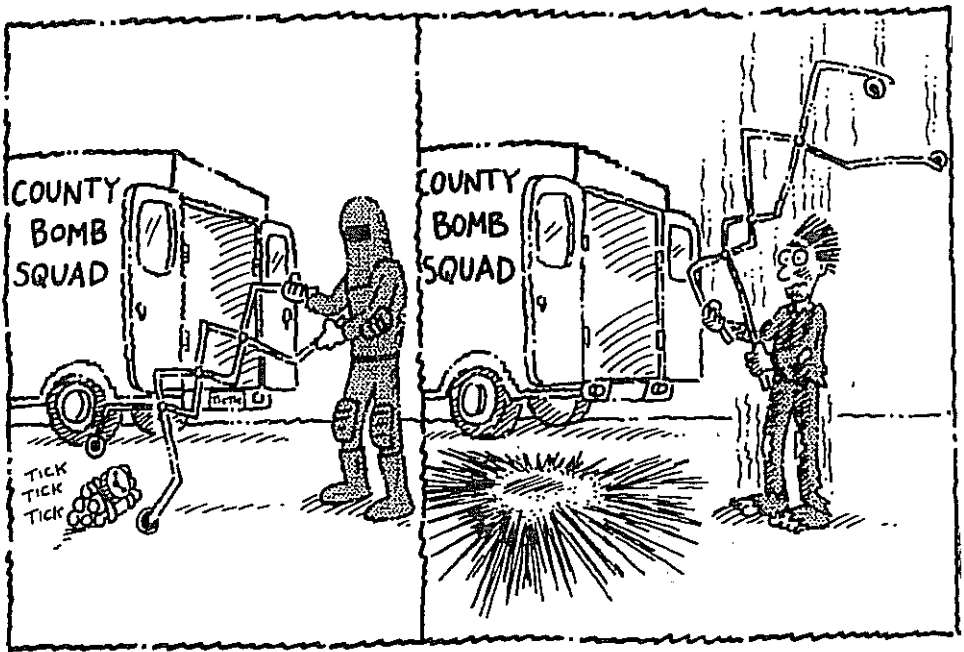
- ❑ Polly took UMBRAGE when her husband told her she was wearing too much makeup and looked older than she was by trying to look younger than she was.
- ❑ "I take UMBRAGE at your remarks about my golf game," Theodore said jokingly to his regular golf partner. "I'm the only one you can beat."

ABOMINATE

(uh bahm uh NAYT)

extreme hatred, loathing;
something despised

Link: A BOMB HATE



"I ABOMINATE BOMBS."

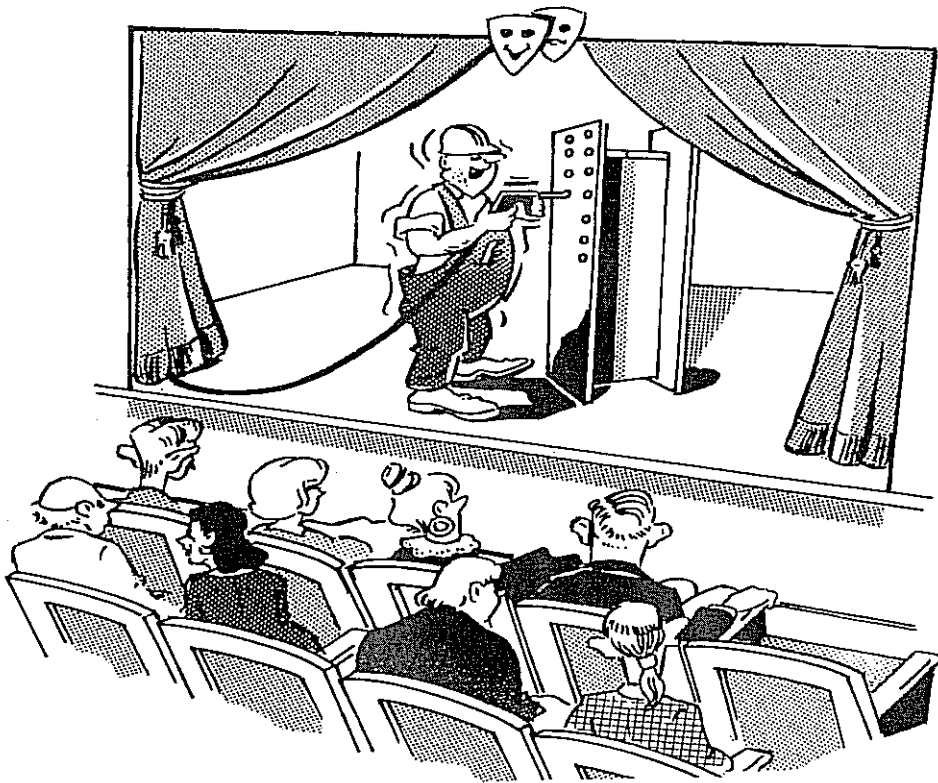
- ☐ The movie was a total ABOMINATION of good taste, containing needless violence from the beginning to the end.
- ☐ Jackie shuddered with ABOMINATION at the thought of eating wild pig for dinner.
- ☐ Cousin Rachel ABOMINATED her relatives when they came to visit her and tracked mud on her new white carpet.

RIVET

(RIV it)

something that fastens two parts together;
also to hold the attention of

Link: RIVET



*"The audience was RIVETED to their
seats watching the RIVETER."*

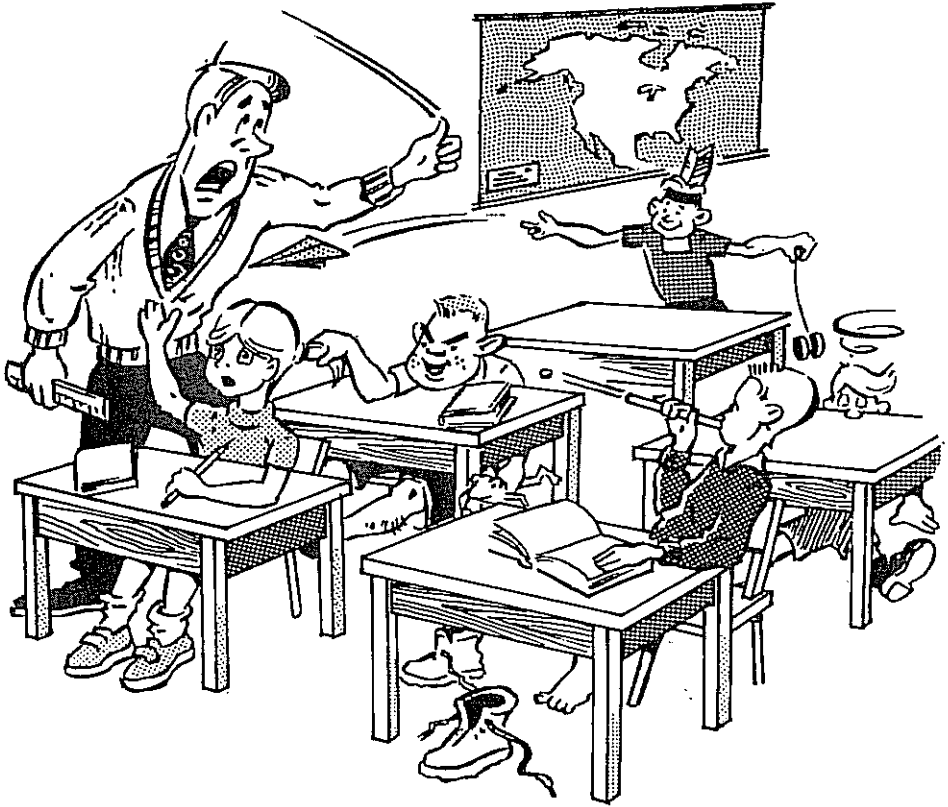
- ❑ Some actors have a certain charisma; once they appear on stage all eyes are RIVETED upon them.
- ❑ Most naval ships, army tanks and fighter aircraft have metal plates for their outer bodies that are held together by RIVETS.
- ❑ The kids are always RIVETED to the television on Saturday mornings.

RUDIMENTARY

(roo duh MEN tuh ree)

basic, crude, undeveloped; fundamental principles or skills

Link: RUDE ELEMENTARY



“RUDE children in ELEMENTARY school are often RUDIMENTARY by nature.”

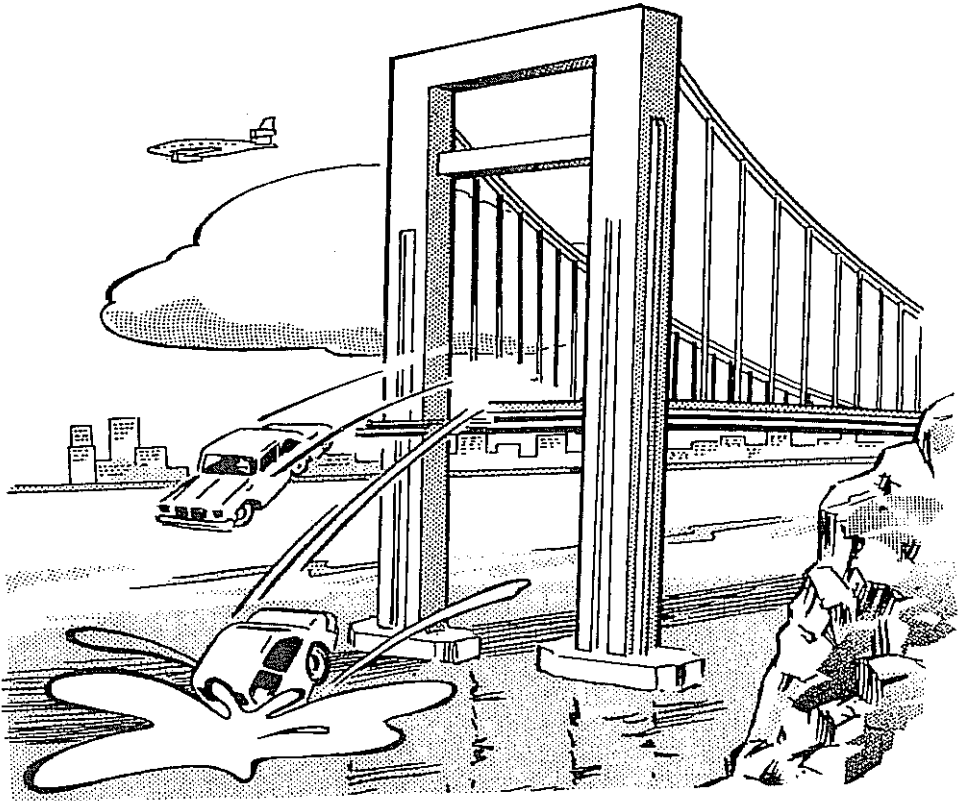
- ❑ “RUDIMENTARY, my dear Watson,” Sherlock Holmes used to say to Dr. Watson when he had uncovered an important clue to a murder.
- ❑ If Tarzan lived with apes all his life, his social skills must have been very RUDIMENTARY.
- ❑ The eating utensils and tools of early cave dwellers during the Ice Age were very RUDIMENTARY.

ABRIDGE

(uh BRIJ)

to shorten; to condense;
to diminish; to curtail

Link: BRIDGE



“An ABRIDGED BRIDGE.”

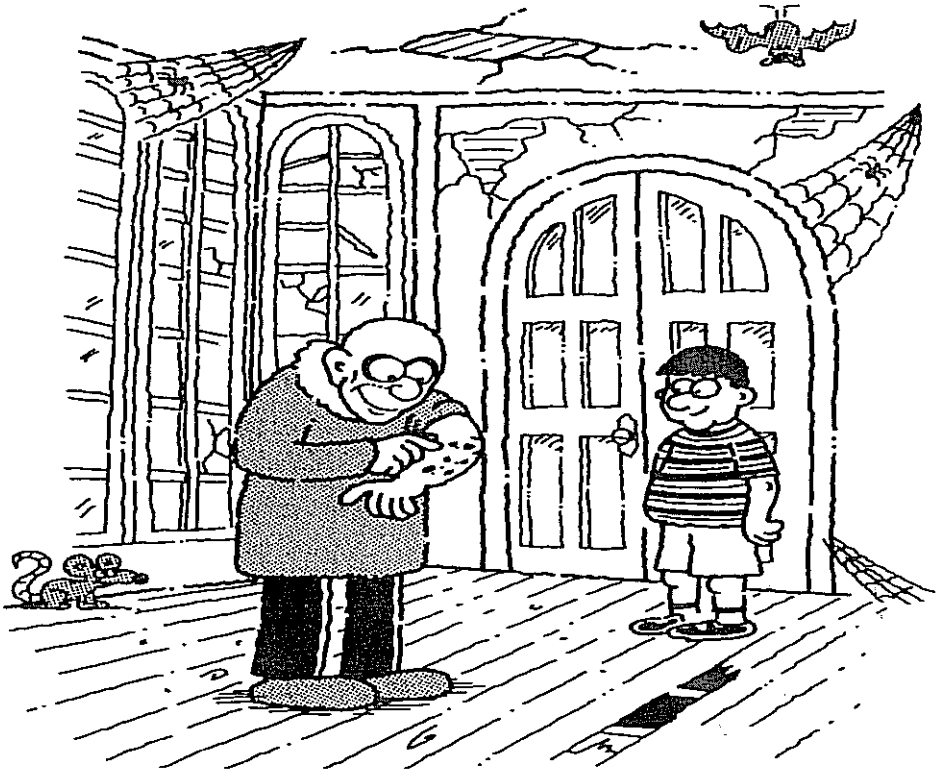
- ❑ If you don't want to read an entire newspaper to learn the latest daily news, there are clipping services that will ABRIDGE news stories to your specifications.
- ❑ An ABRIDGED dictionary or thesaurus is one that has been shortened.
- ❑ We saw an ABRIDGEMENT of the movie *Gone With the Wind* on TV last night; it only lasted two hours whereas the original lasted four.

FESTER

(festur)

to generate pus; to become a source of resentment or irritation

Link: UNCLE FESTER



*“UNCLE FESTER likes to pick his scabs
and watch them FESTER.”*

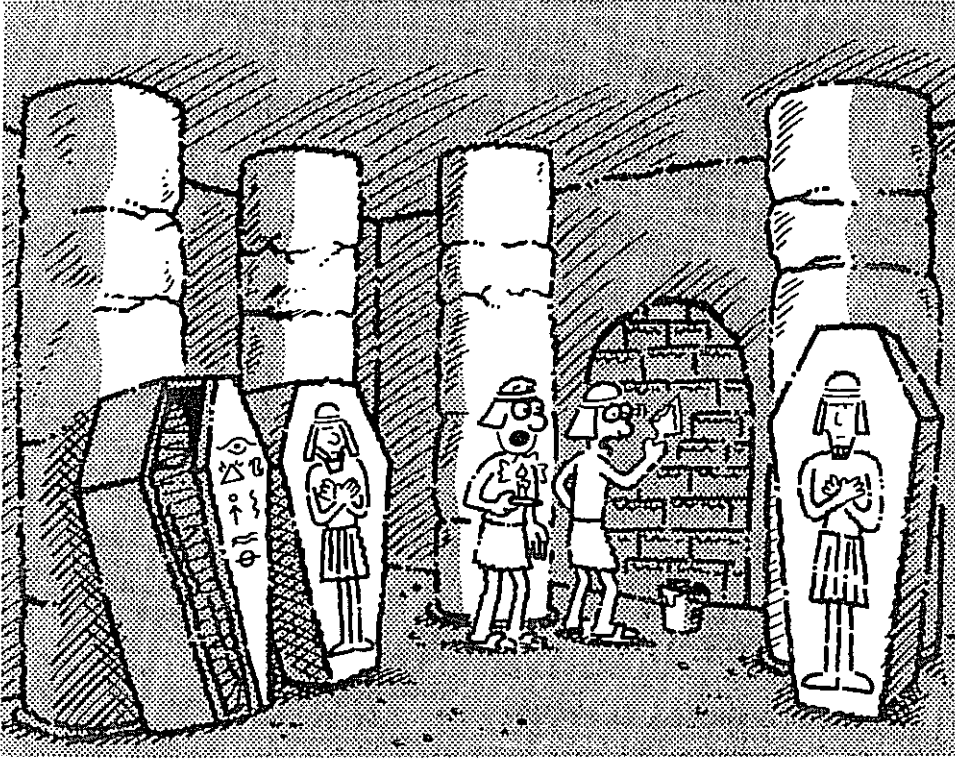
- ❑ Diane’s FESTERING resentments toward her boss finally drove her to quit her job.
- ❑ Private Sholley’s wounds had FESTERED for so long it was nearly impossible for the surgeons to save his leg.
- ❑ Coach Jones’ resentments toward the complaining players on the team FESTERED until he finally told them to shut up or quit.

ENTOMB

(in toom)

to place in or as if in a tomb,
or a grave

Link: ROOM



*"Ahmed, you fool, you have ENTOMBED
us in the burial ROOM."*

- ❑ The Egyptians ENTOMBED their kings in special burial chambers together with all their possessions needed in the afterlife.
- ❑ There have been cases where people, thought dead, were ENTOMBED while still alive.
- ❑ In the Pittsburgh coal mine disaster of 1938, thirty-six coal miners were ENTOMBED in a tunnel for thirteen days. Only fourteen survived.

REVIEW #26: Match the word with its definition.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. marauder - (ma raider) | a. surround |
| 2. emit - (spit) | b. hold attention |
| 3. engulf - (gulf) | c. to place in or bury |
| 4. umbrage - (dumb bridge) | d. undeveloped, basic |
| 5. abominate - (a bomb hate) | e. something despised |
| 6. rivet - (rivet) | f. source of irritation |
| 7. rudimentary - (rude elementary) | g. to condense, shorten |
| 8. abridge - (bridge) | h. intruder; raider |
| 9. fester - (Uncle Fester) | i. take offense |
| 10. entomb- (room) | j. to give out |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

1. The eating utensils and tools of early cave dwellers during the Ice Age were very _____.
2. During the Civil War, _____ bands of Confederate guerrillas raided Union supply lines.
3. Polly took _____ when her husband told her she was wearing too much makeup.
4. Jackie shuddered with _____ at the thought of eating wild pig for dinner.
5. The audience was _____ to their seats watching the riveter at work.
6. Uncle Otto sure could _____ a lot of chewing tobacco spit.
7. The hurricane completely _____ the town in a surge of wind and water.
8. An _____ dictionary or thesaurus is one that has been shortened.
9. Egyptian kings were _____ in special burial rooms
10. Private Sholley's wounds had _____ for so long it was nearly impossible for the surgeons to save his leg.

EXHUME

(EKS hume)

to dig up from a grave; to bring to
light, uncover

Link: TOMB



"Archeologists like to EXHUME TOMBS."

- ❑ The judge issued a court order to EXHUME the grave of an unknown soldier.
- ❑ Historians EXHUMED the literary reputation of novelist Jack London.
- ❑ Mrs. Brown EXHUMED old love letters sent to her by her husband before they were married.

LAUDABLE

(LAWD uh bul)

worthy or deserving of praise

Link: APPLAUDABLE



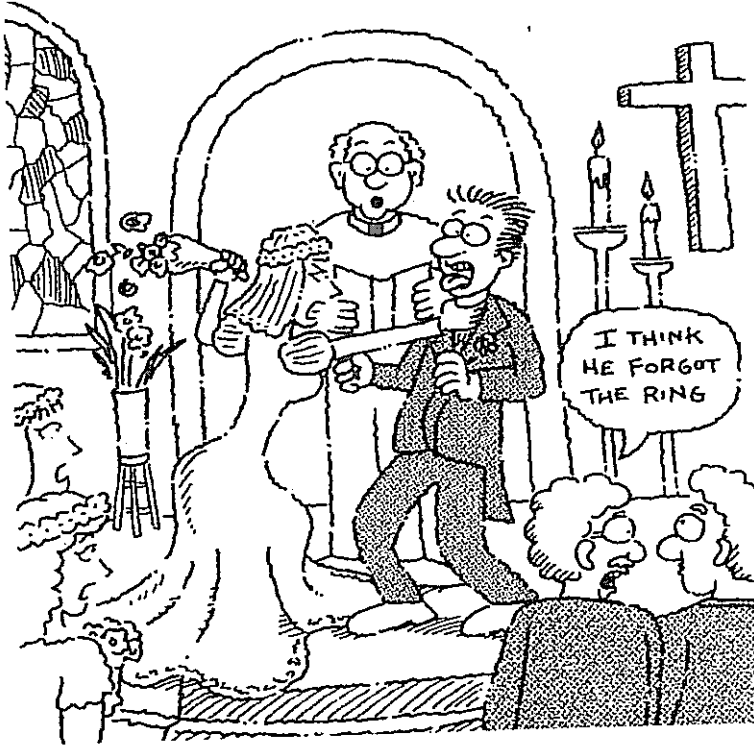
*"A LAUDABLE performance that
was APPLAUDABLE."*

- ❑ Hector's teacher told him she thought it most LAUDABLE that he wanted to become a doctor, but an F in biology was not going to help him achieve his goal.
- ❑ During the rainy season it appeared LAUDABLE of Tim to bring an umbrella and escort the girls to their bus after school. That is, until they found out he was running for student president.

ALTERCATION

(awl tur KAY shun)
to argue vehemently,
a heated quarrel

Link: ALTAR



"An ALTERCATION at the wedding ALTAR."

- ❑ The Mafia had a slight ALTERCATION with the police, and ten Mafiosa were arrested and booked in downtown Manhattan.
- ❑ The Sioux Indians were not looking for an ALTERCATION, but when General Custer's men attacked their village, the Sioux wiped out Custer and his troops in self-defense.
- ❑ When Professor Pit said it was the South who had started the Civil War, an ALTERCATION broke out among the students.

DECREE

(dih KREE)

an order having the force of law

Link: SET FREE



"The governor DECREEED that all the prisoners be SET FREE."

- ❑ The DECREE by the city council that all dogs must be kept on a leash set off a bitter conflict among dog owners.
- ❑ In Dodge City, during the days of the great cattle drives of the 1880s, Sheriff Wyatt Earp enforced the DECREE that all guns must be turned over to the sheriff's deputies before a man could ride into town.

GAMIN

(GAM in)

a neglected boy left to run about
in the streets

Link: JAMMIN'



“A JAMMIN’ GAMIN.”

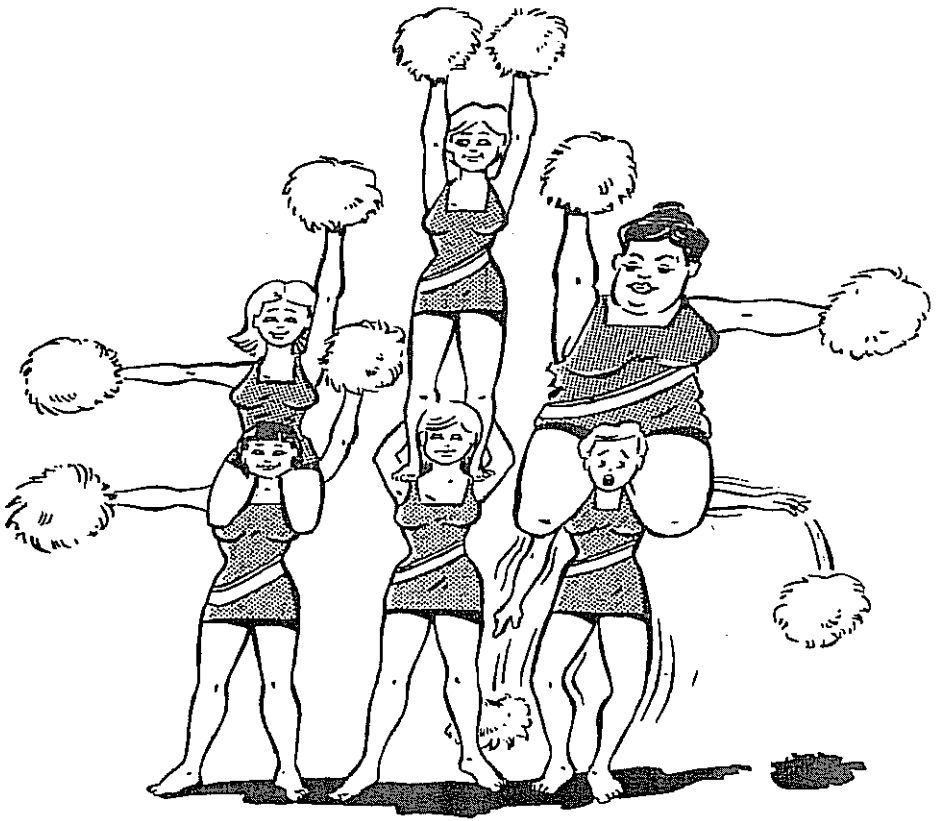
- ❑ In India, everywhere our tour bus stopped, there would be a gang of GAMINS begging for money, but if you dared give a rupee to one, a hundred more would immediately appear.
- ❑ In the novel, *Oliver Twist*, we learn of the intolerable living conditions in English orphanages of the nineteenth century and the life of the many home-less, streetwise GAMINS:

DEBASE

(di BAYS)

lower in quality,
character or value

Link: THE BASE



"Big Bertha easily DEBASED THE BASE."

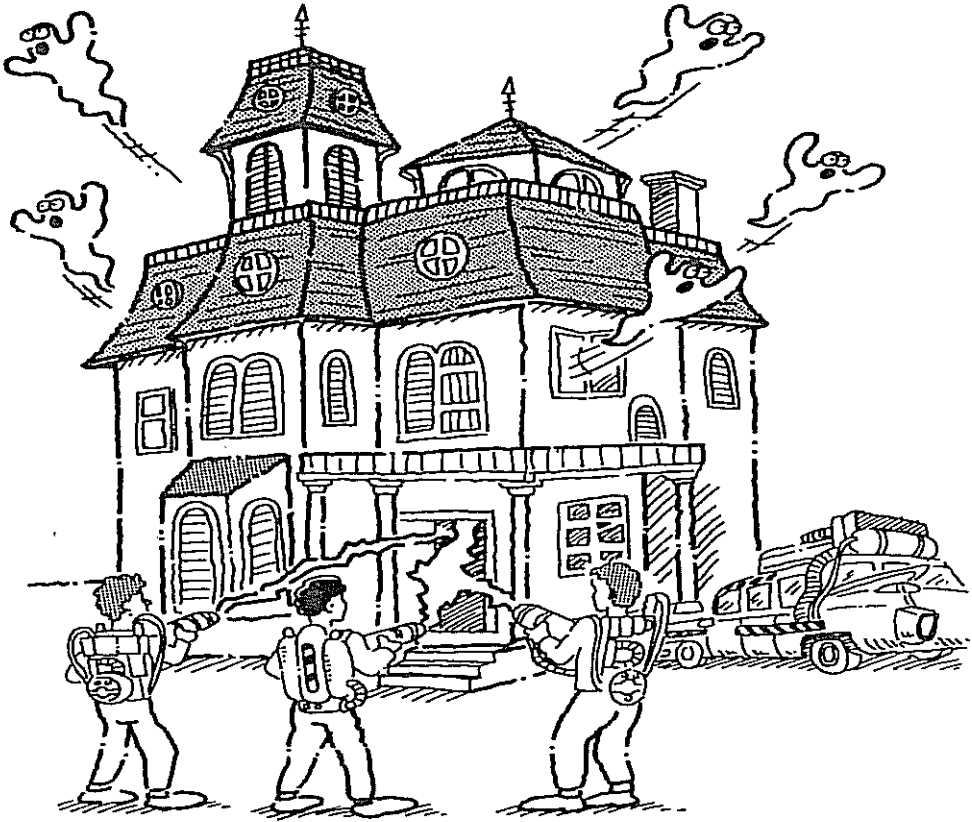
- ❑ The inflation in Brazil has so DEBASED the value of money that people won't stoop to recover small coins in the street.
- ❑ The judge sued the newspaper for DEBASING his character in an article claiming he was too easy on criminals.
- ❑ Violent crime in America DEBASES our country.

DAUNTLESS

(dawnt liss)

to be fearless; unintimidated

Link: HAUNTLESS



"The DAUNTLESS ghostbusters render a haunted house HAUNTLESS."

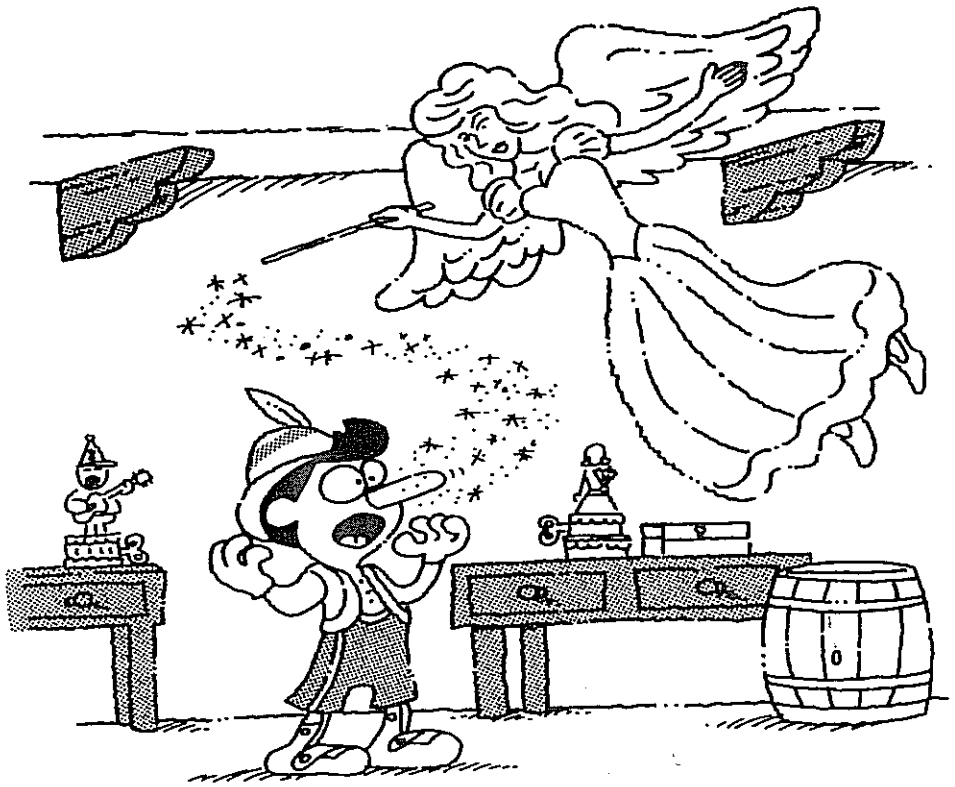
- ❑ DAUNTLESS and determined, the firemen dashed through the smoke to rescue the family trapped in the fire. UNDAUNTED by the flames, they stayed until everyone had been rescued. (DAUNTLESS and UNDAUNTED mean the same thing.)
- ❑ The hikers were UNDAUNTED by the steepness of the mountain; however, they decided to turn back for the sake of their own safety.

CHIDE

(chide)

scold; reprove

Link: LIED



*"The good fairy CHIDED Pinocchio
because he LIED."*

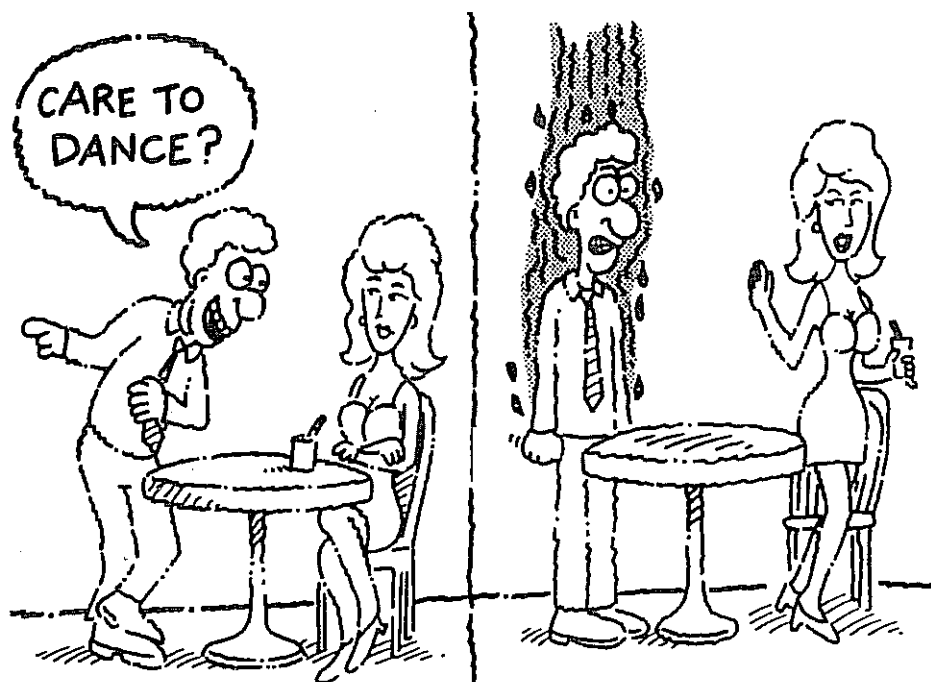
- ☐ When Bobby threw his toys against the wall, his father CHIDED him for his bad temper.
- ☐ I don't mind being CHIDED for things I did, but I hate being CHIDED for what my sneaky sister Elizabeth did.
- ☐ The sergeant told the private that he was going to CHIDE him each time he didn't properly clean his rifle.

SPURN

(spurn)

to reject with disdain

Link: BURN



"Robert was BURNED when Rebecca SPURNED him."

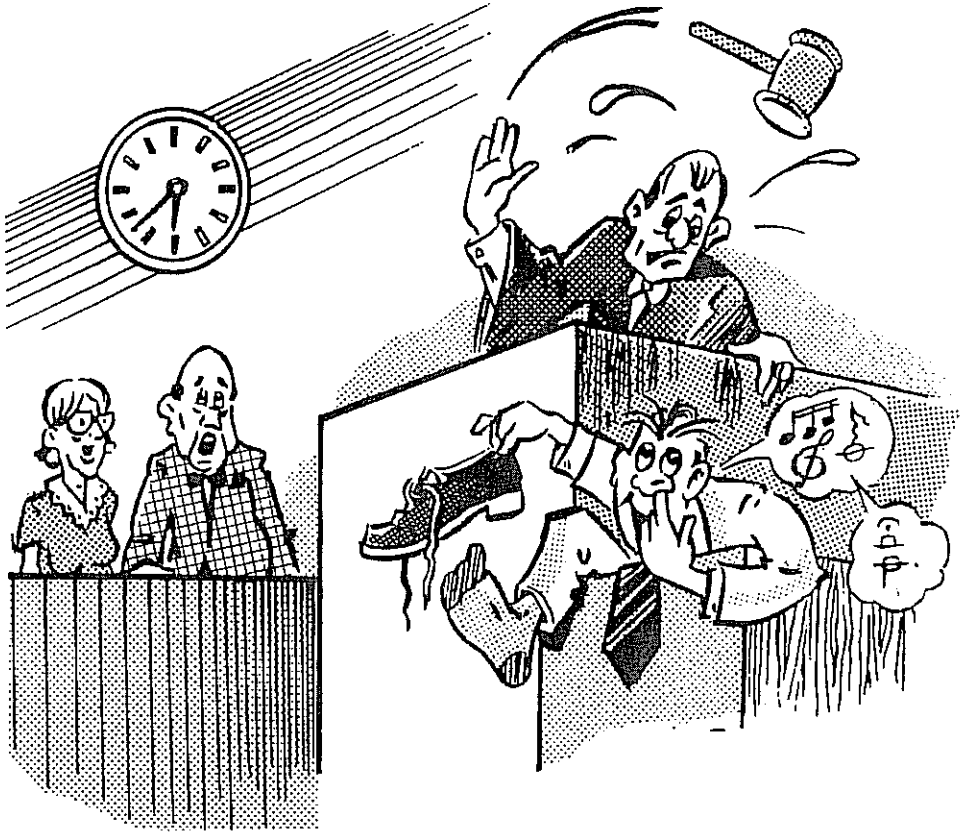
- ❑ James talked of nothing but how much he wanted a date with Ruth, but would never ask her for fear she would SPURN him.
- ❑ John thought he made a fair offer for the house, but the owner SPURNED his offer and actually became angry about it.
- ❑ When Jimmy Connors won the tennis match and offered to shake hands with his opponent, the loser SPURNED Jimmy's hand and walked off.

FEIGN

(fayn)

to give a false appearance;
to pretend

Link: INSANE



*"The prisoner FEIGNED INSANITY
as a defense to his crime."*

- ❑ Jeremy talked a good game but FEIGNED knowledge of space science he did not possess.
- ❑ Elizabeth FEIGNED illness in order to stay home from school the day of her final exam in math.
- ❑ (Any FEIGNED action is a FEINT.) The boxer kept FEINTING with his left hand, waiting for an opening to hit a knockout punch with his right.

REVIEW #27: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. exhume - (tomb) | a. scold |
| 2. laudable - (applaudable) | b. to lower in quality |
| 3. altercation - (altar) | c. order by law |
| 4. decree - (set free) | d. to pretend |
| 5. gamin - (jammin') | e. street kid |
| 6. debase - (the base) | f. to reject |
| 7. dauntless - (hauntless) | g. to dig up |
| 8. chide - (lied) | h. heated quarrel |
| 9. spurn - (burn) | i. fearless |
| 10. feign - (insane) | j. worthy of praise |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

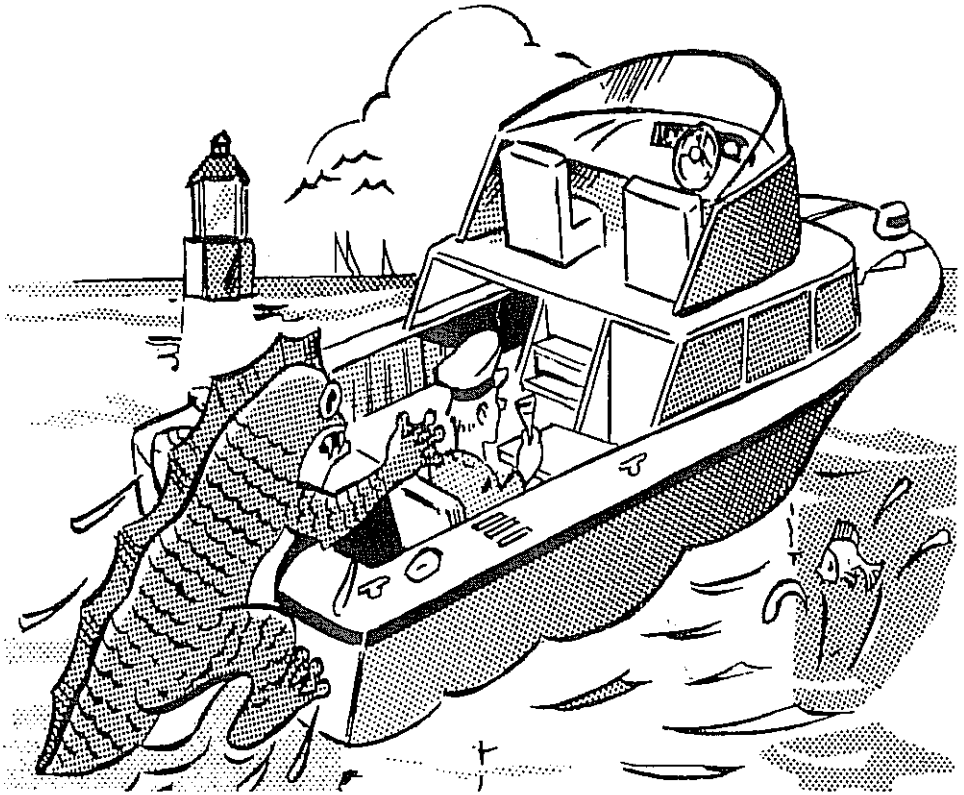
1. The prisoner _____ insanity as a defense to his crime.
2. During the rainy season it was _____ of Tim to bring an umbrella and escort the girls to class.
3. Archeologists like to _____ tombs.
4. The inflation in Brazil has so _____ the value of money that people won't pick coins off the street.
5. James never asked Ruth out on a date for fear she would _____ him.
6. _____ and determined, the firemen dashed through the smoke to rescue the family.
7. The Mafia had a slight _____ with the police after ten of their members were arrested.
8. In India, everywhere our tour bus stopped, there would be a gang of _____ begging for money.
9. The good fairy _____ Pinocchio because he lied.
10. The _____ by the city council that all dogs must be kept on a leash set off a bitter conflict among dog owners.

DAMPER

(DAM per)

one that depresses
or restrains

Link: DAMP PAW



*"A DAMP PAW can put a DAMPER
on a good time."*

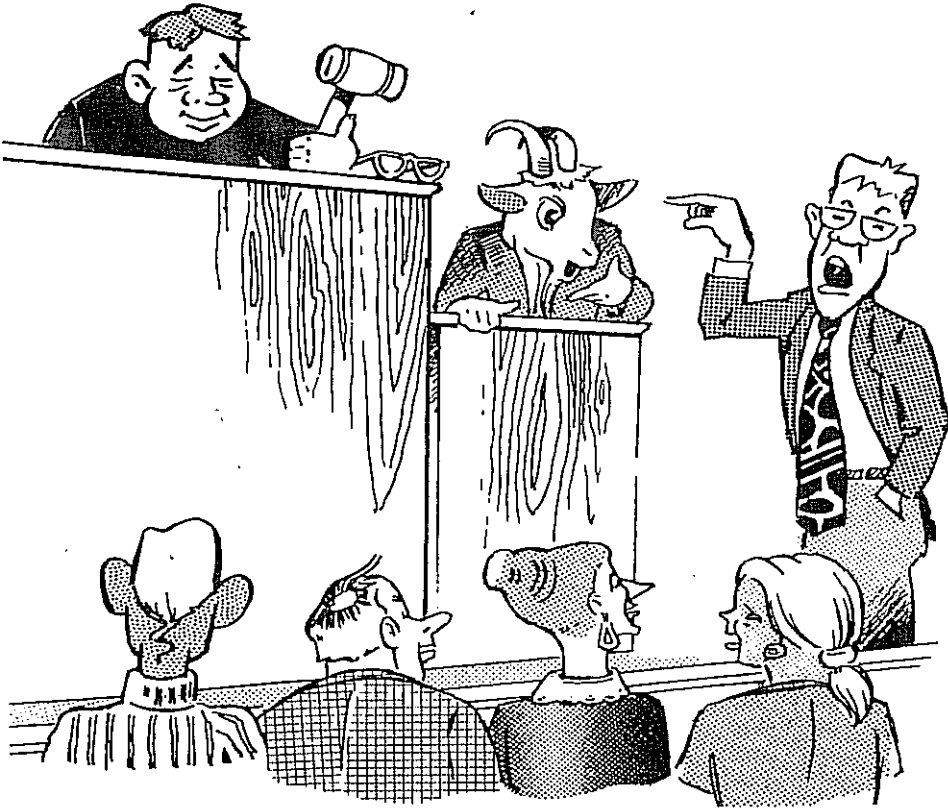
- ❑ The jury trial seemed to be going the way of the defense until an eyewitness put a DAMPER on the defendant's hopes by identifying him as the one who committed the crime.
- ❑ The family was excited about their vacation until their father put a DAMPER on their plans, saying he was sorry, but there was no money for a vacation this year.

SCAPEGOAT

(SCAPE goat)

one who is made an object
of blame for others

Link: GOAT



*"I ask you, does this man look
like a SCAPEGOAT?"*

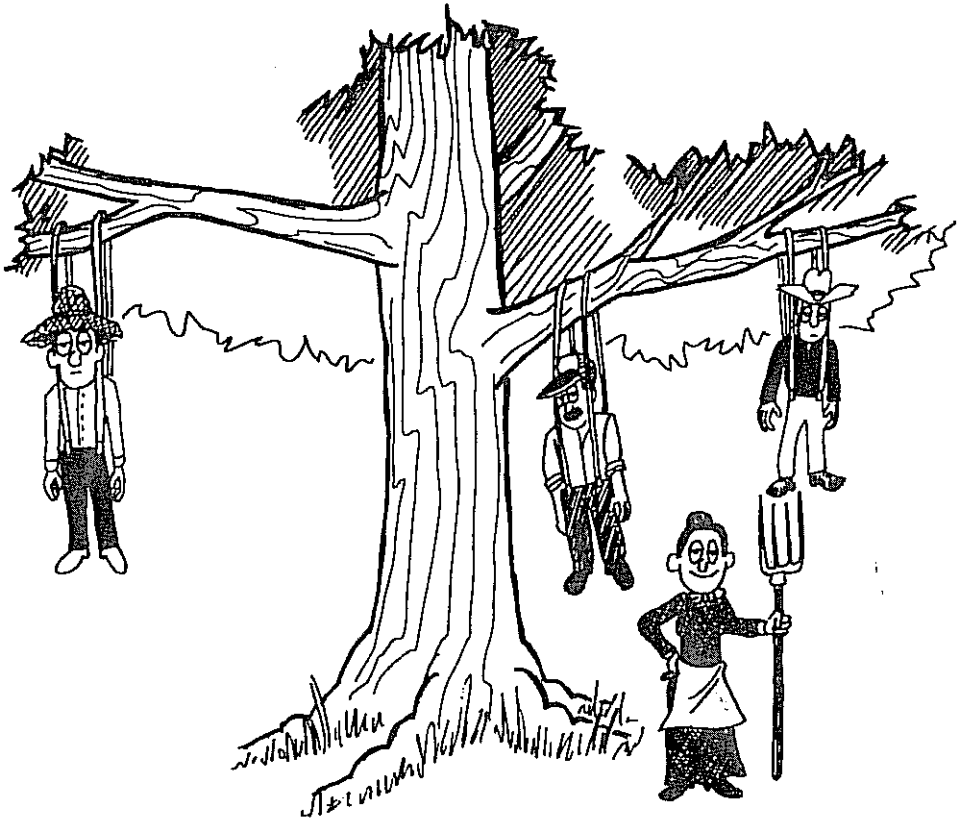
- ❑ Mary said she was not one of the sorority sisters who stayed out late, and she wasn't going to be the SCAPEGOAT for the ones who did.
- ❑ Henry was always the SCAPEGOAT, taking blame for whatever happened, whether he was to blame or not.

HUSBANDRY

(HUZ bun dree)

management of resources, especially
in agriculture

Link: HUSBAND TREE



"To help in her HUSBANDRY chores, Aunt Emma had her own HUSBAND TREE."

- ❑ (HUSBANDRY is the practice of conserving resources; to HUSBAND is to economize.) Experts say the world's oil resources will soon be exhausted, and we must soon begin to HUSBAND oil.
- ❑ Everyone in our squad HUSBANDED their share of water for the long trek back to the barracks.

SPUR

(spur)

to move to action; an incentive

Link: SPURS



*"SPURS are called SPURS because
they SPUR a horse to action."*

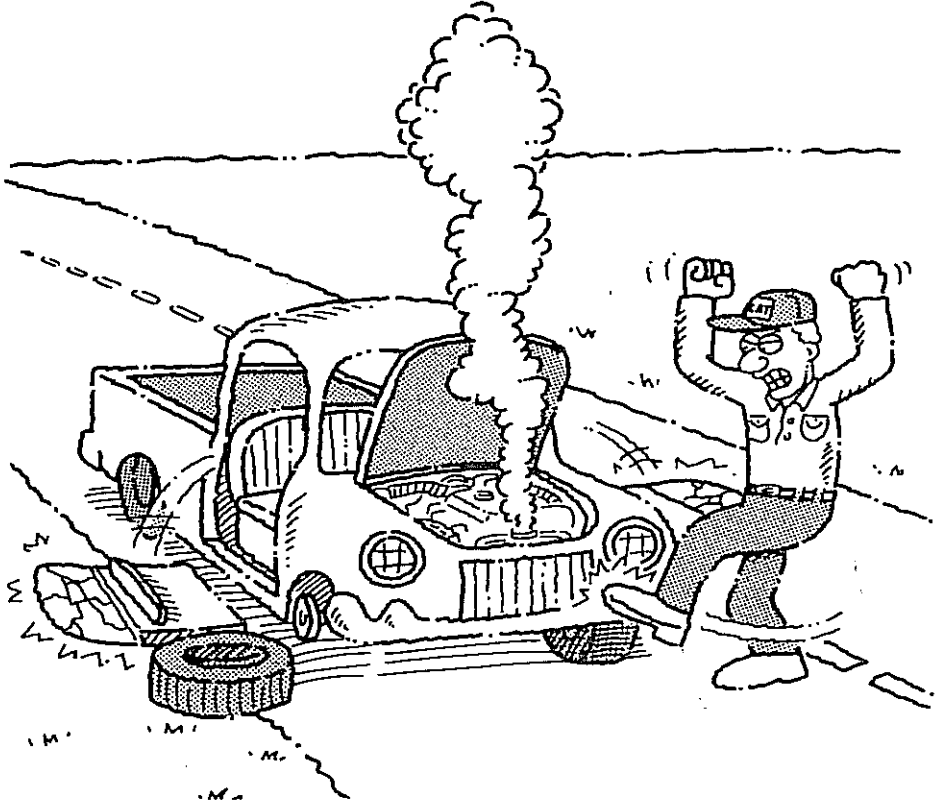
- ❑ The coach told his players that his job was not only to teach, but to SPUR them on to do their best.
- ❑ The general SPURRED his troops to make one last effort to take the hill.
- ❑ The principal's talk on good citizenship SPURRED the students into not littering the school grounds.

TRUCULENT

(TRUK yu lunt)

inclined toward conflict;
eager to fight

Link: TRUCK YOU LENT



*"The TRUCK YOU LENT Uncle Frank
made him TRUCULENT."*

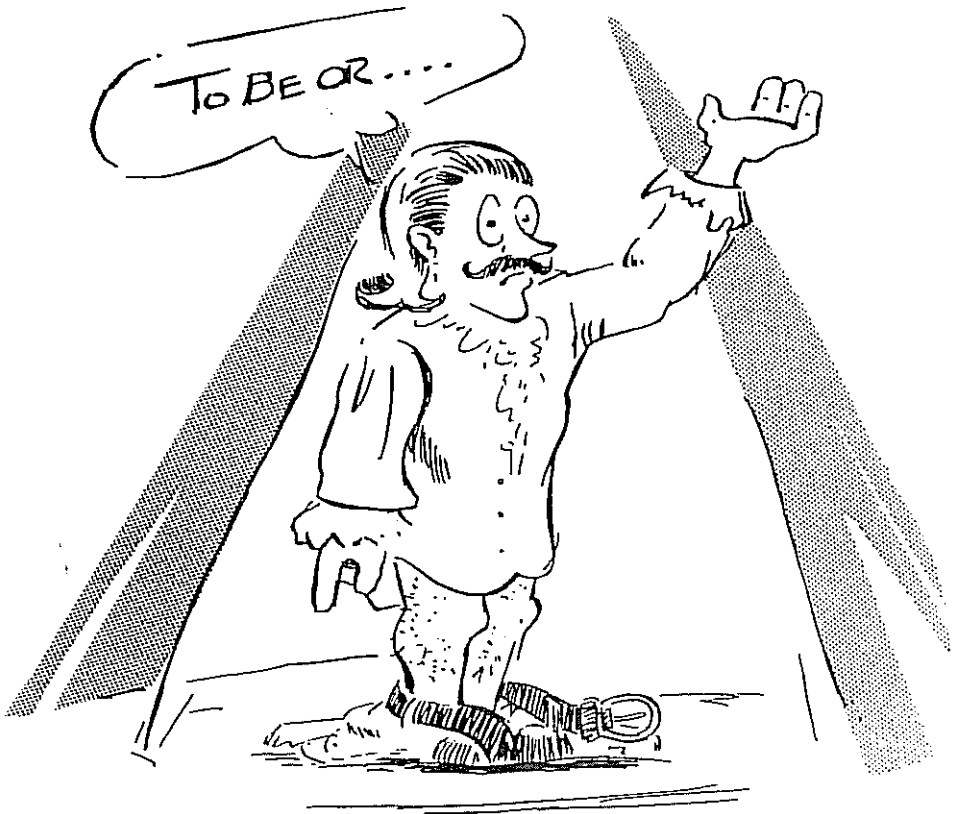
- ❑ Looking back on it, we never understood what made Randolph TRUCULENT all through school; he always had a chip on his shoulder.
- ❑ A TRUCULENT attitude seldom wins friends or influences people in a positive way.
- ❑ Just because your birthday cake was full of bugs, you don't have to be so TRUCULENT about it.

DEBACLE

(di BAHK ul)

a sudden calamitous downfall;
collapse or failure

Link: THE BUCKLE



*"When THE BUCKLE broke, Shakespeare's
Hamlet became a DEBACLE."*

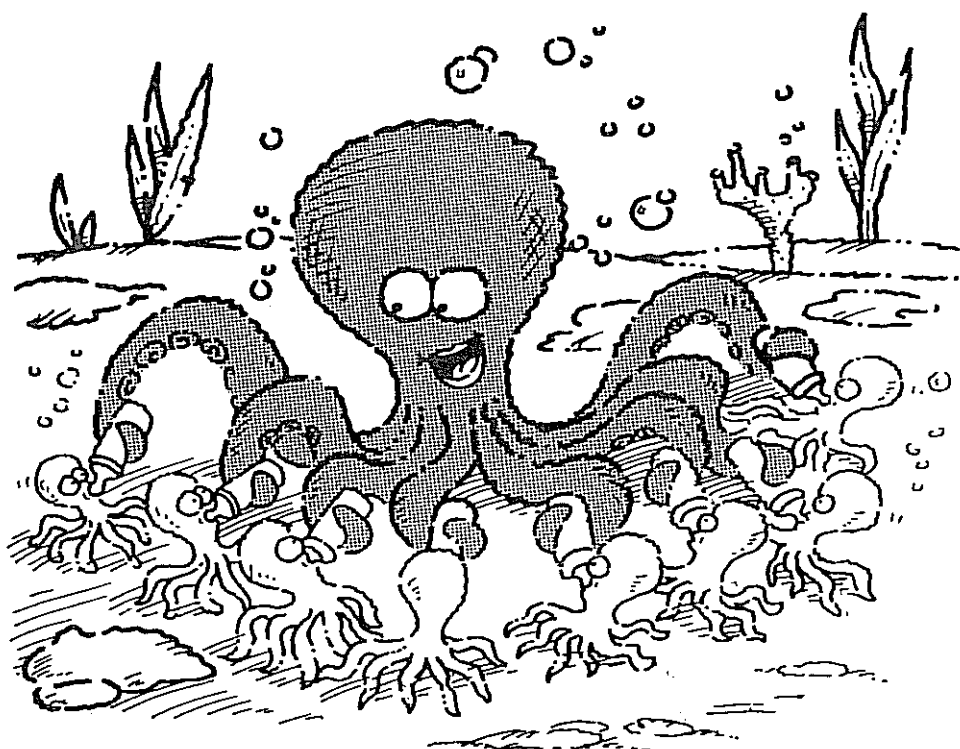
- ❑ It was an absolute DEBACLE for Agassi as he lost the third set without winning a single point.
- ❑ The bank went broke as a result of a DEBACLE created by the thieving board of directors.
- ❑ A worse DEBACLE you would never hope to see; it rained on the Easter parade.

OPTIMUM

(OP tuh mum)

the most advantageous; the best condition, degree, or amount

Link: OCTOPUS MOM



"An OCTOPUS MOM has the OPTIMUM ability to feed her young."

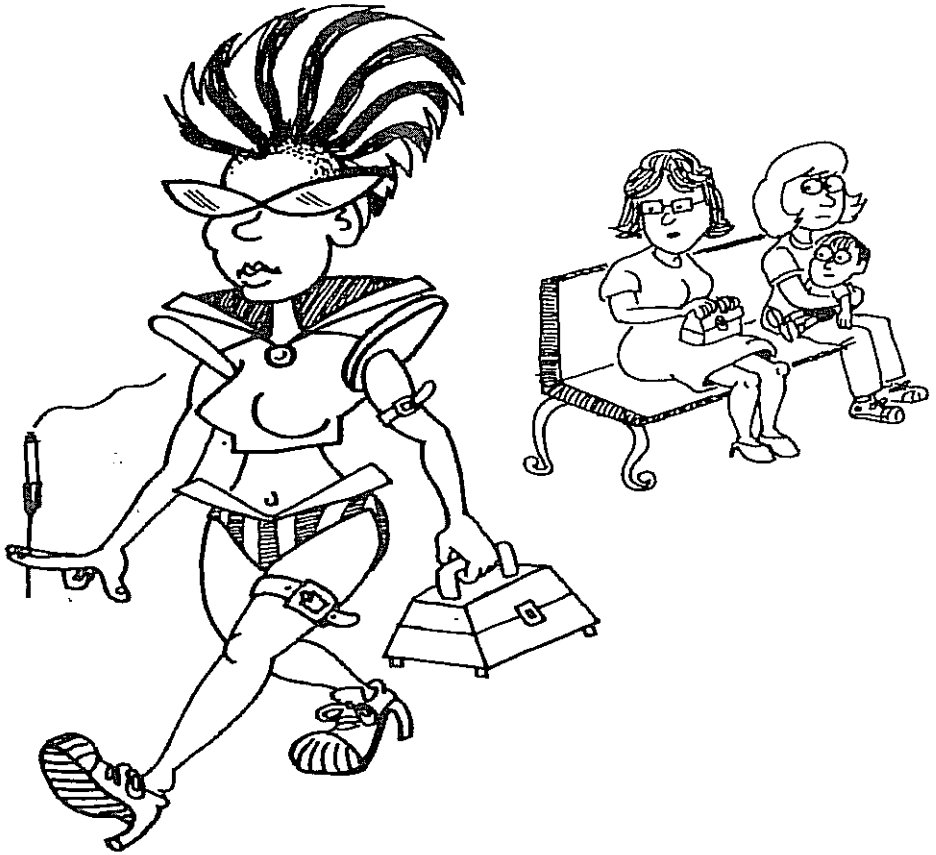
- ❑ Fran said she had the OPTIMUM job, working at home on the word processor while watching soap operas.
- ❑ As the conditions were OPTIMUM, with no wind at the track, the U.S. Olympic team had hopes of breaking the world record in the 440 yard relay.
- ❑ With Rudy unemployed, his wife in the hospital, and the three children sick with the flu, this was hardly an OPTIMUM situation for the family.

COUTURE

(KOO chur)

fashion and fashion designers

Link: FUTURE



*“That’s what we’ll be wearing, the COUTURE
of the FUTURE.”*

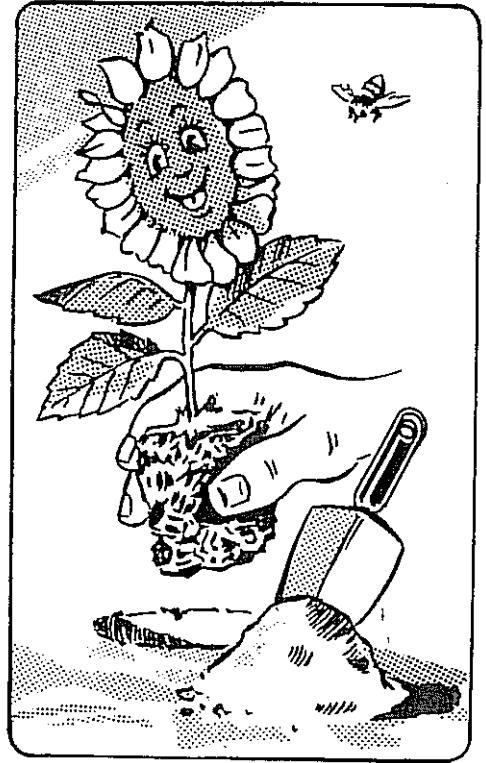
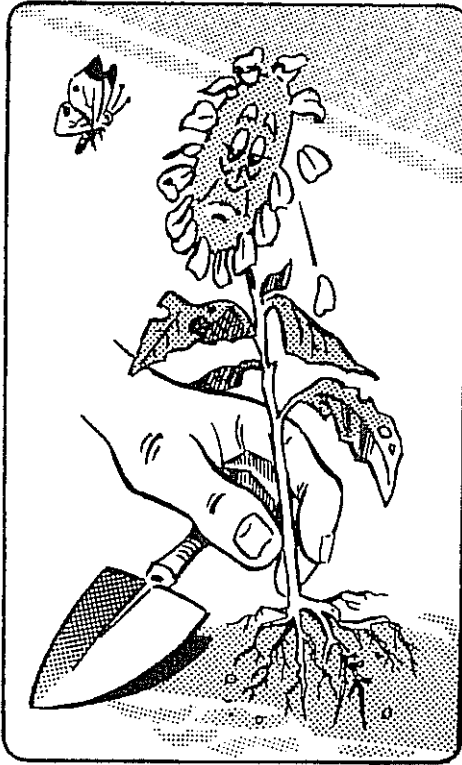
- ❑ Jane works for a department store chain and they sent her to Paris to study the latest COUTURE.
- ❑ Henry studied the art of COUTURIER for three years in the finest French design institutions.
- ❑ COUTURE, pewture, I’ll wear what I please and those Frenchie guys can go fiddle-faddle all they want.

SUPLANT

(suh PLANT)

to take the place of

Link: PLANT



*“Gardeners PLANT new plants to
SUPLANT old PLANTS.”*

- ❑ After the school superintendent retired, she was SUPLANTED by the deputy superintendent.
- ❑ The Recreation and Parks Department’s proposed budget for next year was quickly SUPLANTED by a budget mandated by the Board of County Commissioners.
- ❑ The scheduled boxing match was postponed and SUPLANTED with a Hawaiian dance contest.

QUANDARY

(KWAHN dree)

state of perplexity; difficult or
uncertain situation

Link: LAUNDRY



“A QUANDARY in the LAUNDRY.”

- ❑ The police were in a QUANDARY; the butler’s fingerprints were all over the murder weapon, but he was two thousand miles away and appearing on the *Tonight Show* during the time the murder was committed.
- ❑ When a girl likes two boys equally well and they each ask her for a date at the same time, that is a teenage QUANDARY of major proportions.

REVIEW #28: Match the word with its definition.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. damper - (damp paw) | a. manage resources |
| 2. scapegoat - (goat) | b. uncertain situation |
| 3. husbandry - (husband tree) | c. take the place of |
| 4. spur - (spurs) | d. act of depression |
| 5. truculent - (truck you lent) | e. move to action |
| 6. debacle - (the buckle) | f. eager to fight |
| 7. optimum - (octopus mom) | g. fashion |
| 8. couture - (future) | h. collapse, failure |
| 9. supplant - (plant) | i. most advantageous |
| 10. quandary - (laundry) | j. object of blame |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

1. Mary said she wasn't the one who stayed out late, and that she wouldn't be the _____ for those who did.
2. Just because your birthday cake is full of weevils, you don't have to be so _____ about it.
3. The police were in a _____ about who committed the murder.
4. Jane works for a department store chain and they sent her to Paris to study the latest _____.
5. To help in her _____ chores, Aunt Emma had her own husband tree.
6. The coach told his players that his job was not only to teach, but to _____ them on to do their best.
7. A damp paw can put a _____ on a good time.
8. A worse _____ you would never hope to see; it rained on the Easter parade.
9. Fran told her friends she had the _____ job; working at home on the computer and watching soap operas all day long.
10. Gardeners plant new plants to _____ the old ones.

SONOROUS

(SON uh russ)

producing sound, especially deep
and rich, resonant

Link: SNORERS



*"The not-so-SONOROUS SNORERS
of old Santa Fe."*

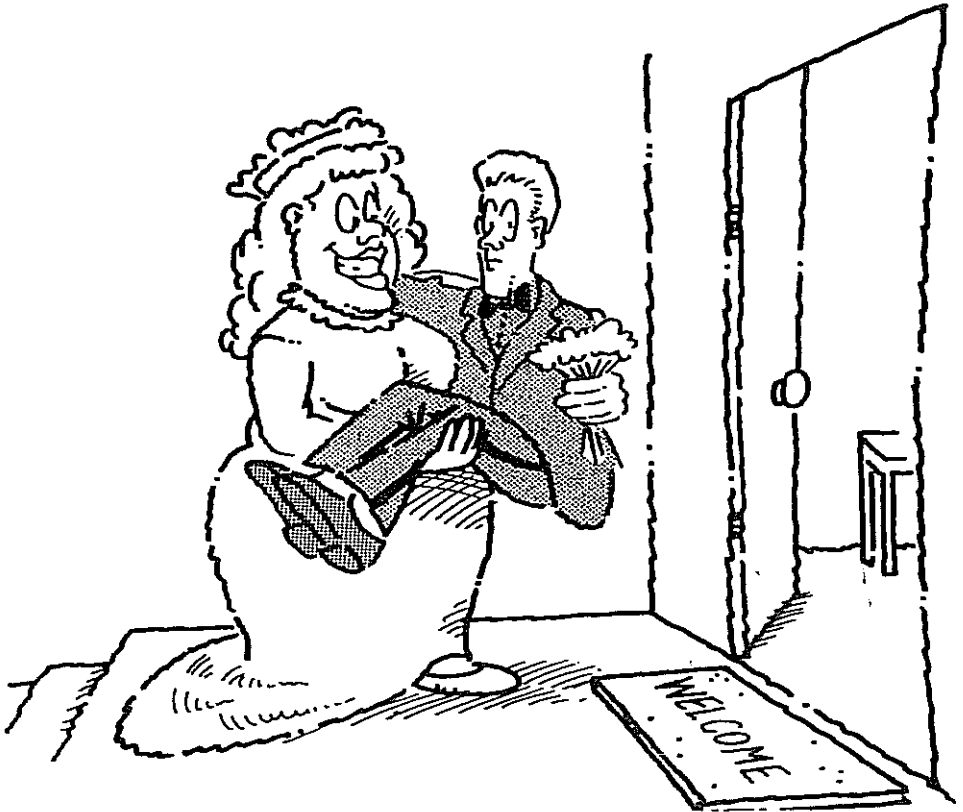
- ❑ John Barrymore's SONOROUS voice enraptured audiences across the land for decades.
- ❑ The SONORITY of the school choir as they sang Christmas carols in the auditorium was uplifting and delightfully spiritual.

EGALITARIAN

(e gal uh TEAR ee un)

advocating the doctrine of equal rights for all citizens

Link: THE GAL I'M MARRYIN'



*“THE GAL I'M MARRYIN' is an
EGALITARIAN.”*

- ❑ The Communists preached an EGALITARIAN philosophy, but in the end they were the same old fascists the world has known through the ages.
- ❑ The founders of the Declaration of Independence were no better, they also preached EGALITARIAN principles, yet at the same time they owned slaves.
- ❑ Martin Luther King was a true EGALITARIAN, he preached for equal rights for all citizens.

DURESS

(DU ress)

hardship, restraint, confinement

Link: CONFESS



"During interrogation, the suspect was under DURESS to CONFESS."

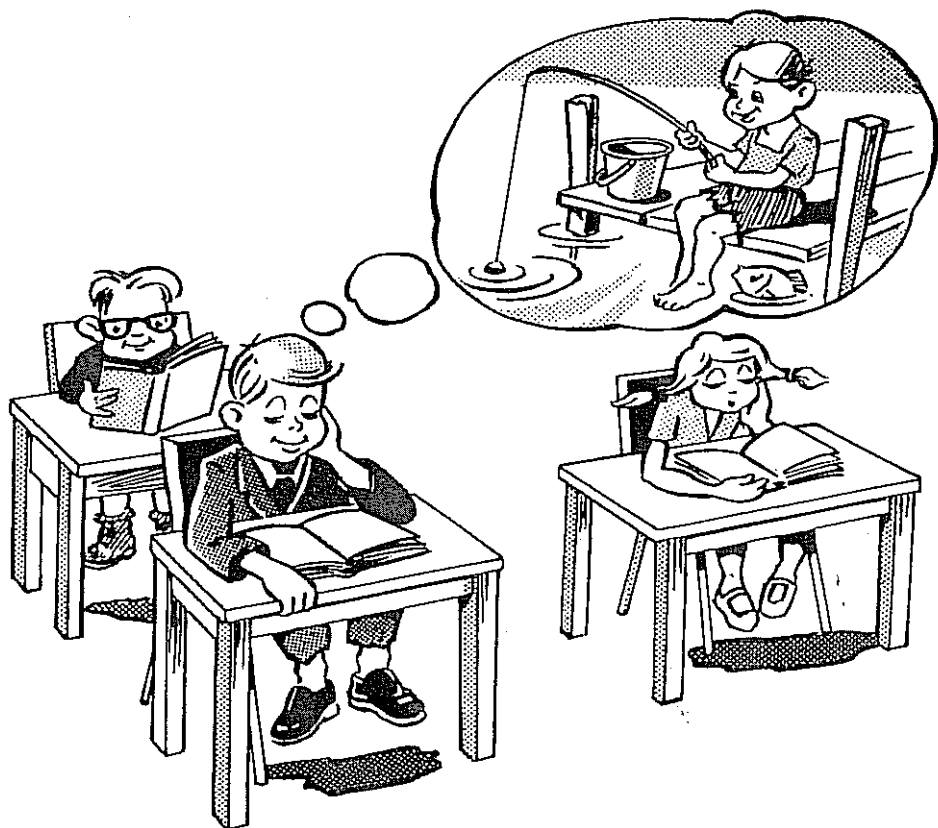
- ❑ The judge ruled the defendant was under DURESS when the police got his confession, and therefore his confession could not be used as evidence.
- ❑ It is only in recent years that social scientists have come to understand that many people laboring in competitive industries are under career DURESS.

VOLITION

(voh LISH un)

an act of choosing, using one's own will in a conscious choice

Link: GO FISHIN'



"Of his own VOLITION, Bryan would have preferred to GO FISHIN'."

- ❑ The biggest question the general had to decide was whether the private had cowardly deserted of his own VOLITION in the face of the enemy, or as he claimed, to rescue a wounded fellow soldier.
- ❑ The dean asked Peter if he was joining a fraternity because of peer pressure or his own VOLITION.

ENTREAT

(en TREET)

to ask earnestly; to implore,
plead, beg

Link: TREAT



"What is more common than a child ENTREATING a parent for a TREAT of candy or ice cream."

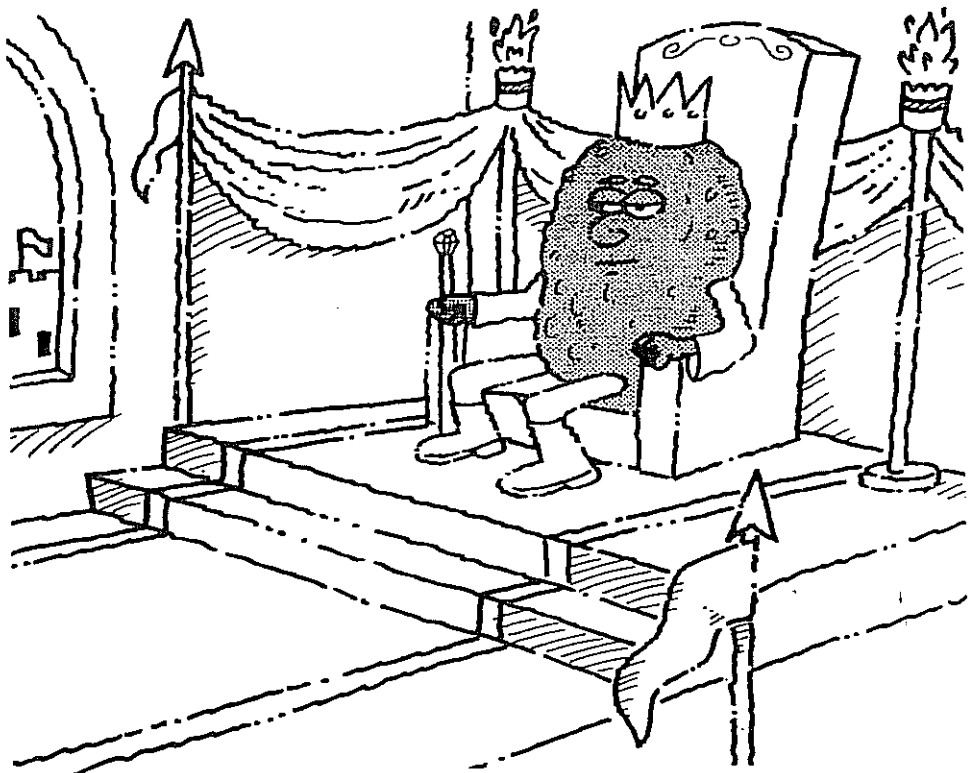
- ❑ Roger said he would ENTREAT Professor Jones to permit us to take the exam early so we could go on the road with the booster club.
- ❑ Our entire family ENTREATED our father to take us on a summer vacation to Europe.
- ❑ The judge listened to the ENTREATIES of the prisoner and decided to give him a suspended sentence because of his family situation.

POTENTATE

(POE tun tate)

a powerful ruler; an important person

Link: IMPORTANT TATER



*"A POTENTATE in 'Tater Kingdom' is
an IMPORTANT TATER."*

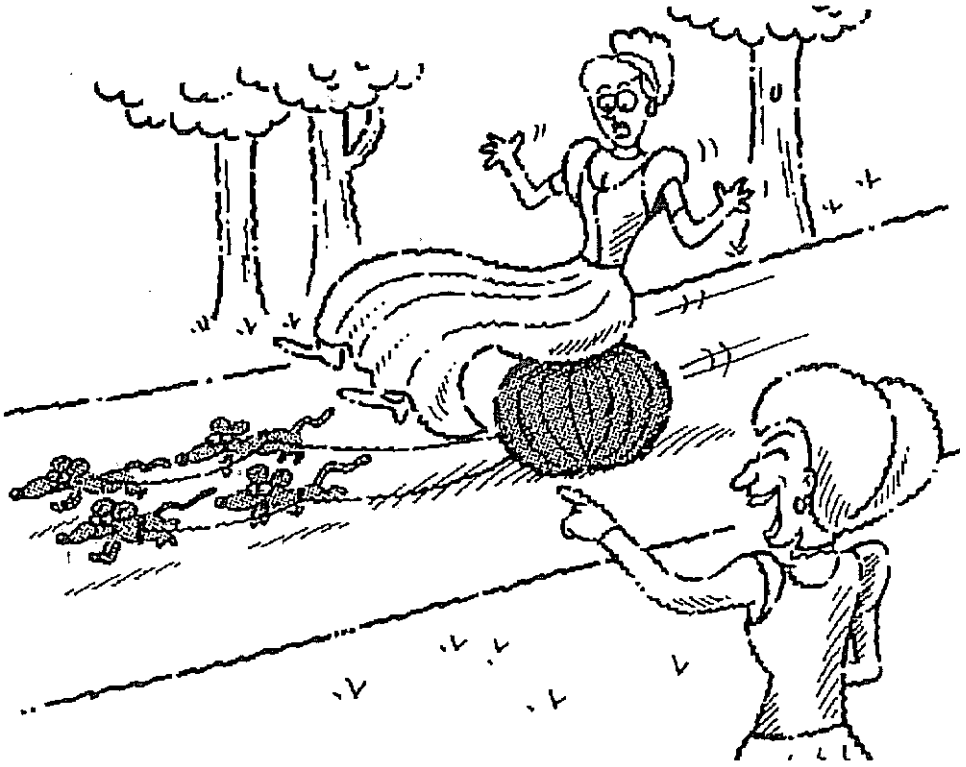
- ❑ POTENTATES are usually not elected officials, but the descendants of a line of rajahs, sheiks, and emperors, kings and queens.
- ❑ The shah of Iran was an Iranian POTENTATE who lived in the twentieth century.
- ❑ Ever since Sarah was elected president of the junior class, she walks around with her nose in the air, as if she thinks she is a POTENTATE.

DISPARAGE

(dis PEAR ij)

to belittle, say uncomplimentary things;
to put down

Link: CARRIAGE



*"The mean step mother DISPARAGED
Cinderella's CARRIAGE."*

- ☐ Pete was told his behavior would DISPARAGE the whole team's efforts.
- ☐ Robert DISPARAGES the accomplishments of his fellow students.
- ☐ Jealousy made Ellen make many DISPARAGING remarks about Rachel's prom. dress.

BESET

(bee SET)

to harass; to surround

Link: BEES SAT



*“The angry BEES SAT on his face
and BESET the beekeeper.”*

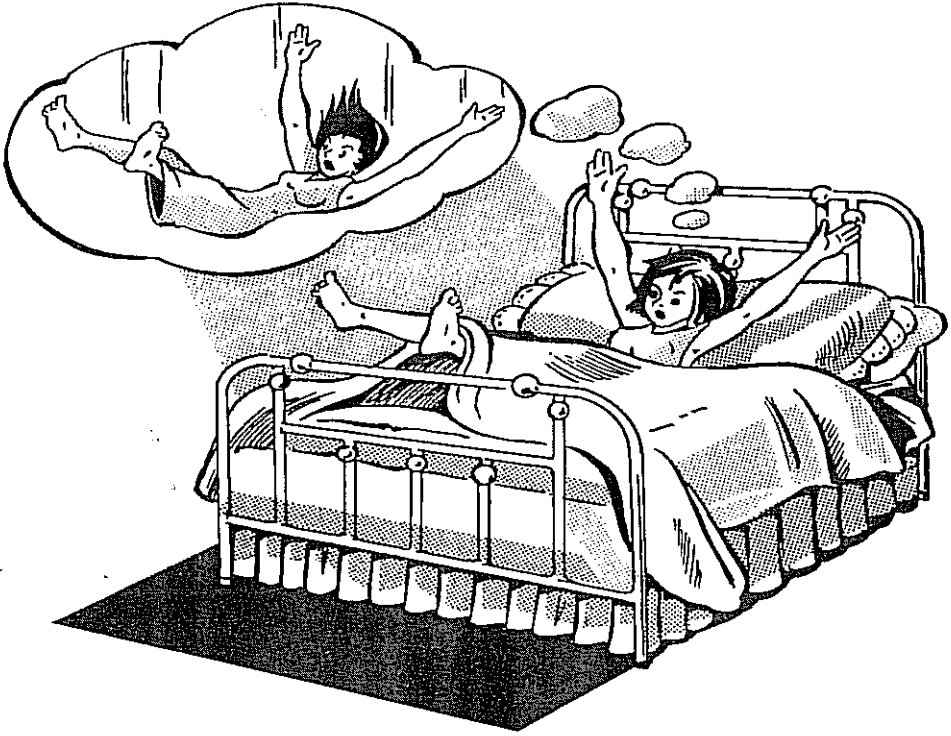
- ❑ We were to have gone to the beach for a sunny vacation, but were BESET with a week of rain and cold weather.
- ❑ We thought we had the design ironed out, but when three of our aircraft crashed, we knew we were BESET with design problems we had yet to understand.
- ❑ The losing team was BESET with disappointment.

APPALLING

(uh PAWL ing)

to fill with dismay; causing
horror or consternation

Link: FALLING



*“Sue had an APPALLING dream that
she was FALLING.”*

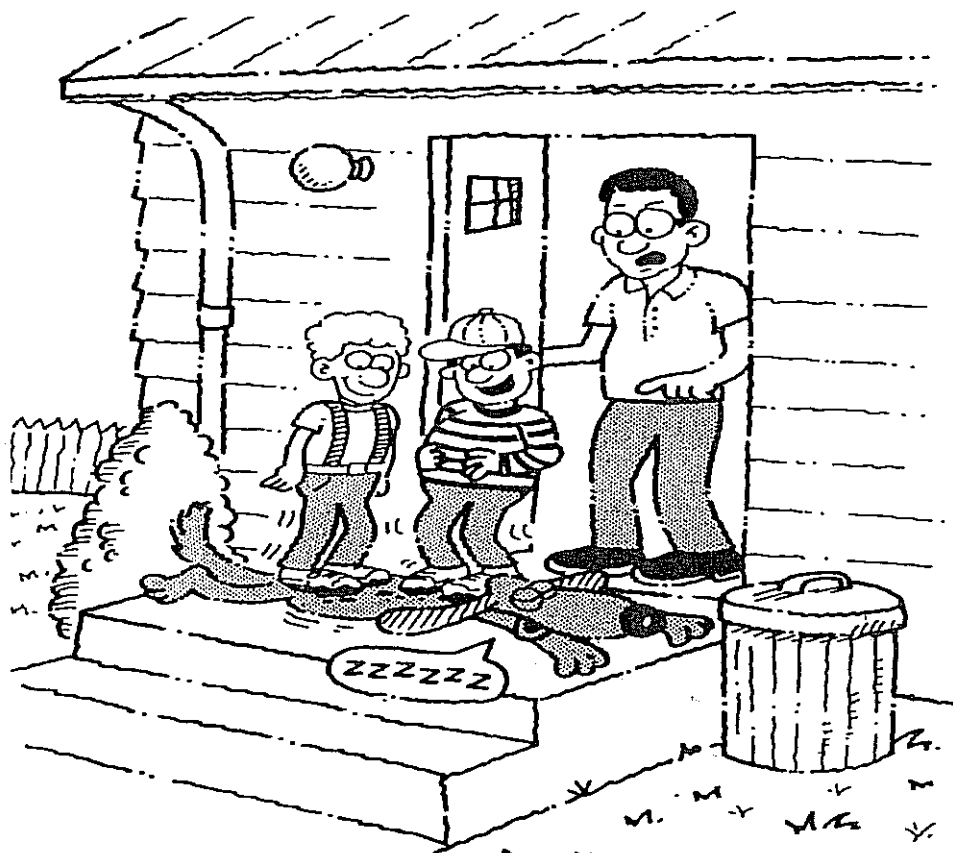
- ❑ It was absolutely APPALLING the way the members of the band taunted the cheerleaders with accusations that their legs looked like twigs.
- ❑ The travelers received an APPALLING reception at the village hotel; they were given the smallest rooms for the highest prices.
- ❑ To be APPALLED is to be so horrified as to lose the color or pallor in one's face.

DORMANT

(DOR munt)

asleep or inactive

Link: DOOR MAT



"Boys! Boys! Fido may be DORMANT, but he is not a DOOR MAT."

- ☐ Bears hibernate in caves and remain DORMANT throughout the winter.
- ☐ Jim's talent for playing the French horn had been DORMANT for so long he lost his ability to play.
- ☐ The rain fell steadily over the DORMANT village as nightfall approached.

REVIEW #29: Match the word with its definition.

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1. sonorous - (snorers) | a. harass, surround |
| 2. egalitarian - (the gal I'm marryin') | b. fill with dismay |
| 3. duress - (confess) | c. conscious choice |
| 4. volition - (go fishin') | d. resonant sounds |
| 5. entreat - (treat) | e. asleep, inactive |
| 6. potentate - (important tater) | f. equal rights |
| 7. disparage - (carriage) | g. under restraint |
| 8. beset - (bees sat) | h. important person |
| 9. appalling - (falling) | i. to put down, belittle |
| 10. dormant - (door mat) | j. to implore, beg |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.

1. Roger said he would _____ Professor Jones to let us out of class early.
2. Jealousy made Ellen make many _____ remarks about Sue's prom dress.
3. Sue had an _____ dream that she was falling.
4. The rain fell steadily over the _____ village as nightfall approached.
5. We were to have gone to the beach for a sunny vacation, but were _____ with a week of rain.
6. The shah of Iran was an Iranian _____ who lived in the twentieth century.
7. During interrogation, the suspect was under _____ to confess.
8. John Barrymore was a famous Shakespearean actor with a _____ voice which enraptured audiences.
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