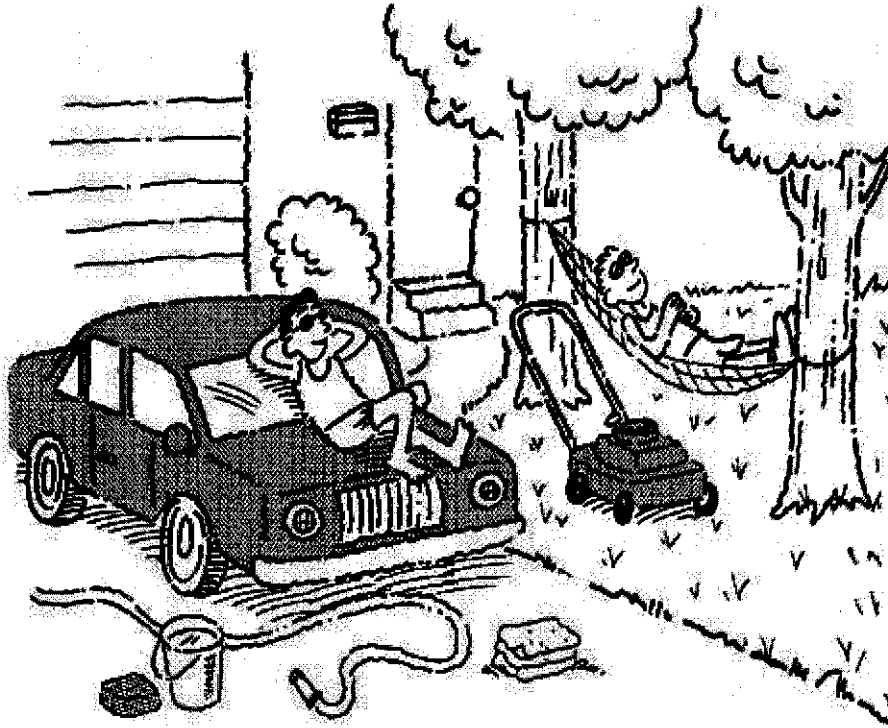


ABHOR

(ab HOR) v.

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.

ALTERNATIVE

(awl TUR nah tiv) *n.*

the choice between two mutually exclusive possibilities, a situation presenting such a choice

Link: **TURN NATIVE**



“It’s an ALTERNATIVE life style; he TURNED NATIVE.”

- “I’ve had six by-pass operations,” said Harry. “It’s no fun, but better than the ALTERNATIVE.”
- The ALTERNATIVE to playing in the band was to go out for the football team.
- The hikers decided there was no ALTERNATIVE; they had to find shelter before the rains came.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS Review #2

Match the word with its definition.

- ___ 1. **aftermath** a. to cause to feel unwelcome
- ___ 2. **aggrandize** b. a consequence of
- ___ 3. **ajar** c. partially open
- ___ 4. **alienate** d. choice between two possibilities
- ___ 5. **alleviate** e. a heated quarrel
- ___ 6. **allure** f. to make less severe
- ___ 7. **aloof** g. one who is defeated

ARCHAIC

(ahr KAY ik) *adj.*

belonging to an earlier time, ancient; outdated

Link: CAKE



"An ARCHAIC CAKE"

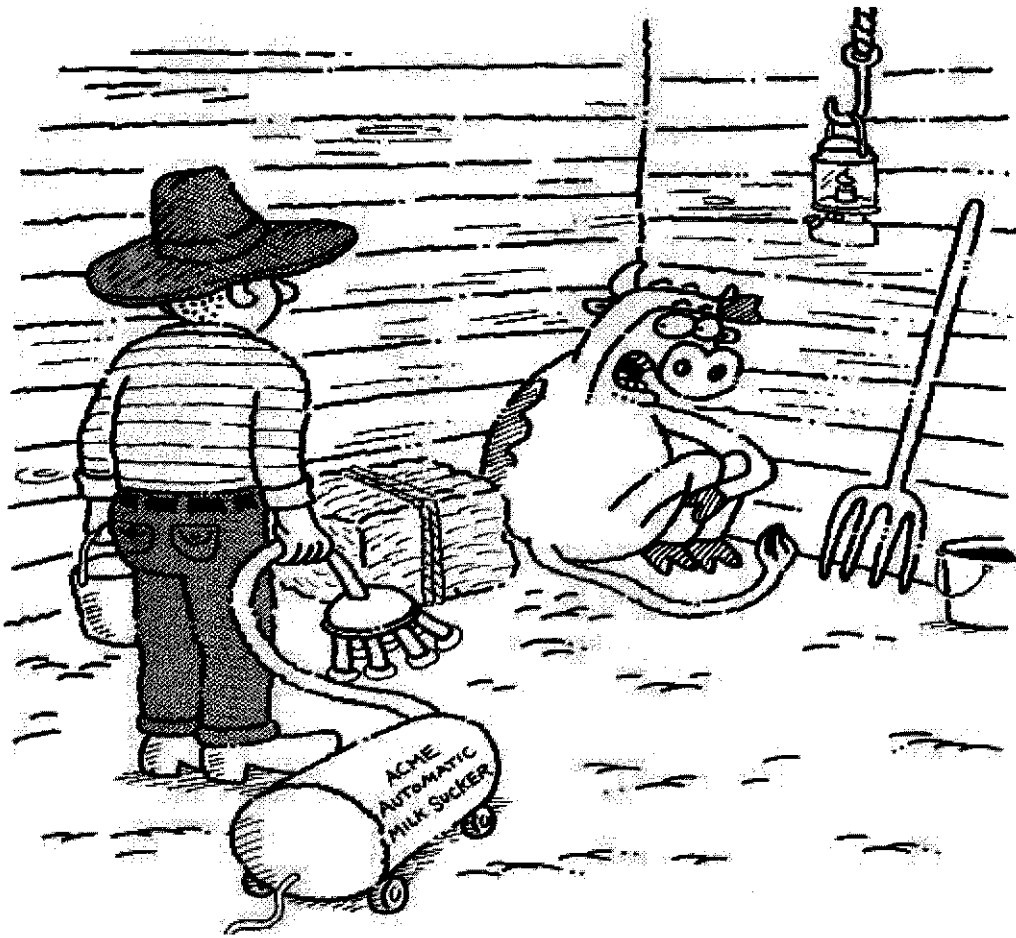
- ❑ Her parents had an absolutely **ARCHAIC** idea of dating. She not only had to be in by nine o'clock, but her aunt chaperoned her on all her dates.
- ❑ **ARCHAIC** civilizations, those that aren't around anymore, are the chief subject of archaeological studies.
- ❑ Underdeveloped countries that depend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

COWER

(KOW ur) v.

to cringe in fear; to shrink away

Link: COW



"Bessie, the COWERING COW, never could stand the sight of her own milk."

- When Sheriff Wild Bill Hickok entered the Last Chance Saloon, the villains **COWERED** in fear.
- The sound of the rusty door opening in the middle of the night made Sue **COWER** under her sheets.
- Jack **COWERED** in frustration just to think about coming home from vacation and finding all the homework he had to catch up on.

DOCILE

(DAHS ul) *adj.*

easily taught or controlled;
obedient, easy to handle

Link: FOSSIL



"A DOCILE FOSSIL"

- A desirable quality of basset hounds is that they are **DOCILE**, and that is why they are sought after as house pets.
- Cameron was a fierce competitor on the football field, but his wife said he was a sweet, **DOCILE** husband.
- The **DOCILE** dolphin was easily approached by its new trainer.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS Review #11

Match the word with its definition.

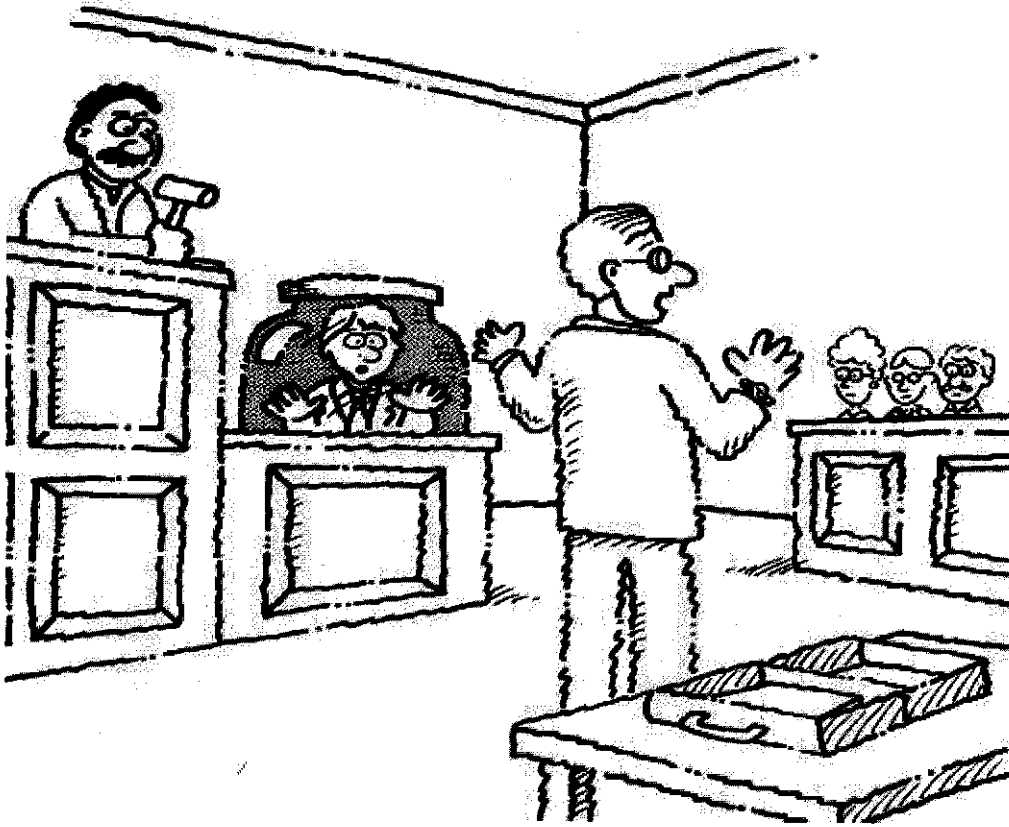
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| ___ 1. demur | a. to dry out completely; dehydrate |
| ___ 2. denounce | b. to object, to make exception |
| ___ 3. desiccate | c. to drive away; to dissipate |
| ___ 4. dilemma | d. the breaking up into parts |
| ___ 5. disparage | e. to belittle; to put down |

ERUDITE

(ER yoo dyte) *adj.*

deeply learned, scholarly

Link: **AIRTIGHT**



*“Knowing that his case was **AIRTIGHT**, the defense attorney became confident and **ERUDITE**.”*

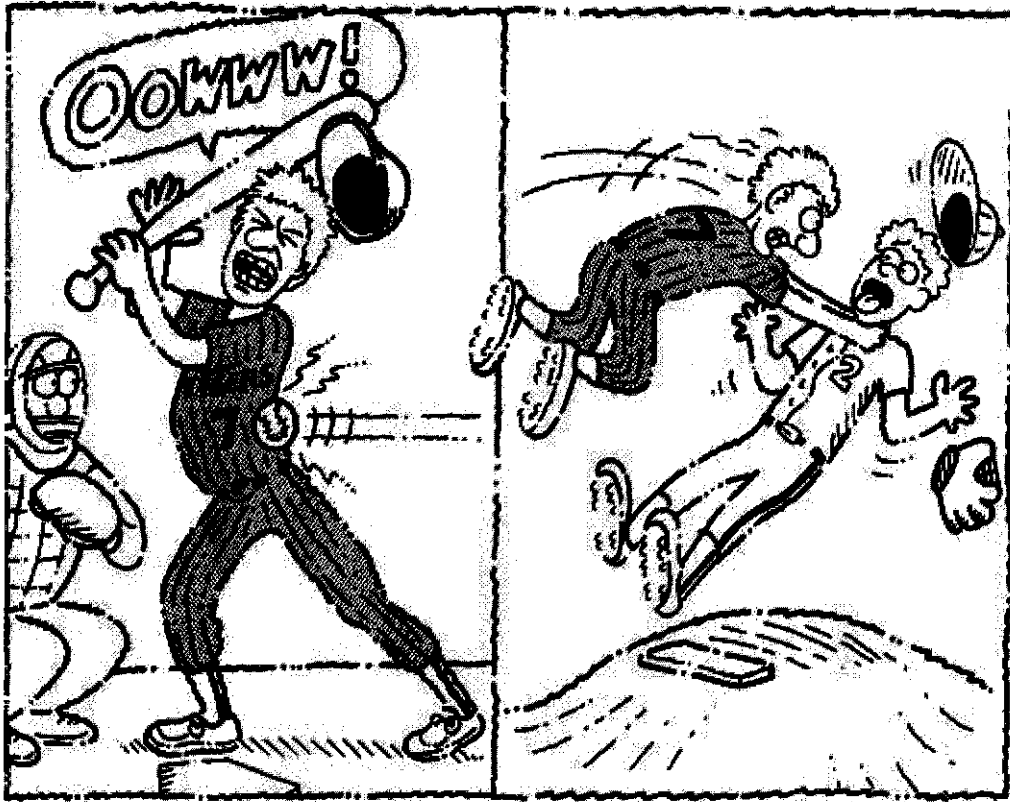
- ❑ Most professional speakers are **ERUDITE**, with the understanding of proper grammatical structure and a large vocabulary at their command.
- ❑ When mom was diagnosed with cancer, we searched for the most **ERUDITE** doctor we could find.
- ❑ (To be **ERUDITE** is to have **ERUDITION**.) The extent of Dr. Smith’s library is an indication of his **ERUDITION**.

INCITE

(in SIGHT) v.

to arouse to action

Link: **FIGHT**



"The pitcher's bean ball INCITED the batter to FIGHT."

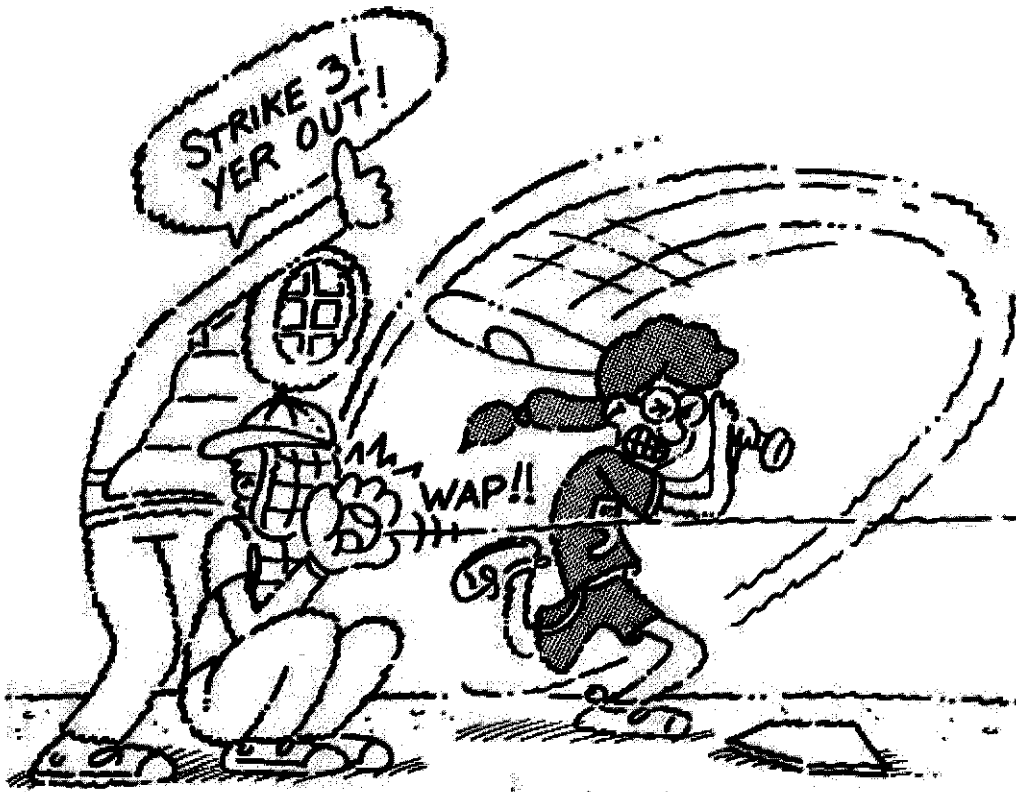
- ❑ The mob was **INCITED** to riot when the police arrived and began hitting people with their nightsticks.
- ❑ When Rodney decided that his case was hopeless, nothing the doctors could say would **INCITE** him to fight his illness.
- ❑ Waving a stick at Jerry's dog only **INCITES** him and increases the chance he will bite you.

MISNOMER

(mis NOH mur) *n.*

an incorrect or inappropriate name

Link: **MISS HOMER**



“What a MISNOMER, our little MISS HOMER struck out five times in a row.”

- A nickname like “Speedy” is a MISNOMER when directed toward one who is slow at what they do.
- We usually have dinner at this very small Italian restaurant called The Spaghetti Factory, obviously a MISNOMER of major proportions.
- It was no MISNOMER when they called Harry Houdini, “The Great Houdini,” as he was the greatest escape artist of his time.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS Review #21

Match the word with its definition.

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|--------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. marshal | a. someone willing to sacrifice |
| ___ 2. martyr | b. to chew |
| ___ 3. masticate | c. to assemble together |
| ___ 4. melancholy | d. unreal reflection; an optical illusion |
| ___ 5. menagerie | e. an incorrect or inappropriate name |

PHILANTHROPY

(fuh LAN thruh pee) *n.*

love of mankind, especially through charitable gifts and deeds

Link: **PHIL ANTHROPY**



"PHIL ANTHROPY was a PHILANTHROPIST."

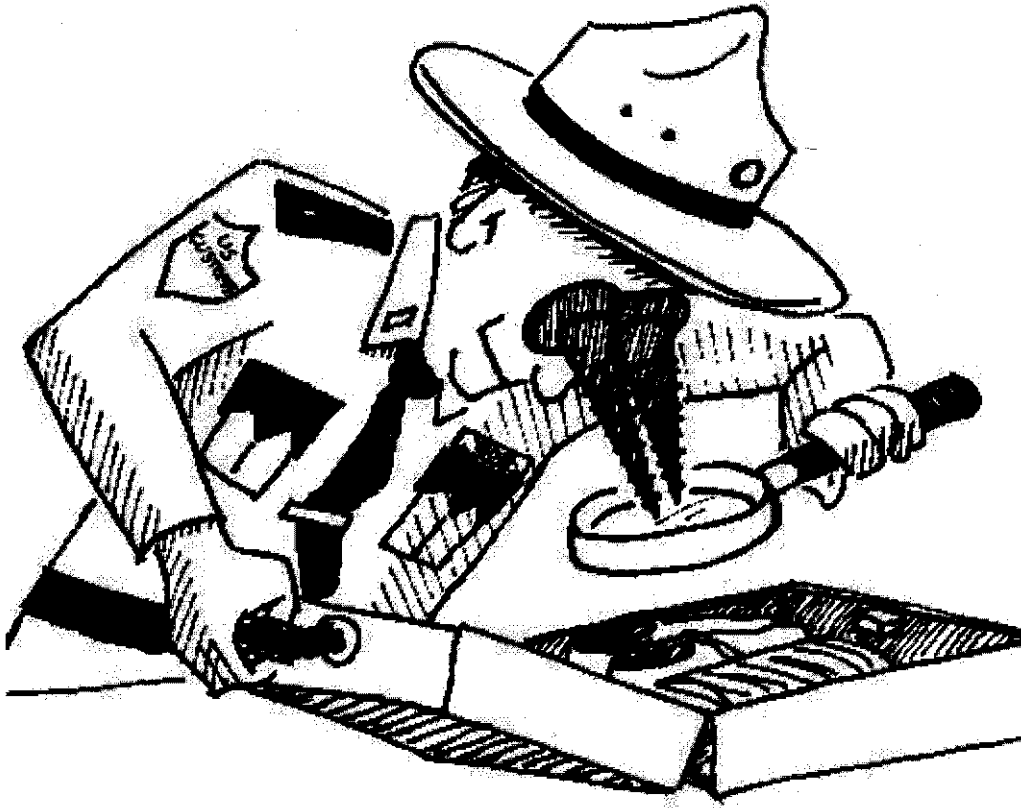
- ❑ Football star Warrick Dunn is also known for his **PHILANTHROPY**; he helps underprivileged families own their own homes.
- ❑ In the movie, *Good Sam*, Gary Cooper's character was so **PHILANTHROPIC**, giving to anyone in need and keeping so little for his own family, that his wife left him.
- ❑ Mike is not only a real estate tycoon but he is also known as a **PHILANTHROPIST** because he gives millions to charity every year.

SCRUTINIZE

(SKROO tih nize) v.

to look very carefully; to examine

Link: **SCREW EYES**



*“U.S. Customs officials have **SCREW EYES** when they **SCRUTINIZE** baggage.”*

- ❑ Newspaper proofreaders **SCRUTINIZE** an entire newspaper each day.
- ❑ Each soldier’s uniform is **SCRUTINIZED** by his commanding officer.
- ❑ I **SCRUTINIZED** all the books in the library and found several I had wanted.