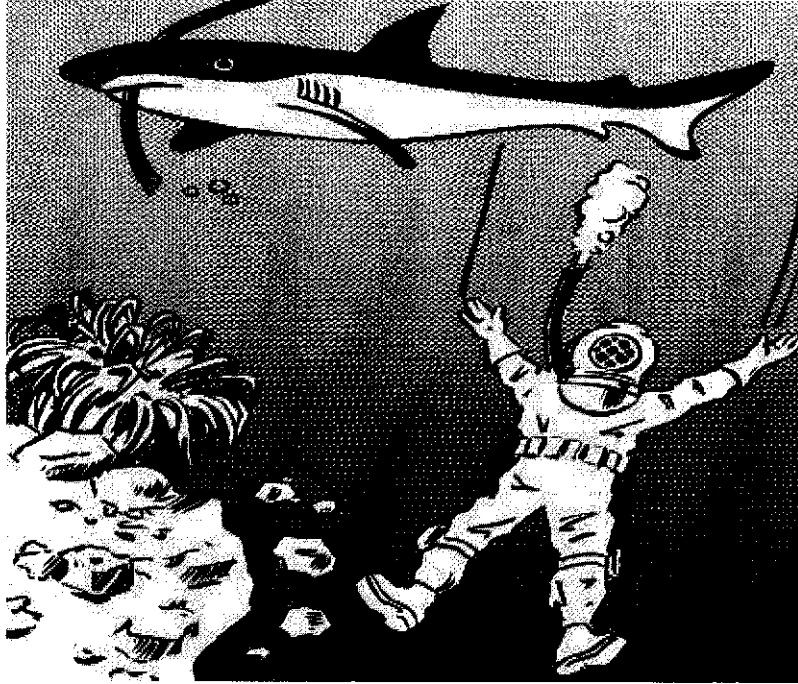


ABYSS

(uh BISS) *n.*

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

Link: MISS



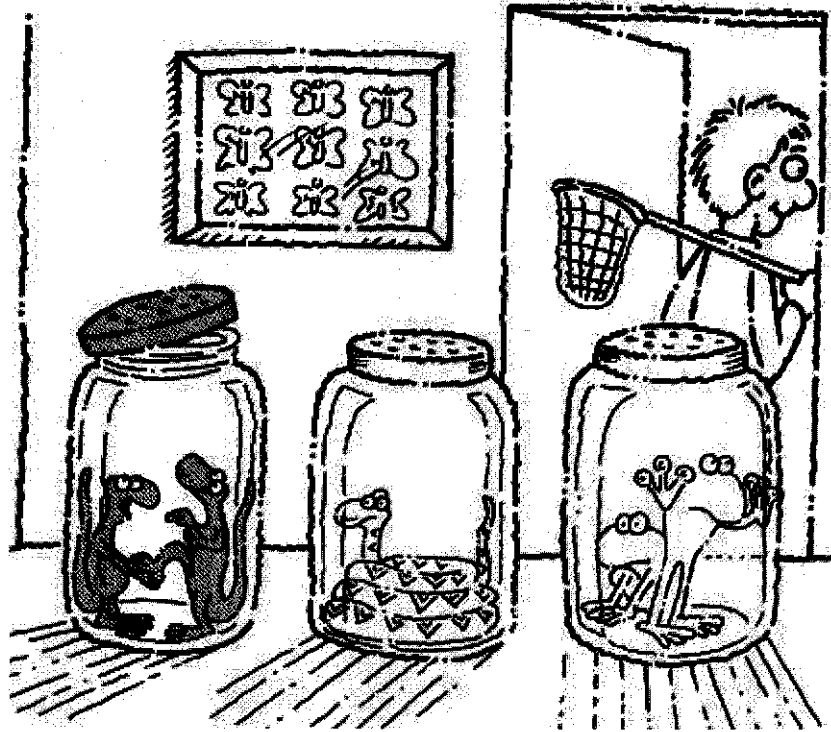
“The diver MISSED the ledge and sank deep into the ABYSS.”

- The lost spaceship wandered aimlessly 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.
- Staring down the ABYSS of the mine shaft we were uncertain of how deep it really was.

AJAR

(uh JARR) *adj.*
partially open

Link: JAR



“Hey, the JAR’S AJAR; we’re outta here.”

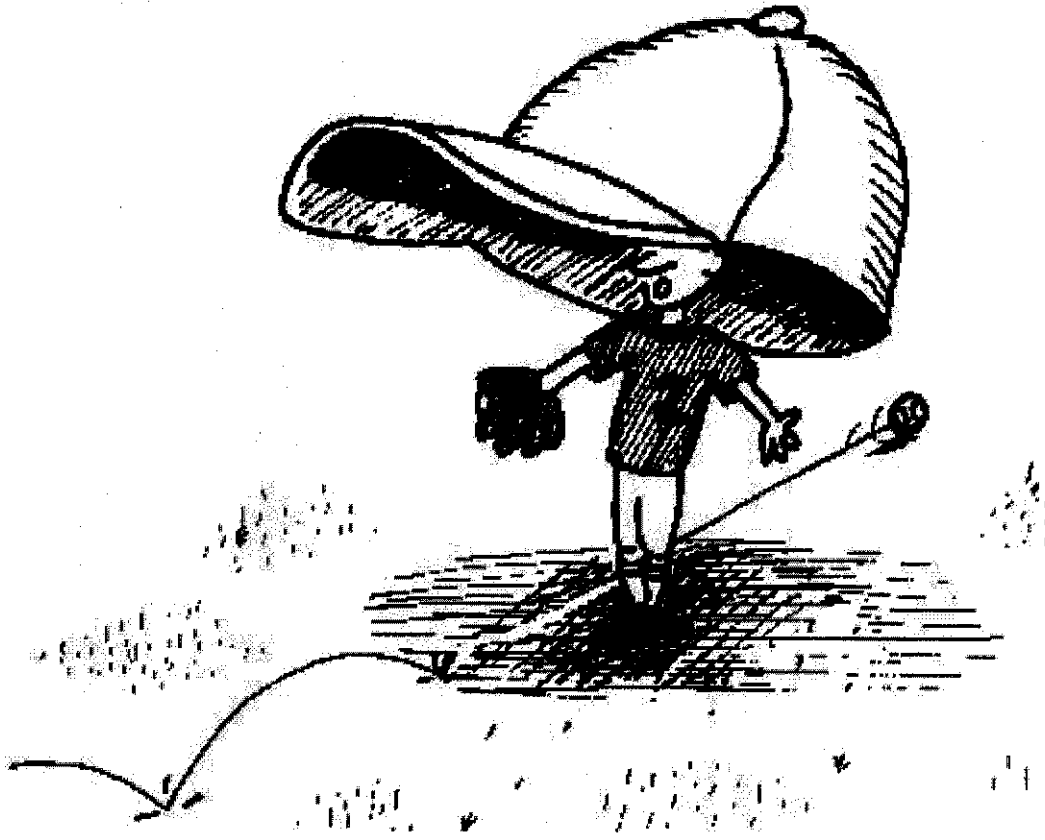
- When the police carefully examined the crime scene, they found a window had been left AJAR.
- I couldn’t set our home security system because the back door was left AJAR.
- By leaving the front door of the house AJAR, hundreds of mosquitoes kept me awake all night long.

CAPACIOUS

(kuh PAY shus) *adj.*

roomy, able to hold much

Link: **CAP SPACIOUS**



"A SPACIOUS CAP is CAPACIOUS."

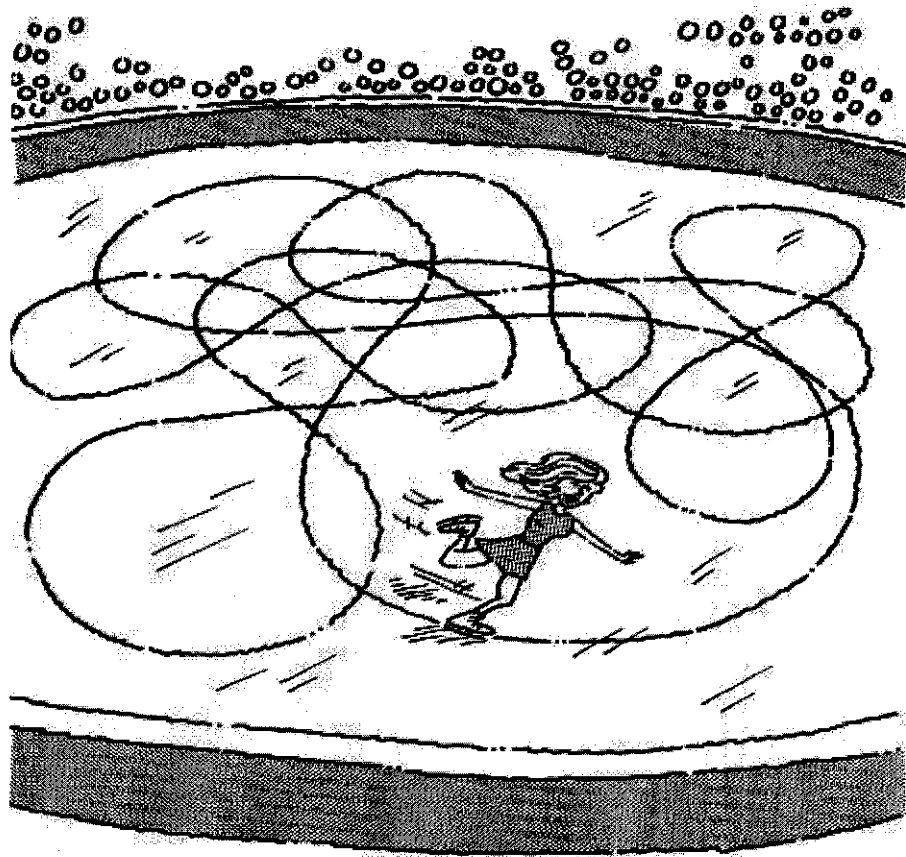
- The old castle has a **CAPACIOUS** dining room large enough to seat a small army.
- David's memory for jokes is **CAPACIOUS**; he remembers them all.
- Our bed at the hotel was really **CAPACIOUS**; all three sisters slept there.

CURVILINEAR

(kurv ah LIN ee ur) *adj.*

formed, bound, or
characterized by curved lines

Link: **CURVY LINES**



“The skater’s CURVY LINES outlined her CURVILINEAR skating program.”

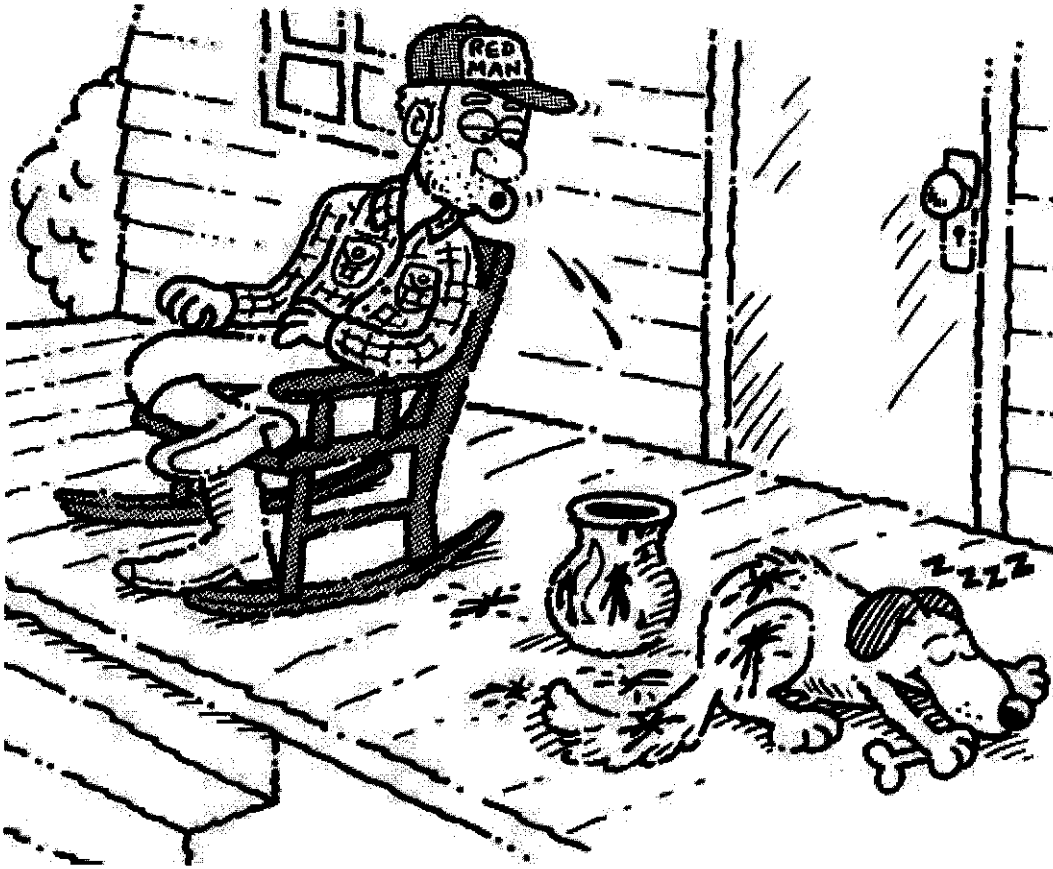
- Squares and rectangles have no CURVILINEAR lines.
- Engineers have special instruments to lay out CURVILINEAR streets in subdivisions.
- The CURVILINEAR shape of sports cars makes them more aerodynamic, which gives them less drag and allows them to travel faster.

EMIT

(ee MIT) v.

to send or give out; to express, utter

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 sleeping dog **EMITTED** a groan which startled us.
- David told the mechanic that the car **EMITTED** a strange sound when he started the engine.

ENSEMBLE

(ahn SOM bul) *n.*

a coordinated outfit or costume;

a musical group

Link: **HANDSOME DEVIL**



"James Bond was a HANDSOME DEVIL in his spy ENSEMBLE."

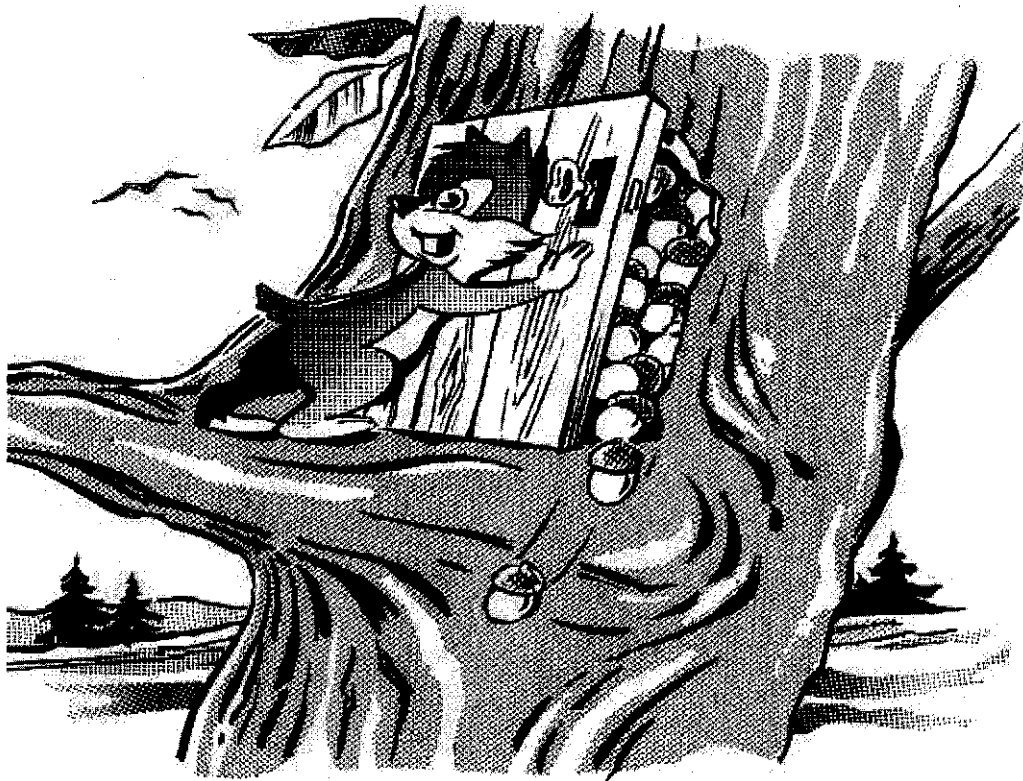
- Darla found the perfect pair of shoes to match her ENSEMBLE she is going to wear to the prom.
- A French fashion designer will work an entire year to get ready to show his ENSEMBLES.
- The wedding ENSEMBLE consisted of a troupe of gypsy musicians, dancers, and singers.

HOARD

(hord) v.

to accumulate for future use; stockpile

Link: **STORED**



*“A squirrel **HOARDS** nuts, and **STORED** them for the approaching winter.”*

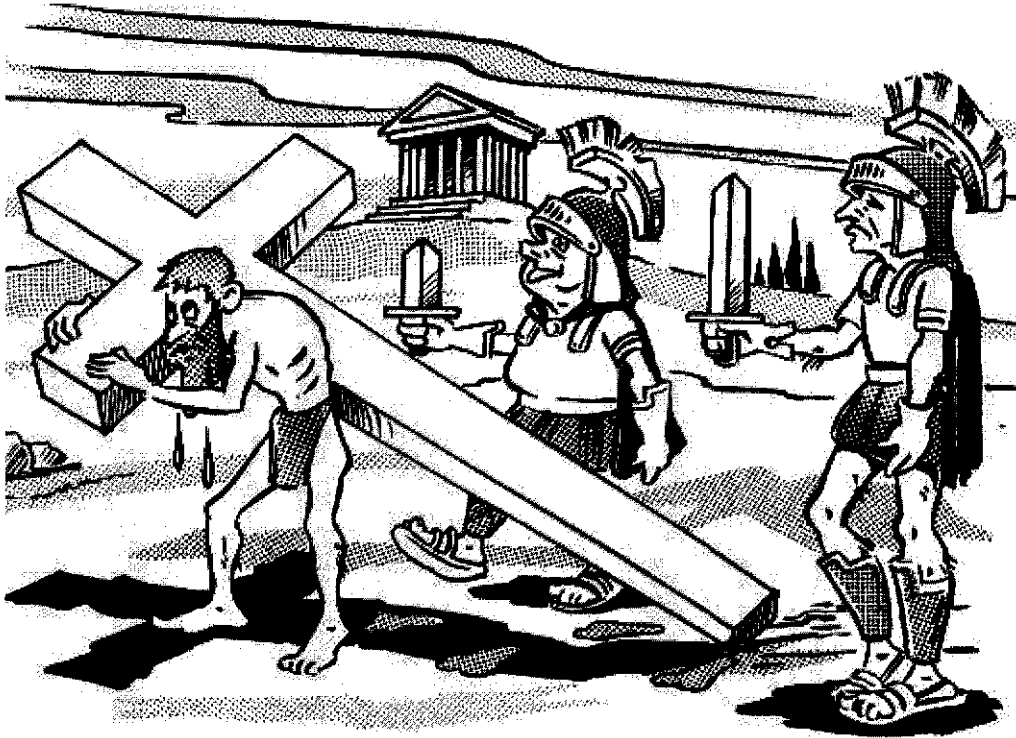
- Laura doesn't eat her Halloween candy, instead she likes to **HOARD** it and make it last all year.
- We told Ed there was no point in his **HOARDING** all the cake; he might as well share with us before it spoiled.
- The government announced during the national crisis that **HOARDERS** would be punished with jail sentences.

MARTYR

(MAHR tur) *n.*

someone willing to sacrifice and even give his/her life for a cause; also one who pretends suffering to gain sympathy

Link: **HARDER**



"It's HARDER to be a MARTYR."

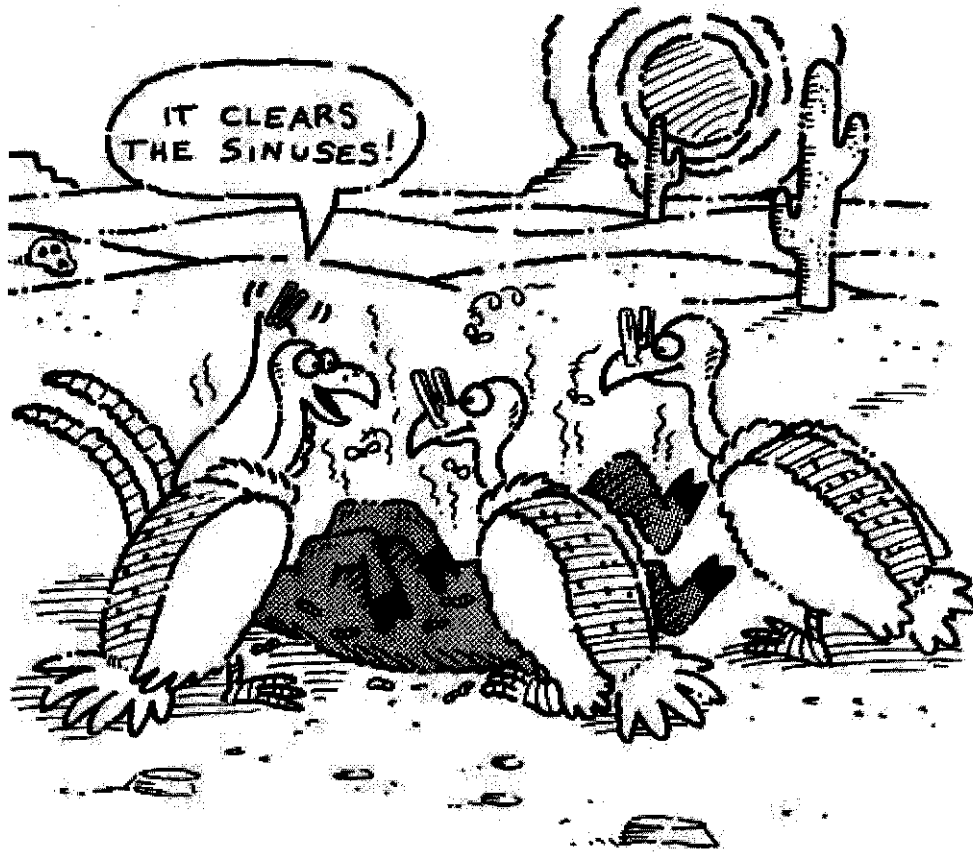
- She was a professional **MARTYR**, all-suffering for her children, or so she would tell them ten times a day.
- Joan of Arc was undoubtedly the most famous **MARTYR** in modern history, burned at the stake because she refused to go against her beliefs.
- Jack was a **MARTYR** to his job; he worked seven days a week and rarely took a day off.

PERMEATE

(PUR mee ayt) v.

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.

SCAPEGOAT

(SCAPE goht) *n.*

one that bears the blame for others

Link: [GOAT](#)



"I ask you, does this GOAT 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.
- Poor Henry was always the SCAPEGOAT, taking blame for whatever happened, whether he was to blame or not.
- I told Sam that I wasn't going to be the SCAPEGOAT; he was the one who broke the window, not me.