

ABUT

(uh BUT) v.

to border upon; to adjoin

Link: **BUTT**



“ABUTTING BUTTS”

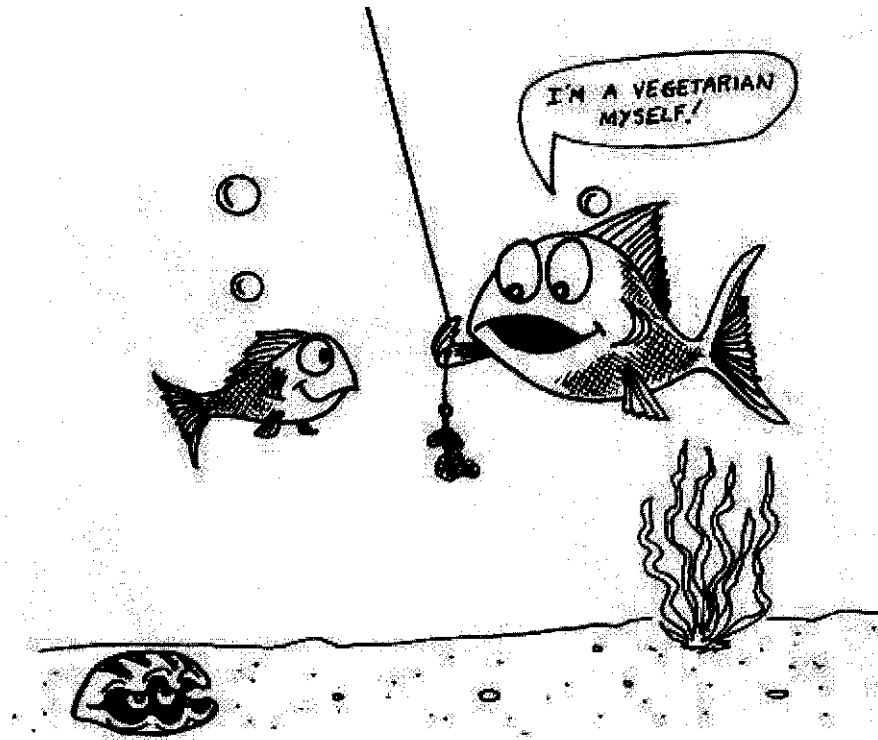
- ❑ In Hong Kong the skyscrapers so closely **ABUT** each other, in some cases they touch sides.
- ❑ Texas **ABUTS** Mexico on its southern border.
- ❑ The **ABUTTING** rocks formed a perfect wall for riflemen to defend the castle.

ALLURE

(uh LUHR) v.

to entice with something desirable; to tempt

Link: LURE



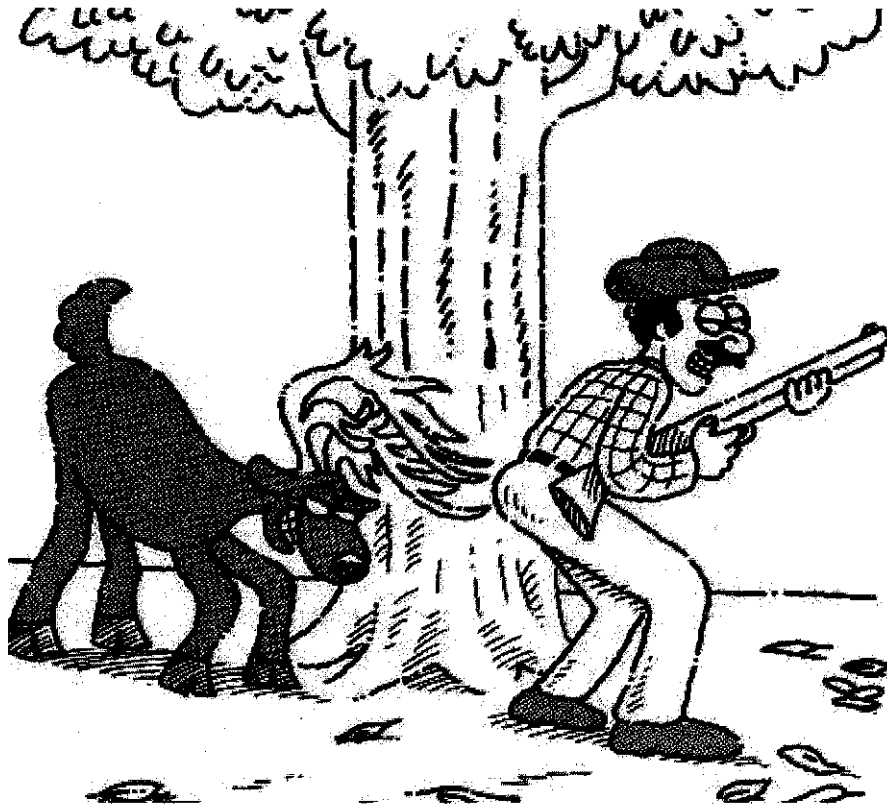
"Not all fish LURES ALLURE all fish."

- The actress **ALLURED** the crowd with her overwhelming beauty.
- The sailors were **ALLURED** into believing that the calm, balmy seas would never become a ferocious storm.
- ALLURED** by the thought of wealth, he decided to study plastic surgery.

ANTERIOR

(an TEER ee ur) *adj.*
situated in front

Link: ANTLERS



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

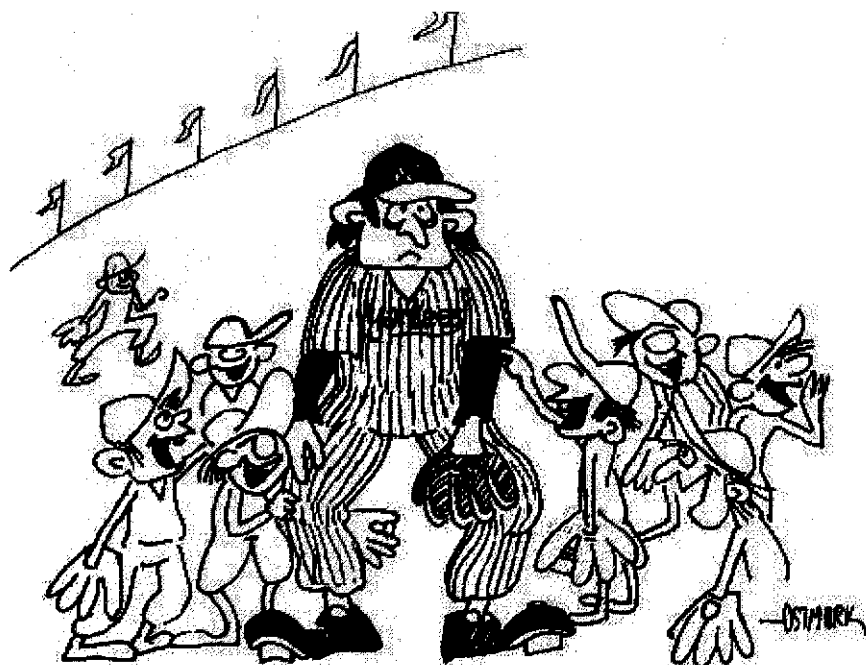
- There is the ANTERIOR up front, the interior inside, the exterior outside, and the posterior bringing up the rear.
- Susan prefers to sit in the ANTERIOR desk of the classroom in order to better see the board.
- The ANTERIOR position of a ship is called the bow.

BELEAGUER

(be LEE gur) v.

to besiege; beset, surround, harass

Link: **BIG LEAGUER**



*"The little leaguers **BELEAGUERED** the **BIG LEAGUERS**."*

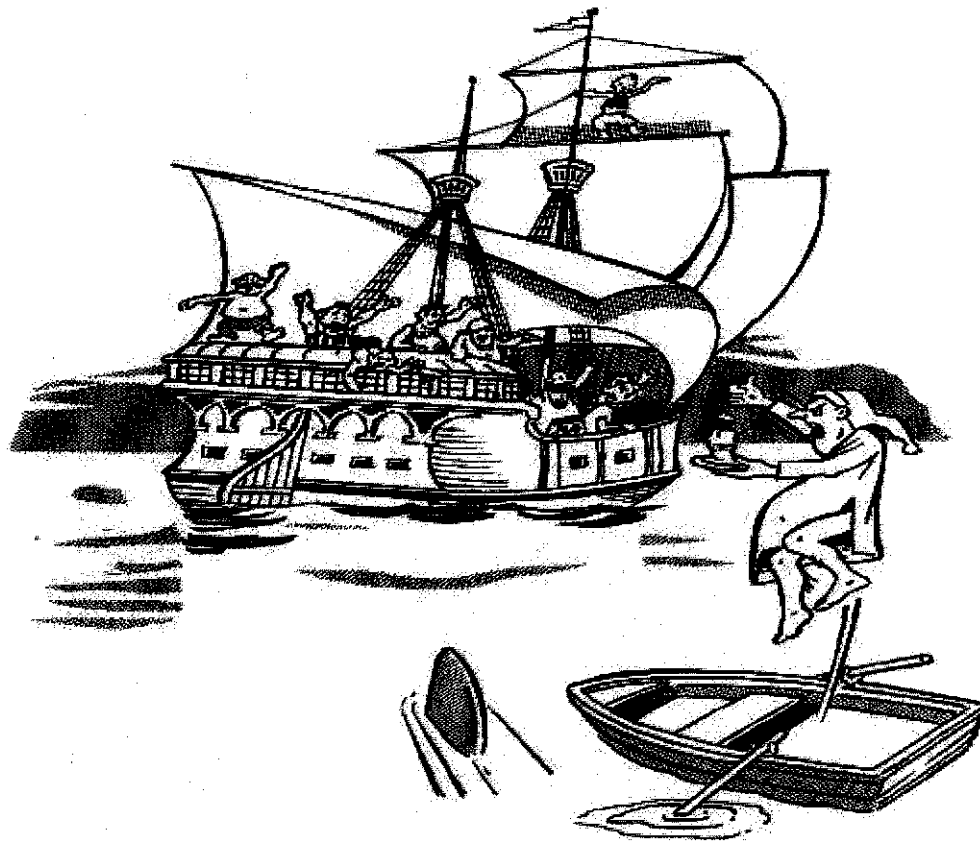
- ❑ The home fans **BELEAGUERED** the visiting team as they entered the stadium.
- ❑ The ship was **BELEAGUERED** by the constant attack of enemy fighter planes.
- ❑ In the midst of important negotiations, the union official asked his staff not to **BELEAGUER** him with insignificant details.

COUP

(koo) *n.*

the violent overthrow of a government by a small group; a victorious accomplishment

Link: **CREW**



*“In a midnight **COUP**, the mutinous **CREW** of ‘The Bounty’ threw Captain Bligh off his ship.”*

- In this century alone there have been almost one hundred military **COUPS** in Latin America.
- It was a real **COUP** for James when his teammates elected him captain of the basketball team.
- The violent **COUP** ended when the radical political leaders were escorted out of the capitol in shackles.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS Review #8

Match the word with its definition.

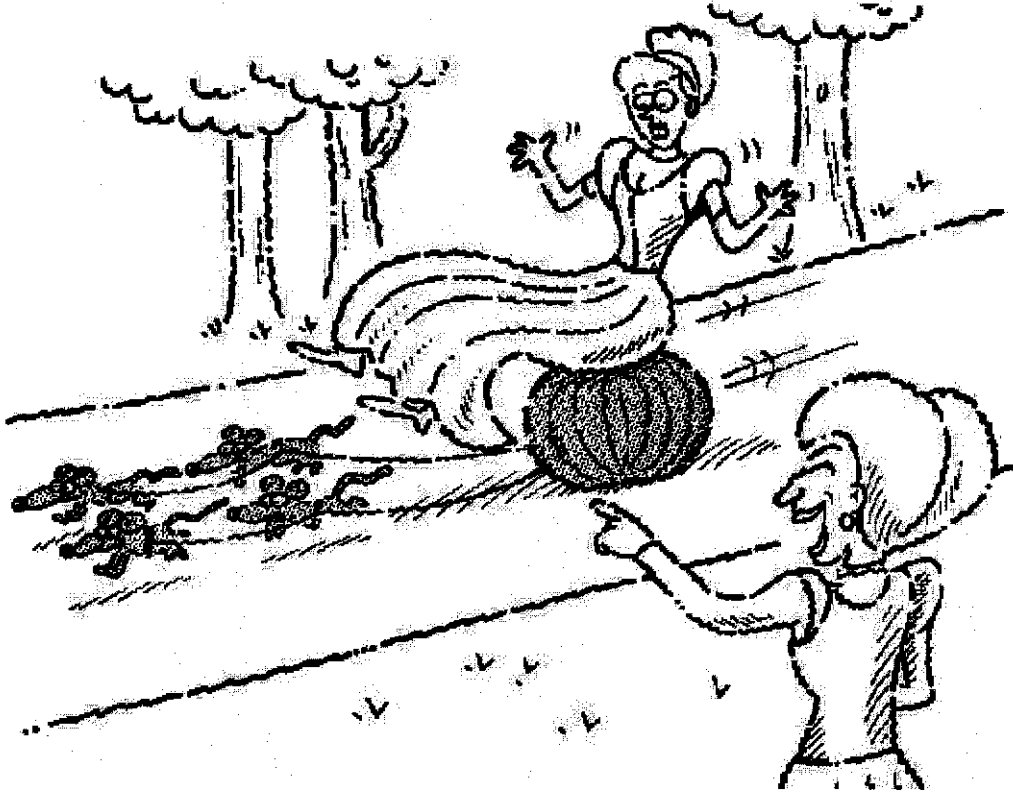
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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ___ 1. claimant | a. a person's facial expression |
| ___ 2. cloister | b. general agreement |
| ___ 3. commodious | c. a circle of close friends |
| ___ 4. comprise | d. spacious, roomy, capacious |
| ___ 5. congenial | e. the overthrow of a government |

DISPARAGE

(dis PEAR ij) v.

to belittle, say uncomplimentary things; to put down

Link: **CARRIAGE**



*"The mean stepmother **DISPARAGED** Cinderella's **CARRIAGE**."*

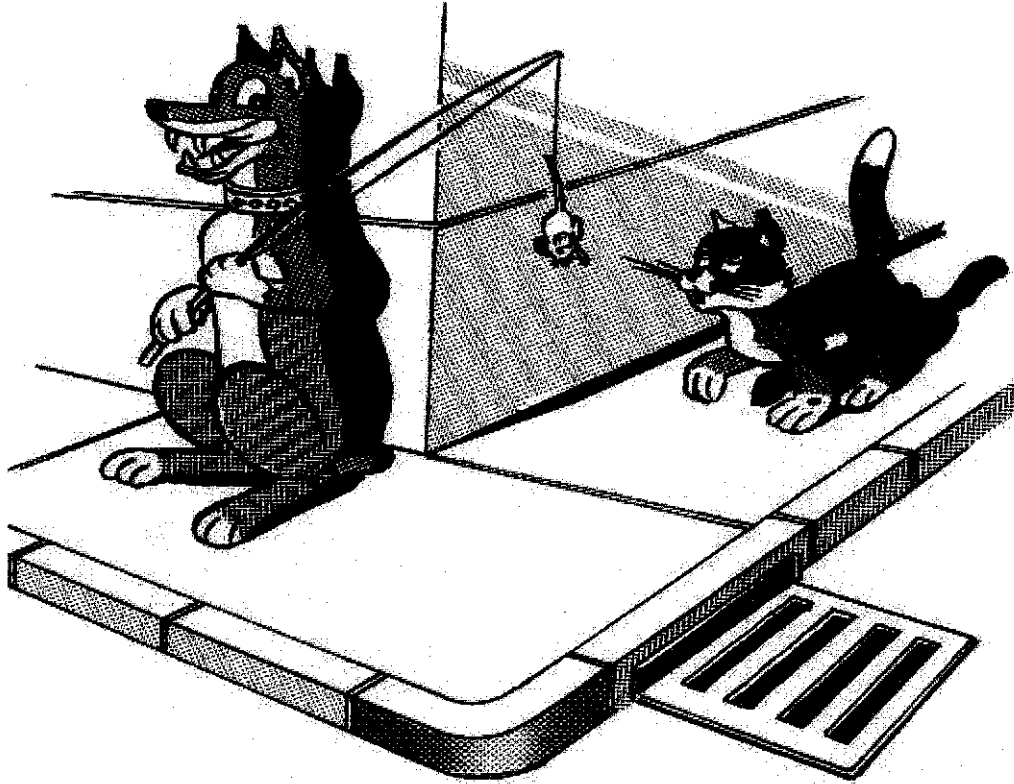
- Pete was told his behavior would **DISPARAGE** the whole team's efforts.
- The coach **DISPARAGED** his team to the press after a humiliating loss.
- Jealousy made Ellen make many **DISPARAGING** remarks about Rachel's prom dress.

ENTICE

(in TICE) v.

to lure, to attract, to tempt
in a pleasing fashion

Link: **MICE**



"Fido uses MICE to ENTICE cats."

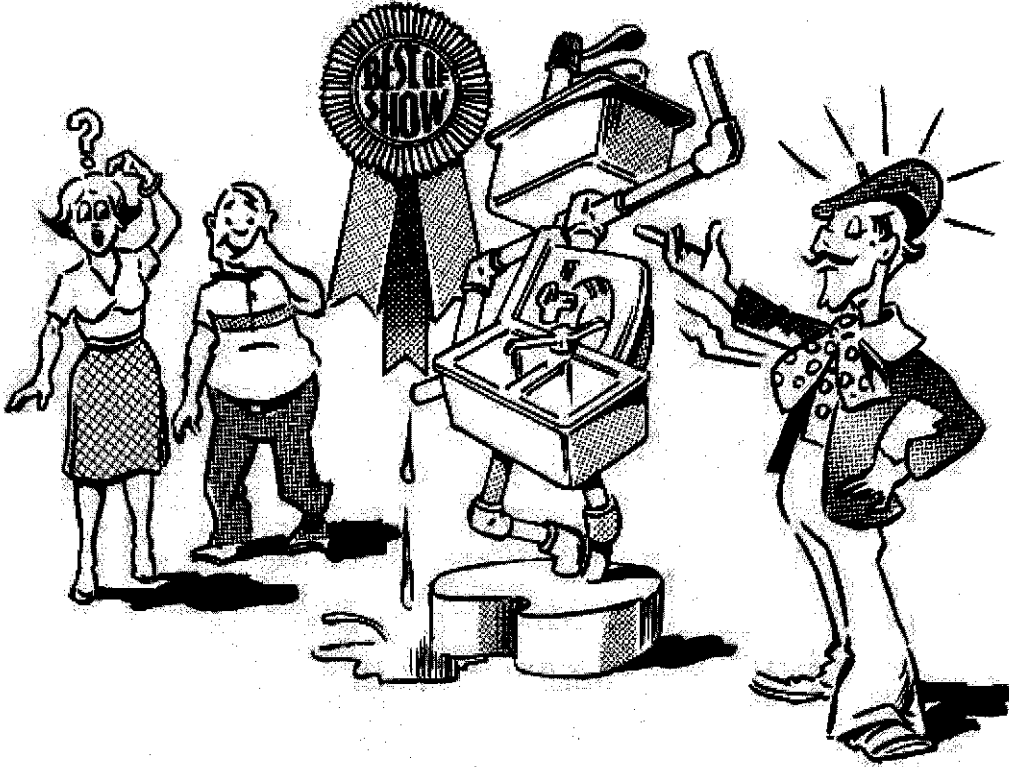
- The delicious aroma of popcorn in the theater lobby **ENTICED** us to purchase a large bucket before the movie.
- An **ENTICING** feature of working in a bakery is that you get to eat all the doughnuts you want.
- Your job proposal in Michigan is **ENTICING**, but my family likes it here in Palm Beach; Michigan's winters are too cold for native Floridians like us.

IDIOSYNCRASY

(id ee oh SING kruh see) *n.*

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 seemingly harmless enough **IDIOSYNCRASY**, except that 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.
- ❑ Stan’s **IDIOSYNCRASY** of constantly clicking his pen drove the whole class crazy.

MAIM

(main) v.

to disable or disfigure, to cripple

Link: **BLAME**



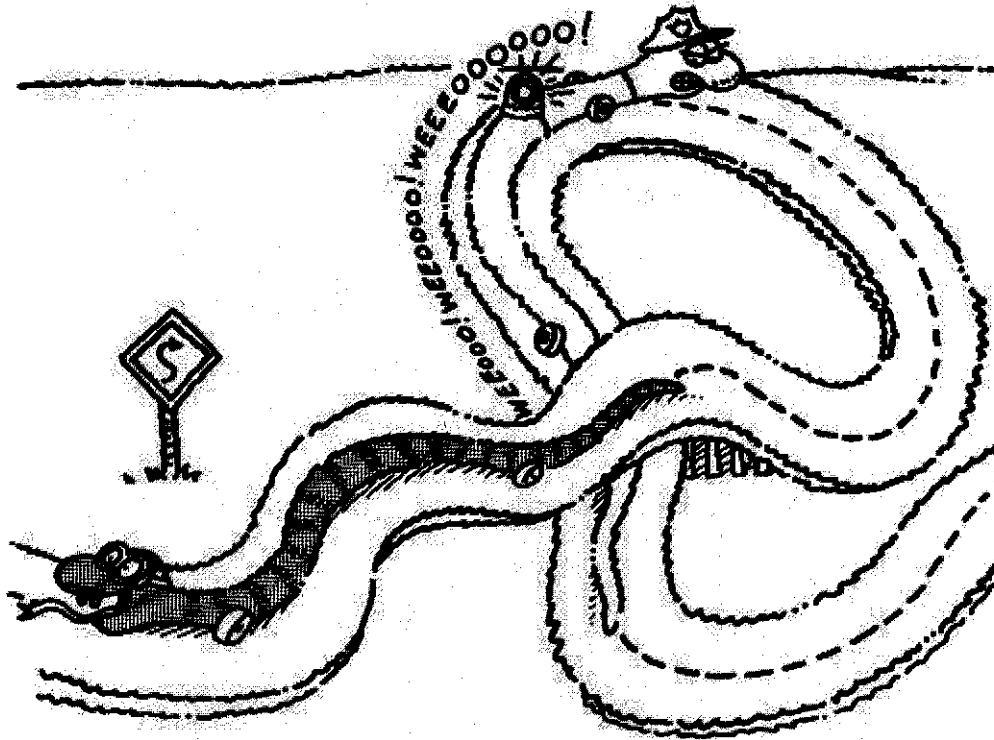
“Roger MAIMED the bear’s ear and BLAMED Walter.”

- ❑ Joshua was a private in the US 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.
- ❑ The **MAIMED** deer scurried into the woods after being wounded by the hunter’s arrow.

SERPENTINE

(sur pun TEEN) *adj.*
snakelike in shape or
movement; winding as a snake

Link: SERPENT TEEN



“A SERPENT TEEN hot-rodding on a SERPENTINE road”

- ❑ The SERPENTINE race track was a challenging course for the drivers, especially in the rain.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ The quarterback dashed through the line, SERPENTINING his way through tacklers until he scored the winning touchdown.