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### TRUCULENT

(TRUKH toon leent) adj.  
Frustrated. Overly confident. eager to fight.  
Example: He's **TRUCK YOU LENT**.



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

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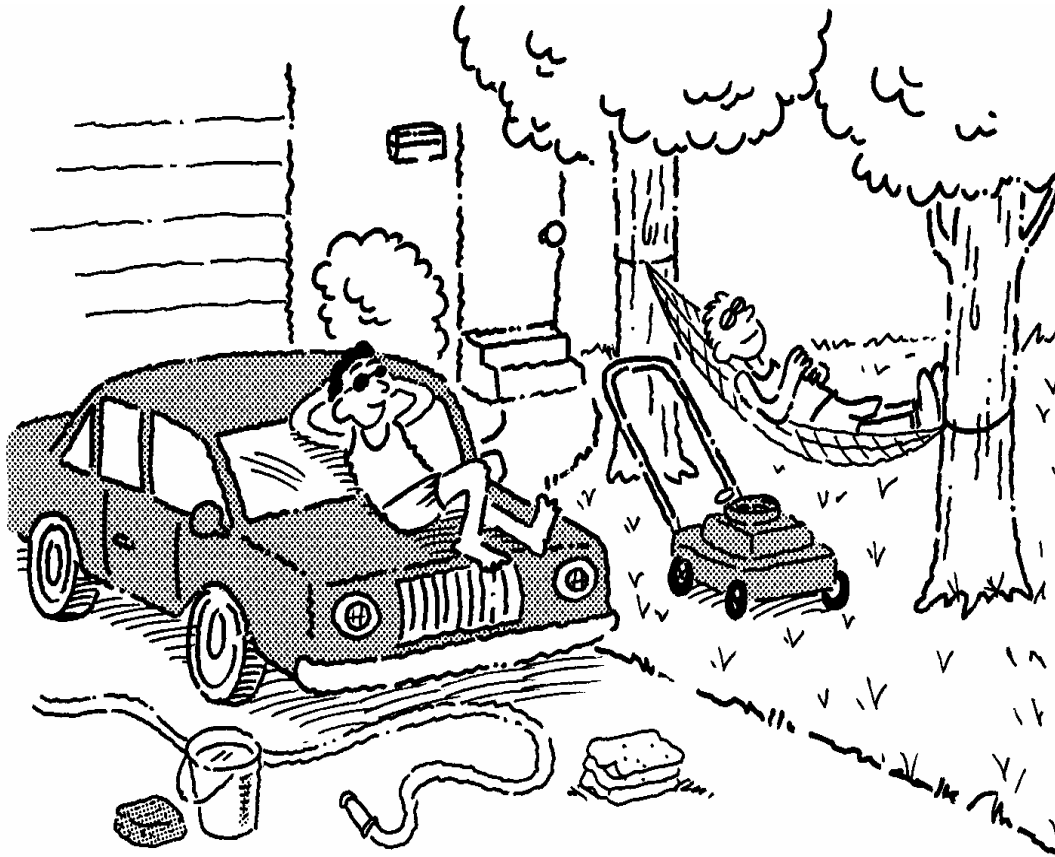
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# ABHOR

(ab HOR) v.

to hate very much, to detest utterly

Link: **CHORE**



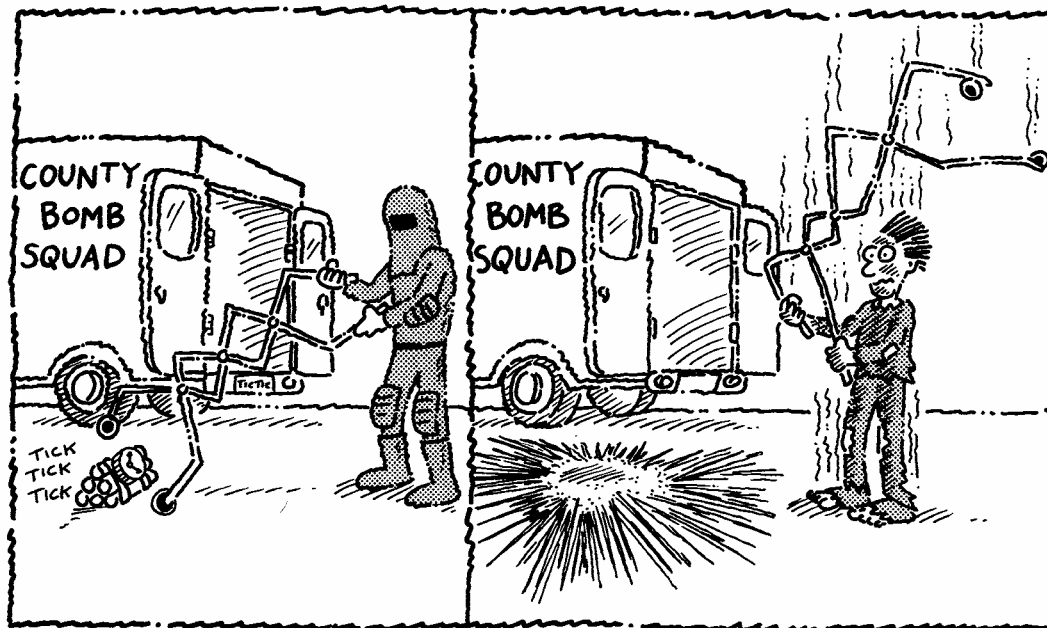
*“The Booker boys **ABHORRED** doing **CHORES**.”*

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- ❑ 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.
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# ABOMINATE

(uh BOM uh nate) v.  
to dislike strongly, to regard with  
intense aversion or loathing

Link: **A BOMB HATE**



*"I ABOMINATE BOMBS."*

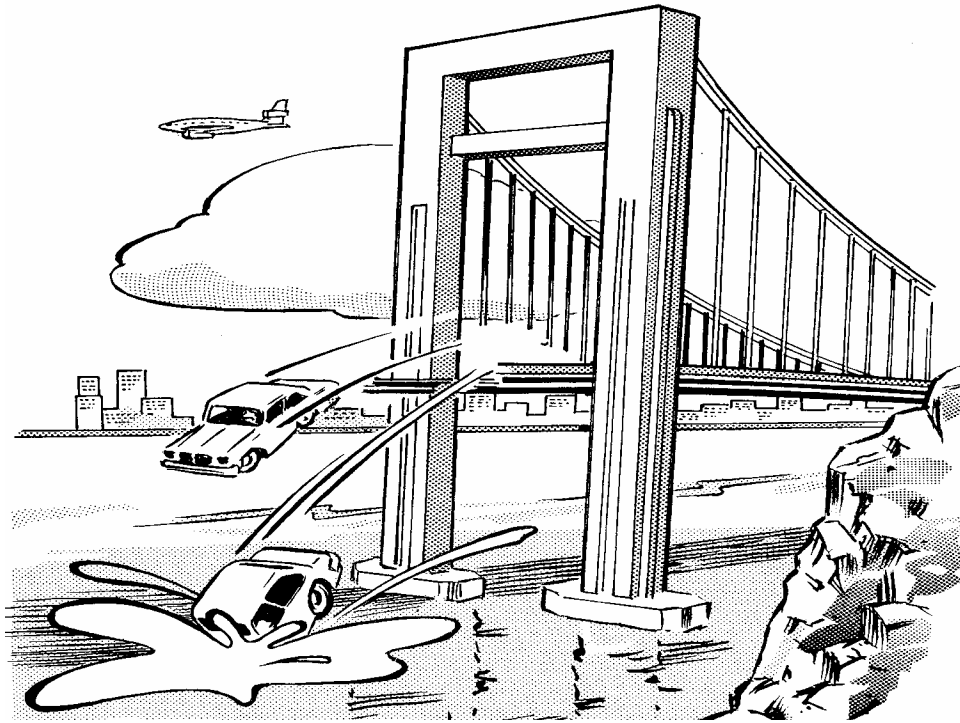
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- ❑ David **ABOMINATES** vegetables, he doesn't even want them on his dinner plate.
  - ❑ Sylvia **ABOMINATED** her relatives when they came to visit and tracked mud on her new white carpet.
  - ❑ Sam loves traveling with his family to the mountains for vacation each year, but he **ABOMINATES** the twelve hour drive.

# ABRIDGE

(uh BRIJ) v.

to shorten; to condense;  
to diminish; to curtail

Link: **BRIDGE**



*“An **ABRIDGED BRIDGE.**”*

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- ❑ 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. (*adj.*)
  - ❑ 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. (*n.*)

# ABSTRUSE

(ab STROOS) *adj.*  
hard to understand

Link: **MOOSE**



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

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- ❑ 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**.
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# ABUT

(uh BUT) v.

to border upon; to adjoin

Link: **BUTT**



## “ABUTTING BUTTS”

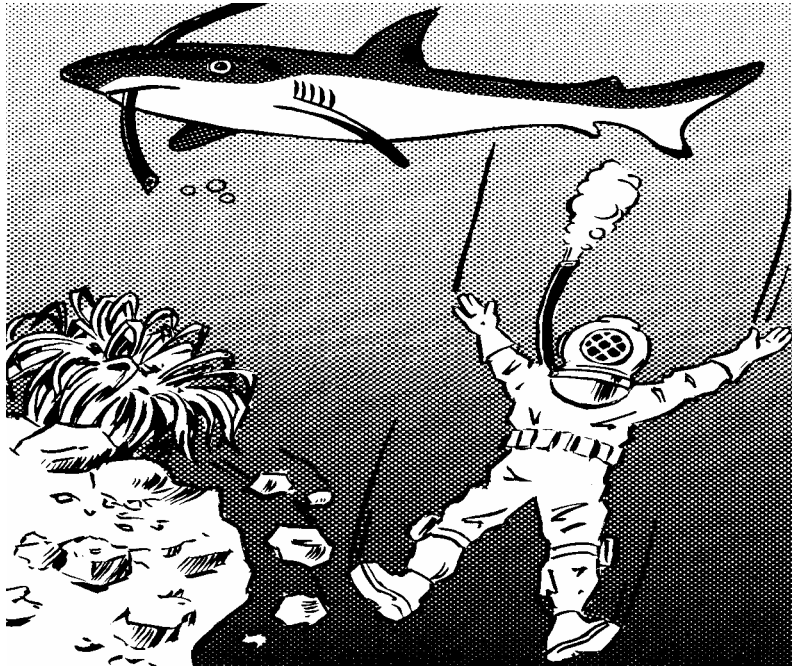
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- ❑ In Hong Kong the skyscrapers so closely **ABUT** each other, in some cases they touch sides.
  - ❑ Texas **ABUTS** Mexico on its southern border.
  - ❑ The **ABUTTING** rocks formed a perfect wall for riflemen to defend the castle. (*adj.*)
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#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

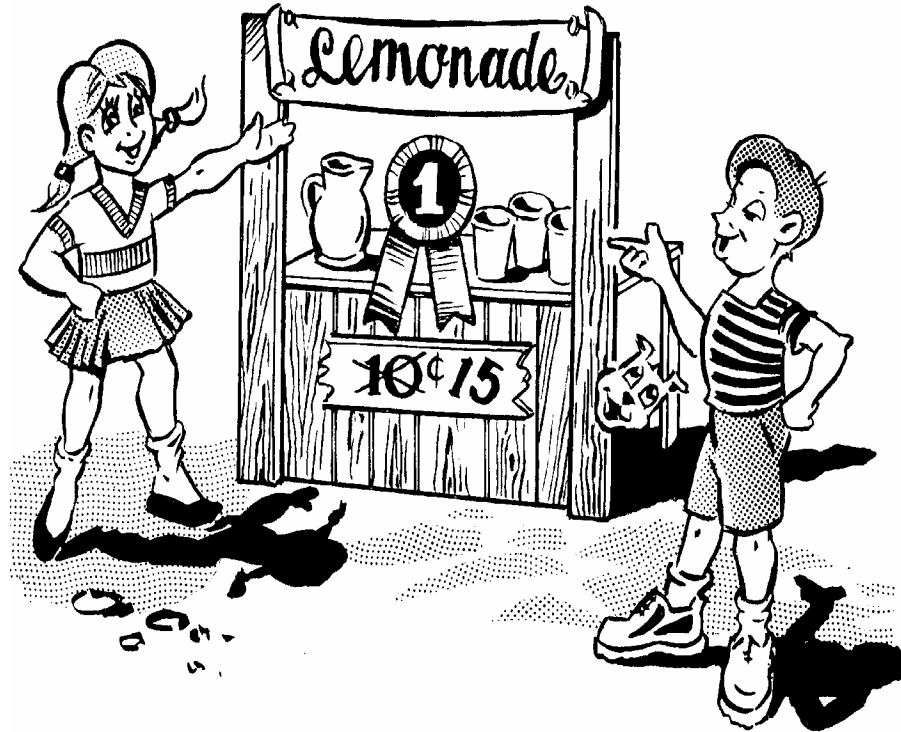
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- ❑ The lost spaceship wandered endlessly in the vast **ABYSS** of the galaxy.
  - ❑ After the rescuers dug without success for three days through the snow of the avalanche in search of the missing skier, they were disheartened and faced an emotional **ABYSS** of despair.
  - ❑ Staring down the **ABYSS** of the mine shaft we were uncertain of how deep it really was.

# ACCOLADE

(AK uh layd) *n.*

an award, an honor; approval, praise

Link: **LEMONADE**



*“Jane and Jack received **ACCOLADES** for their **LEMONADE**.”*

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- ❑ Laura received **ACCOLADES** from her parents when she brought home her report card with straight As.
  - ❑ The **ACCOLADES** she received for making the varsity swim team quickly went to her head.
  - ❑ After running in his first marathon, Mike said he didn't do it for the **ACCOLADES**, he just wanted to get back in shape.



# ADJUNCT

(AJ unkt) *n.*

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.”*

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- ❑ 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.

# AFFIDAVIT

(af uh DAY vit) *n.*

a sworn written statement

Link: **AFTER DAVID**



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

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- ❑ 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.
  - ❑ The chairman accepted an **AFFIDAVIT** from the claimant, who was too ill to appear before the county commission.

# AFFINITY

(uh FIN uh tee) *n.*

a natural attraction; kinship; similarity

Link: **FIN TEA**



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

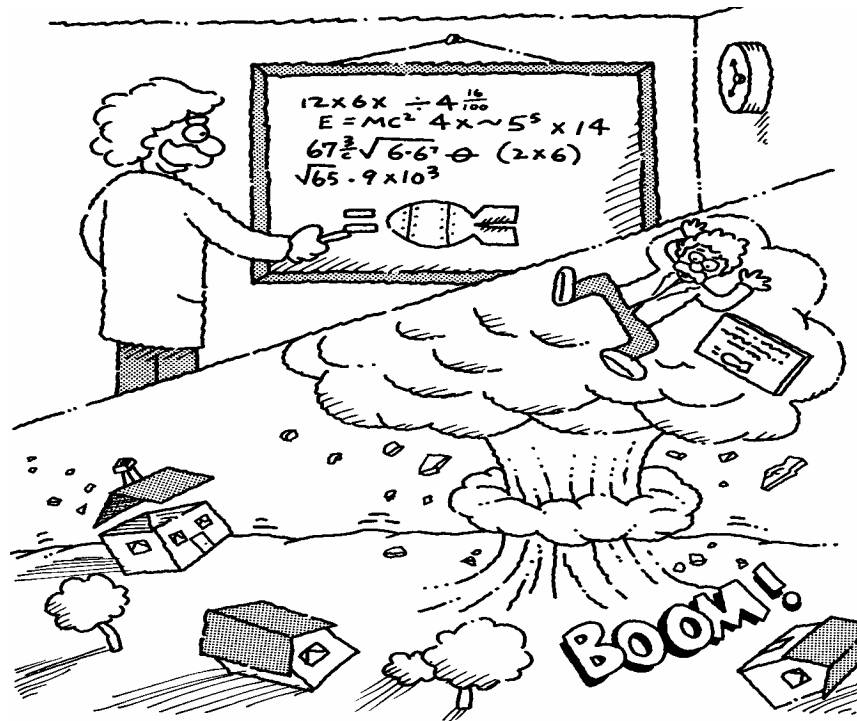
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- ❑ Max had an **AFFINITY** for sports and excelled at football, basketball, and tennis.
  - ❑ Monkeys have an **AFFINITY** for climbing, birds for flying, and fish for swimming.
  - ❑ A natural **AFFINITY** exists between monkeys and apes.

# 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**.”*

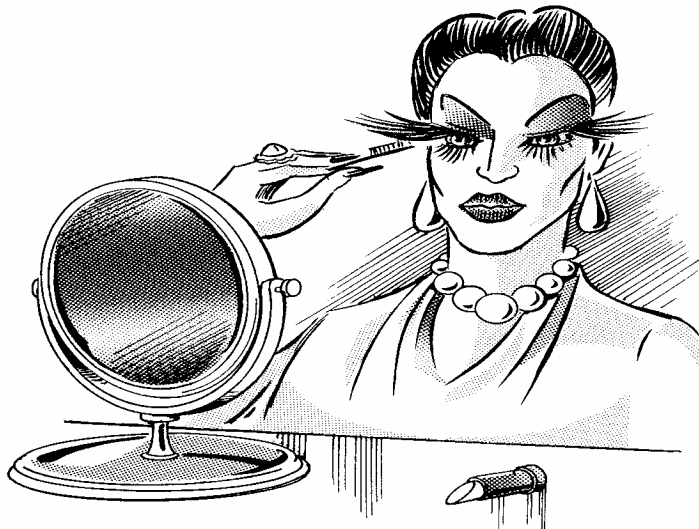
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- ❑ Poverty and economic depression are usually the **AFTERMATH** of wars.
  - ❑ An **AFTERMATH** of the bombing of Hiroshima was thousands of cancer cases caused by radiation.
  - ❑ The **AFTERMATH** of Christina skipping school too often was flunking her classes.
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# AGGRANDIZE

(uh GRAN dize) v.

to increase in size; enlarge, to cause to appear greater in power, influence

Link: **GRAND EYES**



*“Ladies acquire **GRAND EYES** with mascara and false eyelashes to **AGGRANDIZE** their eyes.”*

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- ❑ To **AGGRANDIZE** his achievements Richard would make up unbelievable stories of personal accomplishments.
  - ❑ The greatest **AGGRANDIZEMENT** of the entire evening was when the Russian claimed that Russia had won World War II without any help from the United States or the other allies. (*n.*)
  - ❑ Mario **AGGRANDIZED** his wealth by borrowing so much money and buying extravagant homes, cars, and boats that it eventually bankrupted him.
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# AJAR

(uh JARR) *adj.*  
partially open

Link: **JAR**



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

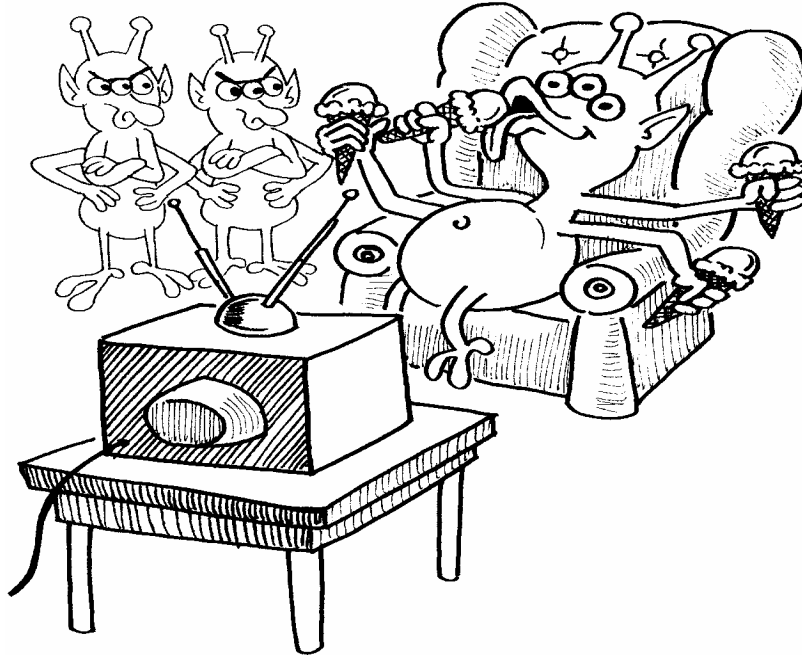
- ❑ When the police carefully examined the crime scene, they found a window had been left **AJAR**.
- ❑ I couldn’t set our home security system on because the back door was left **AJAR**.
- ❑ By leaving the front door of the house **AJAR**, hundreds of mosquitoes kept me awake all night long.

# ALIENATE

(AY lee uh nate) v.

to make hostile; to cause to feel unwelcome or estranged

Link: **ALIEN ATE**



*“The chief **ALIEN ATE** all the ice cream and **ALIENATED** his crew.”*

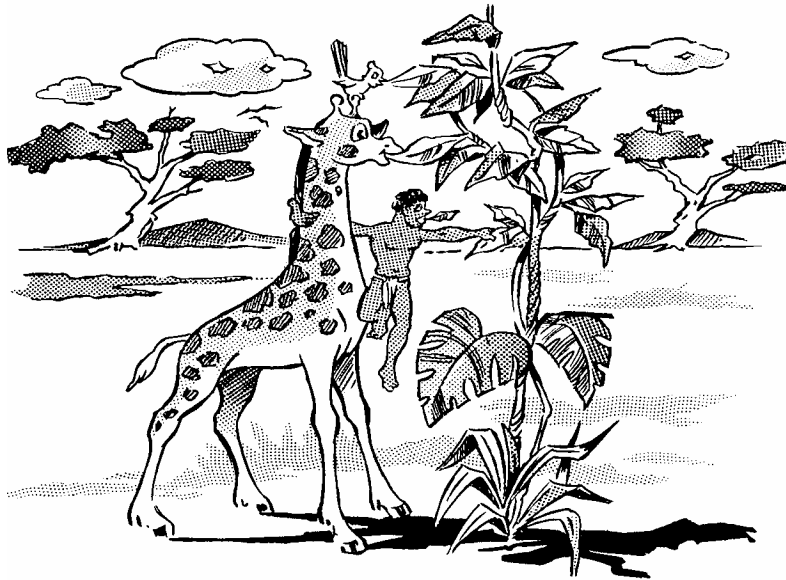
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- ❑ The boss **ALIENATED** his secretary by shouting at her when she made a mistake.
  - ❑ The kicker felt **ALIENATED** from the rest of the team after he missed a possible game winning field goal.
  - ❑ Barb was **ALIENATED** from her group when they learned that she was the town gossip.

# ALLEVIATE

(uh LEE vee ayt) v.

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.”*

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- 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.
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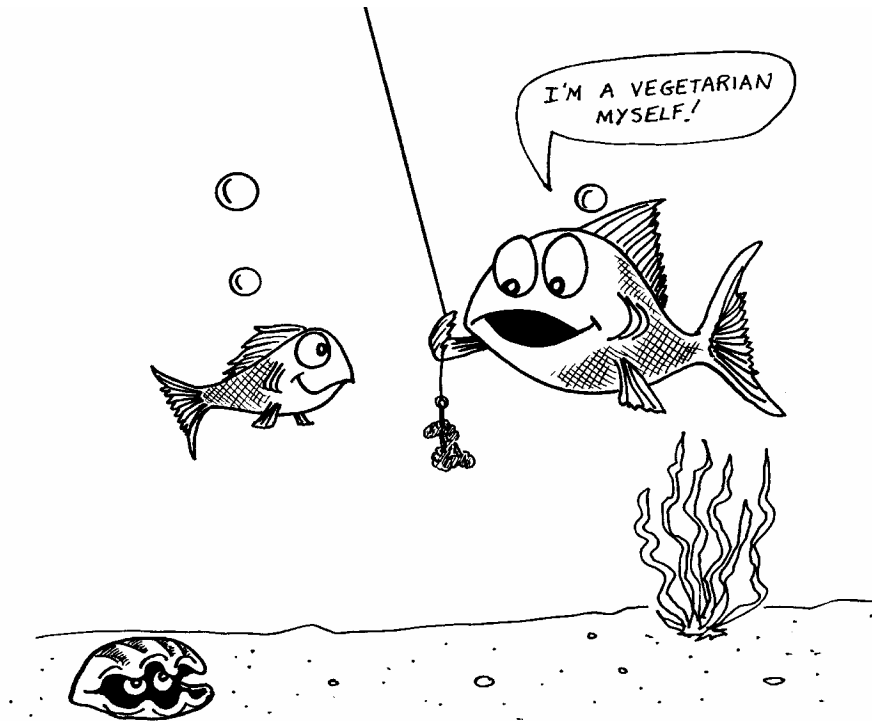


# ALLURE

(uh LUHR) v.

to entice with something desirable;  
to tempt;

Link: **LURE**



*"Not all fish **LURES ALLURE** all fish."*

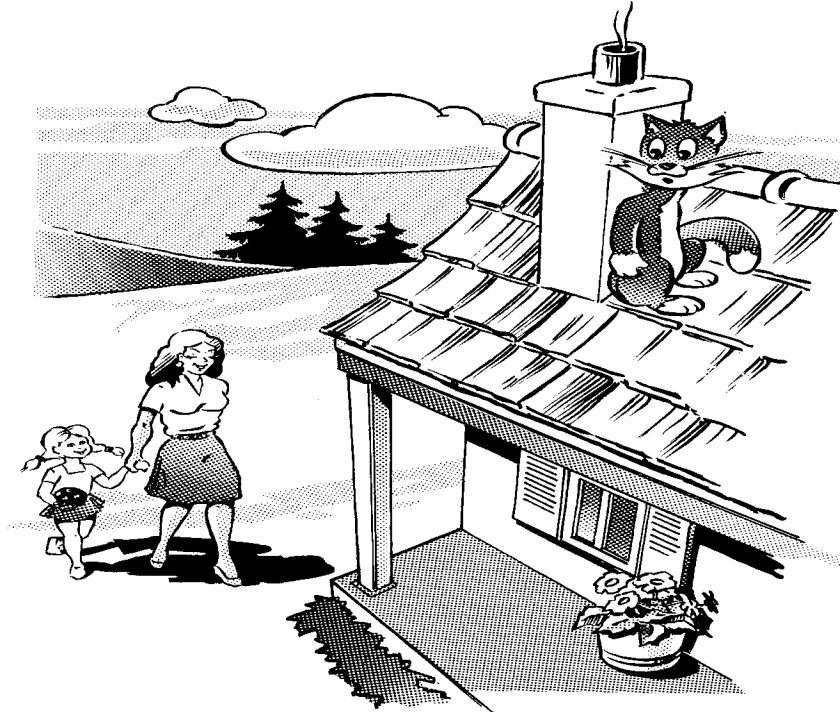
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- ❑ The actress **ALLURED** the crowd with her overwhelming beauty.
  - ❑ The sailors were **ALLURED** into believing that the calm, balmy seas would never become a ferocious storm.
  - ❑ **ALLURED** by the thought of wealth, he decided to study plastic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

# ALOOF

(uh LOOF) *adj.*

distant, reserved in manner; uninvolved

Link: **ROOF**



*“The cat is so **ALOOF**, when guests come she hides on the **ROOF**.”*

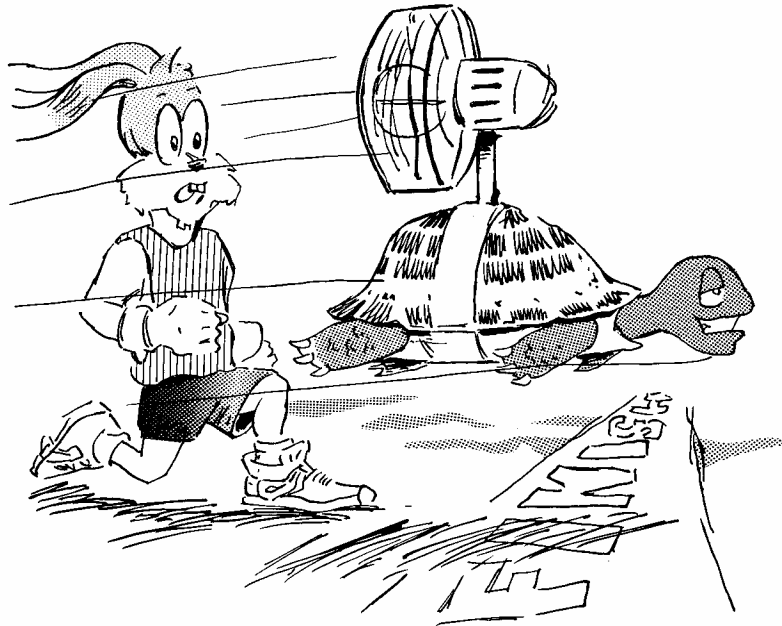
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- ❑ Most everyone thought Theodore **ALOOF** when actually he was only very shy.
  - ❑ Nothing ruins a fine dinner at a good restaurant like an **ALOOF** waiter who makes the entire experience uncomfortable.
  - ❑ At the wedding reception, the bride’s relatives were very **ALOOF**, hardly speaking to the groom’s guests and family.

# ALSO-RAN

(AWL so ran) *n.*

one who is defeated in a race, election, or other competition; loser

Link: **AWESOME FAN**



*“The tortoise was an **ALSO-RAN** until he strapped on an **AWESOME FAN**.”*

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- ❑ Even though Mitt Romney received millions of votes in the presidential election, he was an **ALSO-RAN** to Barack Obama.
  - ❑ With twenty thousand runners in the New York Marathon, even if you come in second place, you would still be an **ALSO-RAN**.
  - ❑ Tired of always being an **ALSO-RAN**, Mike trained hard and finally won the annual club tennis tournament.

# ALTERCATION

(awl tur KAY shun) *n.*  
a heated quarrel

Link: **ALTAR**



*“An **ALTERCATION** at the wedding **ALTAR**”*

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- ❑ The Mafia had a slight **ALTERCATION** with the police, and ten gang members were arrested and booked in downtown Manhattan.
  - ❑ Patrick got into several **ALTERCATIONS** with the soccer coach this season.
  - ❑ When the pitcher hit the batter with a fastball an **ALTERCATION** soon broke out between both teams.

# ALTERNATIVE

(all 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.**”*

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- ❑ “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.

# AMBIANCE

(AM bee uns) *n.*

mood, feeling; general atmosphere

Link: **AMBULANCE**



*“George did not enjoy the  
**AMBIANCE** in the **AMBULANCE.**”*

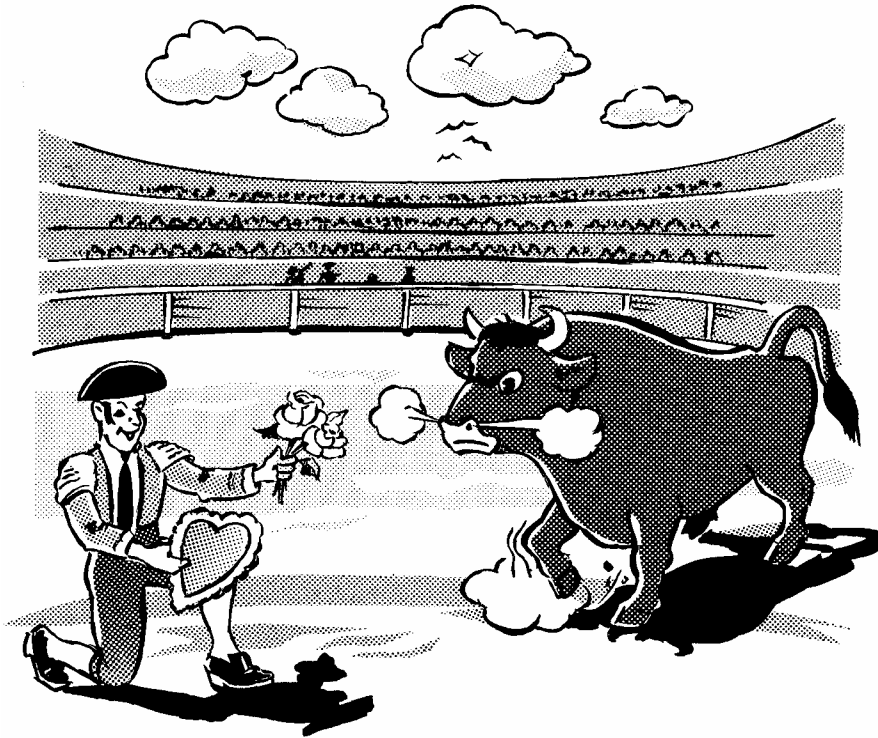
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- ❑ The **AMBIANCE** of the locker room after the team lost the championship was depressing.
  - ❑ For their daughter’s birthday party, the Jeffersons created an **AMBIANCE** of gaiety, decorating the garden with bright balloons and ribbons.
  - ❑ The **AMBIANCE** in the Italian restaurant was delightful, there was soft music, candlelight, and singing waiters.

# AMENABLE

(uh MEE nuh bul) *adj.*

agreeable, responsible to authority, pleasant, willing to give in to the wishes of another

Link: **MEAN BULL**



*“The matador tried to be  
**AMENABLE** to the **MEAN BULL**.”*

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- ❑ Jack was such a classy guy, always **AMENABLE** to any reasonable solution to a problem.
  - ❑ The **AMENABLE** young man helped the old lady carry her groceries to her car.
  - ❑ Sarah was **AMENABLE** to calling back tomorrow when the office would be open.
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# 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.

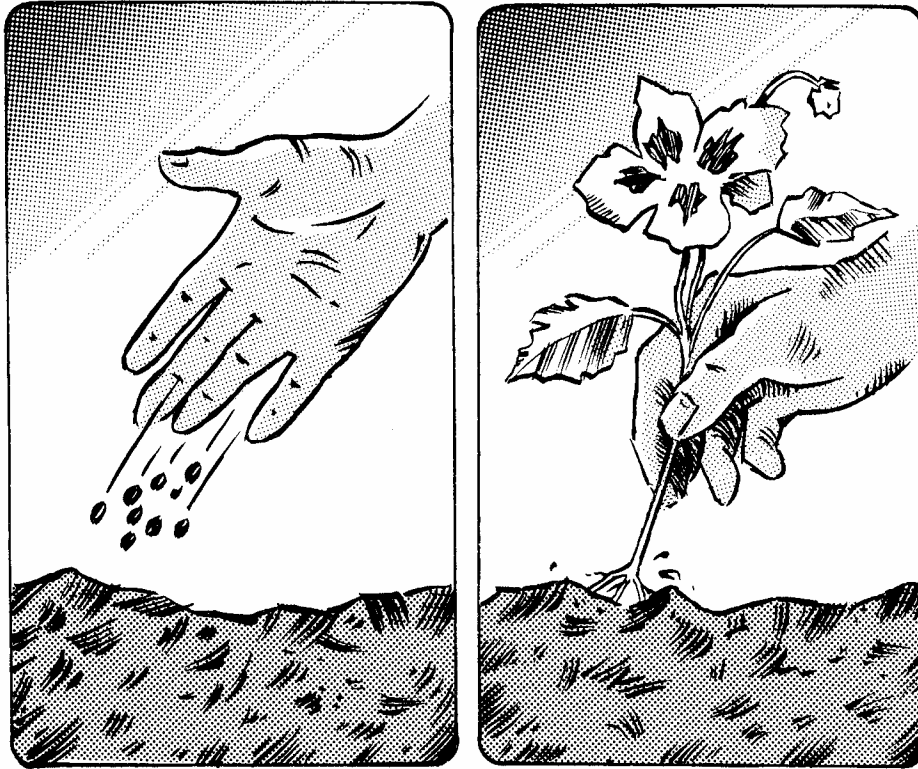


# ANTECEDENT

(an tuh SEED unt) *n.*

going before; preceding; an occurrence or event preceding another

Link: **HAND SEED**



*“The **HAND** that plants the **SEED** is the*

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- ❑ The steam engine was the **ANTECEDENT** to the gasoline engine.
  - ❑ Your ancestors were your **ANTECEDENTS**.
  - ❑ The atomic bomb was the **ANTECEDENT** to the hydrogen bomb.