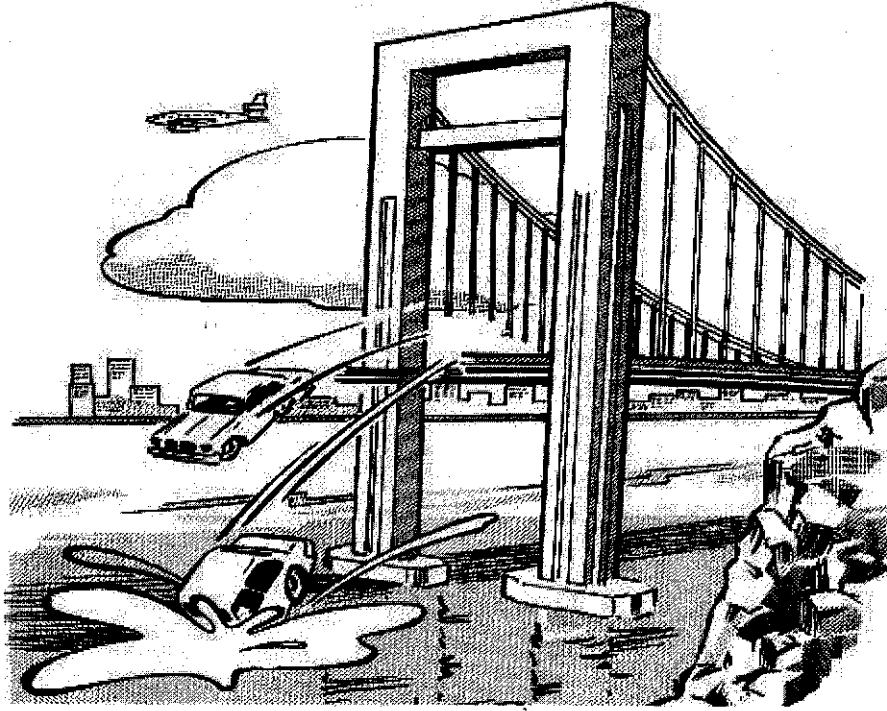


ABRIDGE

(uh BRIJ) v.

to shorten; to condense;
to diminish; to curtail

Link: **BRIDGE**



“An ABRIDGED BRIDGE”

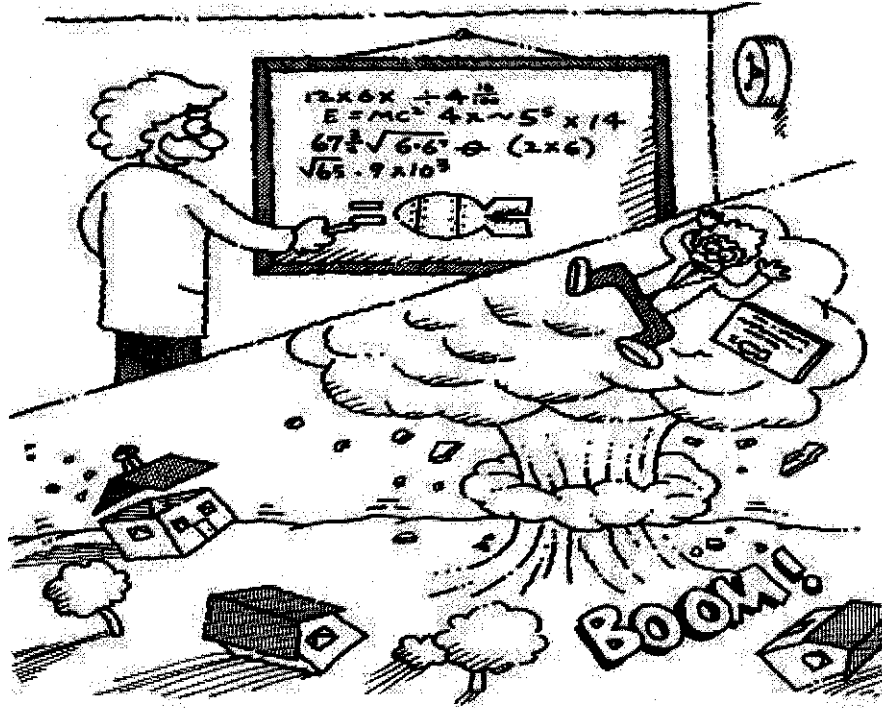
- ❑ If you don't want to read an entire newspaper to learn the latest daily news, there are clipping services that will **ABRIDGE** news stories to your specifications.
- ❑ An **ABRIDGED** dictionary is one that has been shortened.
- ❑ We saw an **ABRIDGEMENT** of the movie *Gone With the Wind* on TV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

AFTERMATH

(AF tur math) *n.*

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 thousands of cancer cases caused by radiation.
- The AFTERMATH of Christina skipping classes too often to practice ballet was flunking her classes.

AMPLIFY

(AM pluh fie) v.

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.

BEGET

(bee GET) *v.*

to give birth to; to create

Link: **FORGET**



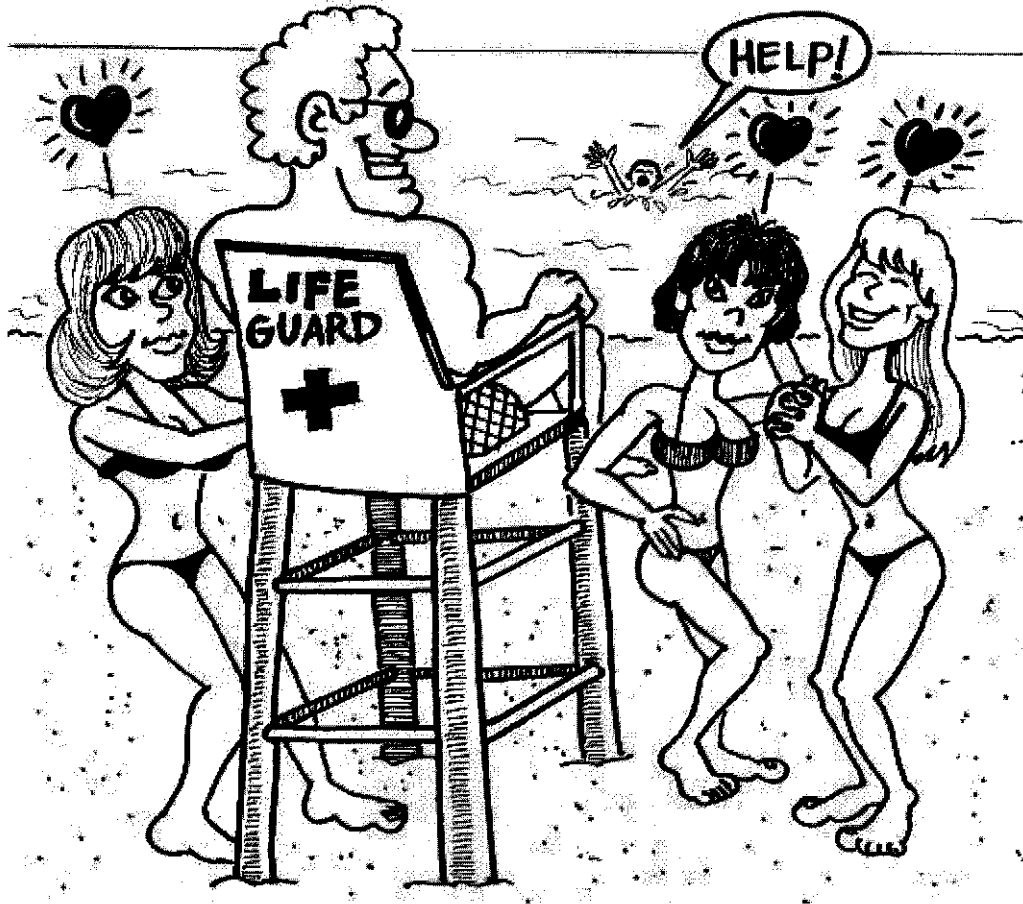
*“The old lady who lived in the shoe **BEGAT** so many children she would **FORGET** who was who.”*

- Prior to the development of large farm machinery, farmers used to **BEGET** large families to help them run their farms.
- Chronic lying becomes a habit which starts out with one small lie, which **BEGETS** a second lie, which **BEGETS** a third lie, and so on.
- The Wright brothers didn't invent the airplane, but they were the **BEGETTERS** of the first sustained flight in the United States. (*n.*)

CONSENSUS

(kun SEN sus) *n.*
general agreement

Link: SENDS US



"We are in CONSENSUS, this guy SENDS US."

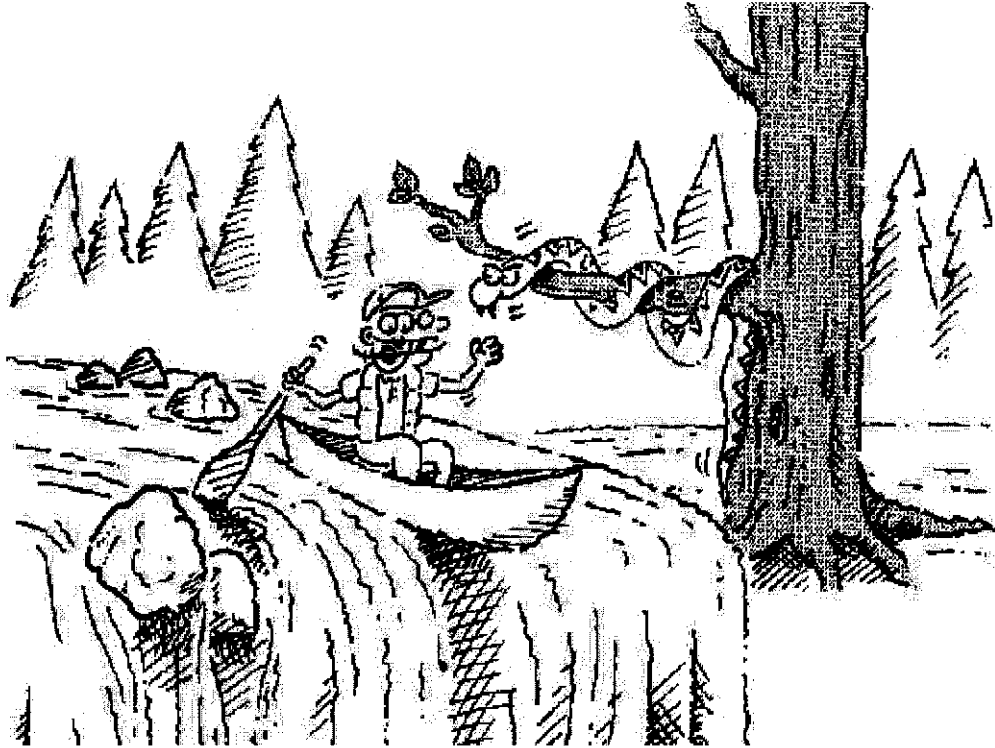
- ❑ The family CONSENSUS was to celebrate Christmas at Aunt Karen's house this year.
- ❑ The CONSENSUS of the faculty was that no more chili dogs were to be served at the school lunch.
- ❑ A CONSENSUS is more than a majority, it means most everyone agrees.

DILEMMA

(dih LEM uh) *n.*

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.

EUPHONIOUS

(yoo PHONE ee us) *adj.*

pleasing to the ear

Link: **YOU PHONE US**



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

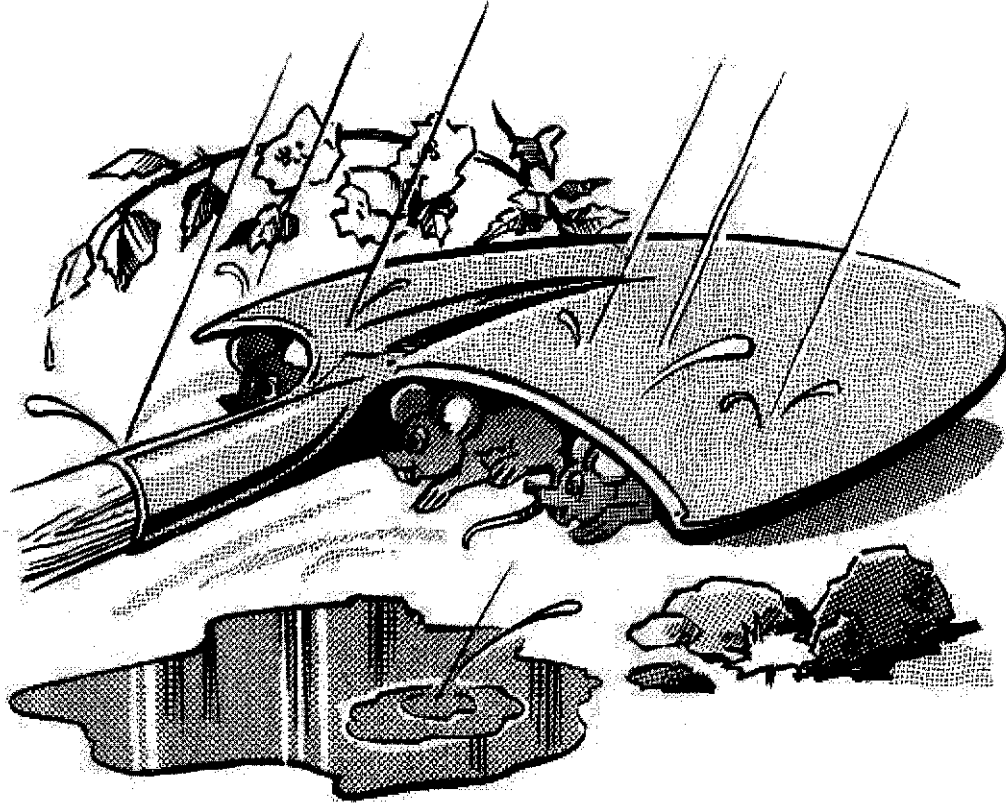
- Carly sings in the choir because she has a sweet, **EUPHONIOUS** voice.
- The low, **EUPHONIOUS** croaking of the summer frogs was music to Jeff’s ear.
- The grunting of a mature elephant seal is anything but **EUPHONIOUS**.

HOVEL

(HUV ul) *n.*

a small, miserable dwelling;
an open, low shed

Link: **SHOVEL**



"The mice's HOVEL was a rusty old SHOVEL."

- In the famous play, *Tobacco Road*, the characters were poor tobacco farmers who live in HOVELS.
- Compared to the Summertons' palatial estate on Long Island, Jane said her apartment in the Bronx was a HOVEL.
- The poor live in HOVELS on the outskirts of town.

MENAGERIE

(muh NAJ uh ree) *n.*

a collection of live wild animals on exhibit

Link: **LINGERIE**



“A MENAGERIE of LINGERIE”

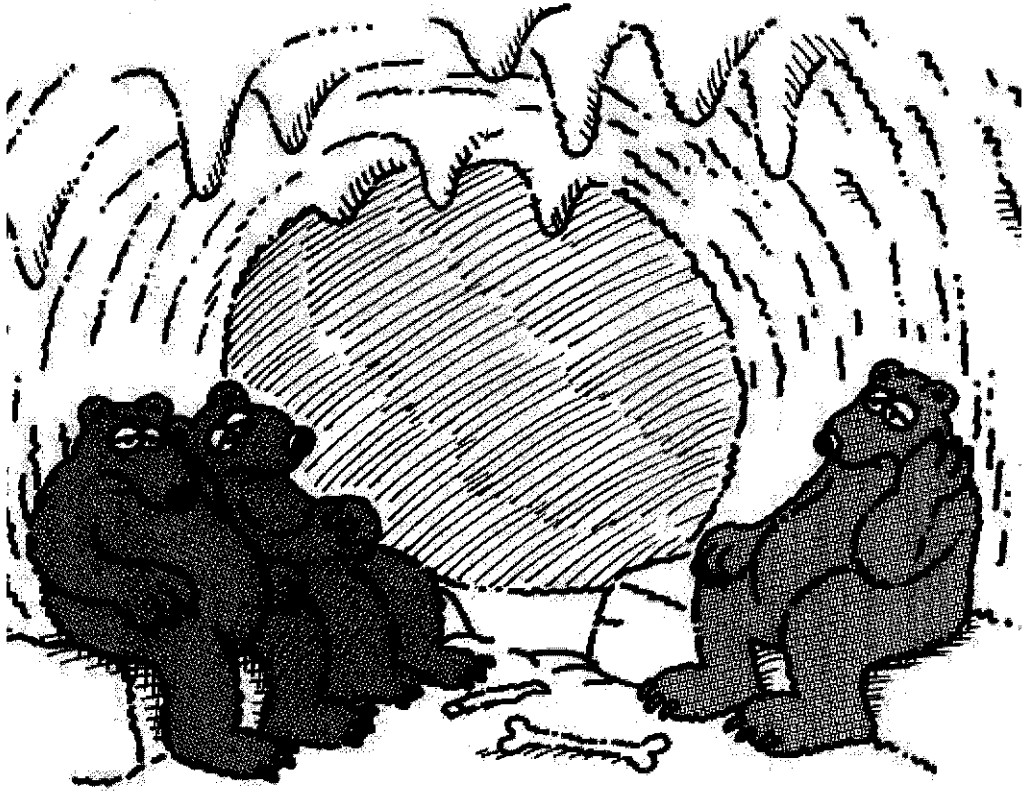
- ❑ Busch Gardens has a wonderful **MENAGERIE** of lions, tigers, elephants, and other wild animals roaming free and on display in a park-like setting.
- ❑ To have a house pet is one thing, but Susan keeps so many parrots and cats in her house, it is a virtual **MENAGERIE**.
- ❑ With twelve children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

SOMBER

(SOM bur) *adj.*

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.
- The SOMBER weather forecast spoiled our weekend plans to go to the beach.