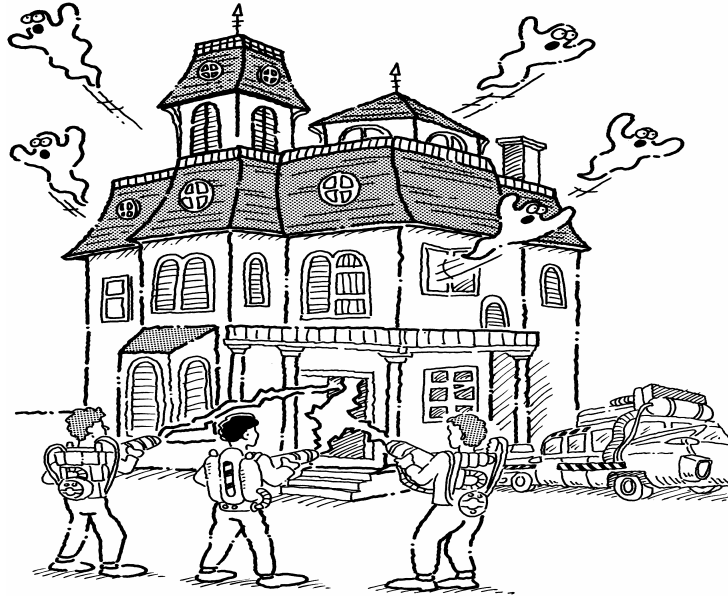


DAUNTLESS

(DAWNT lis) *adj.*

fearless; unintimidated

Link: **HAUNTLESS**



*“The **DAUNTLESS** ghostbusters render a haunted house **HAUNTLESS**.”*

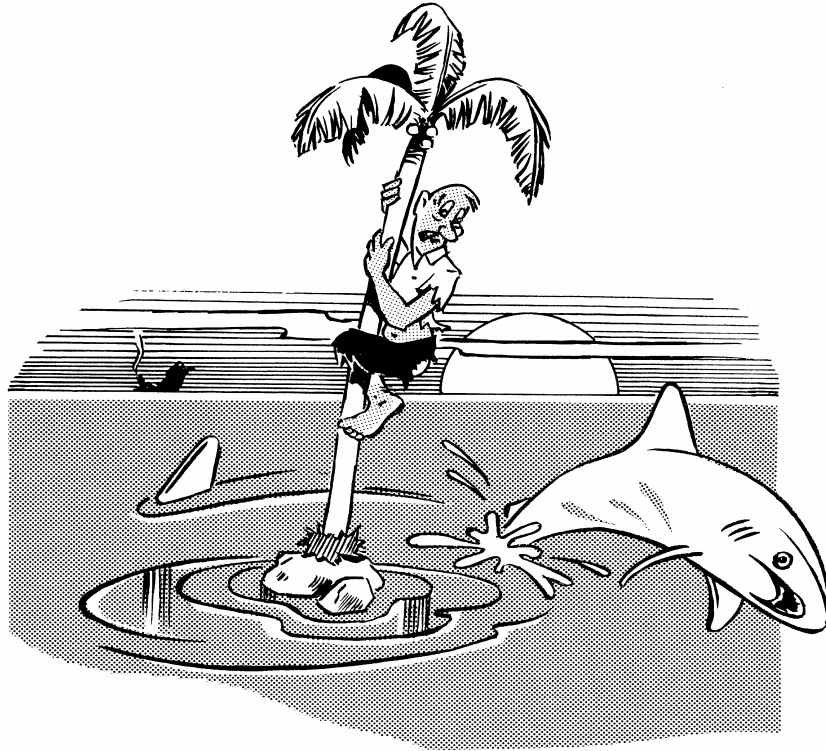
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- ❑ **DAUNTLESS** and determined, the firemen dashed through the smoke to rescue the family trapped in the fire. **UNDAUNTED** by the flames, they stayed until everyone had been rescued. (**DAUNTLESS** and **UNDAUNTED** mean the same thing.)
 - ❑ The hikers were **UNDAUNTED** by the steepness of the mountain; however, they decided to turn back when a storm appeared in the distance.
 - ❑ The **DAUNTLESS** soldier attacked the enemy line with no regard to the machine gun fire and mortar rounds exploding all around him.

DEARTH

(durth) *n.*

scarcity; lack

Link: **EARTH**



*“There is a **DEARTH** of **EARTH**
in the middle of the ocean.”*

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- ❑ A **DEARTH** of rain last summer led to many failed crops, especially corn and cotton in the valley.
 - ❑ This Broadway season was the poorest in years. Critics say this was largely due to a **DEARTH** of good playwrights.
 - ❑ There always seems to be a **DEARTH** of cookies in the cookie jar after our granddaughter’s visit.

DEBACLE

(dih BAH kul) *n.*

a sudden calamitous downfall;
collapse or failure

Link: **THE BUCKLE**



*“When **THE BUCKLE** broke, Shakespeare's Hamlet became a **DEBACLE**.”*

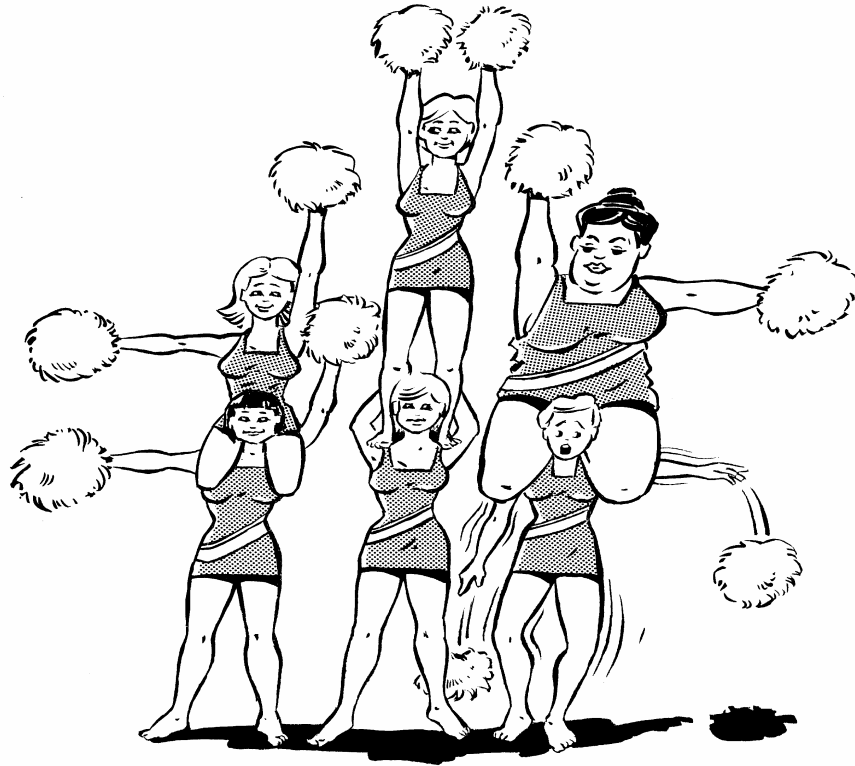
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- ❑ After winning our first game we went on to lose nine straight. What a **DEBACLE**.
 - ❑ The financial **DEBACLE** that was the stock market of 1929.
 - ❑ The Watergate scandal was the **DEBACLE** of the Nixon presidency.
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DEBASE

(dih BAYS) v.

to lower in quality, character, or value

Link: **THE BASE**



*“Big Bertha easily **DEBASED THE BASE.**”*

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- ❑ Inflation in Brazil has **DEBASED** the value of money so much that people won't stoop to recover small coins in the street.
 - ❑ The judge sued the newspaper for **DEBASING** his character in an article claiming he was too easy on criminals.
 - ❑ Violent crime in America **DEBASES** our country.
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DECREE

(dih KREE) *n.*

an order having the force of law

Link: **SET FREE**



*“The governor **DECREEED** that all the prisoners be **SET FREE.**”*

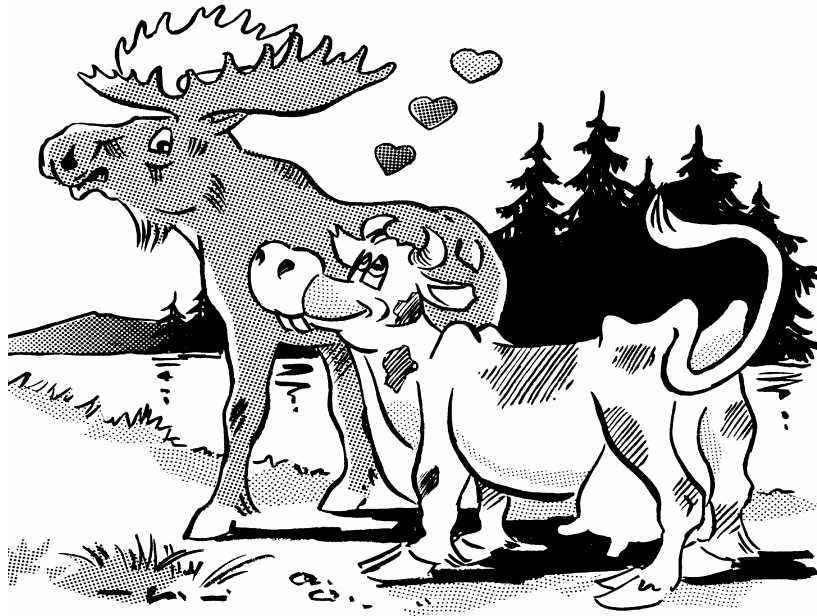
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- ❑ The **DECREE** by the city council that all dogs must be kept on a leash set off a bitter conflict among dog owners.
 - ❑ In Dodge City, during the days of the great cattle drives of the 1880s, Sheriff Wyatt Earp enforced the **DECREE** that all guns must be turned over to the sheriff’s deputies before a man could ride into town.
 - ❑ Avid smokers protested the **DECREE** which prohibits smoking in all restaurants and public buildings.

DEDUCE

(dee DOOS) v.

to come to a conclusion by reasoning from the evidence

Link: **MOOSE**



*“Marvin the **MOOSE** wondered why Elsie the cow couldn’t **DEDUCE** that he was a **MOOSE**.”*

- ❑ When the doors to the living room were locked the day before Christmas, Peggy **DEDUCED** her mother was wrapping presents and didn’t want to be disturbed.
 - ❑ From the footprints in the snow, we **DEDUCED** that the missing hikers had wandered in circles several days before disappearing entirely.
 - ❑ The detective **DEDUCED** that the killer’s weapon was a knife based on the wounds left on the victim.
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DEFAME

(dih FAYM) v.

to libel or slander; take away a good name

Link: **RENAME**



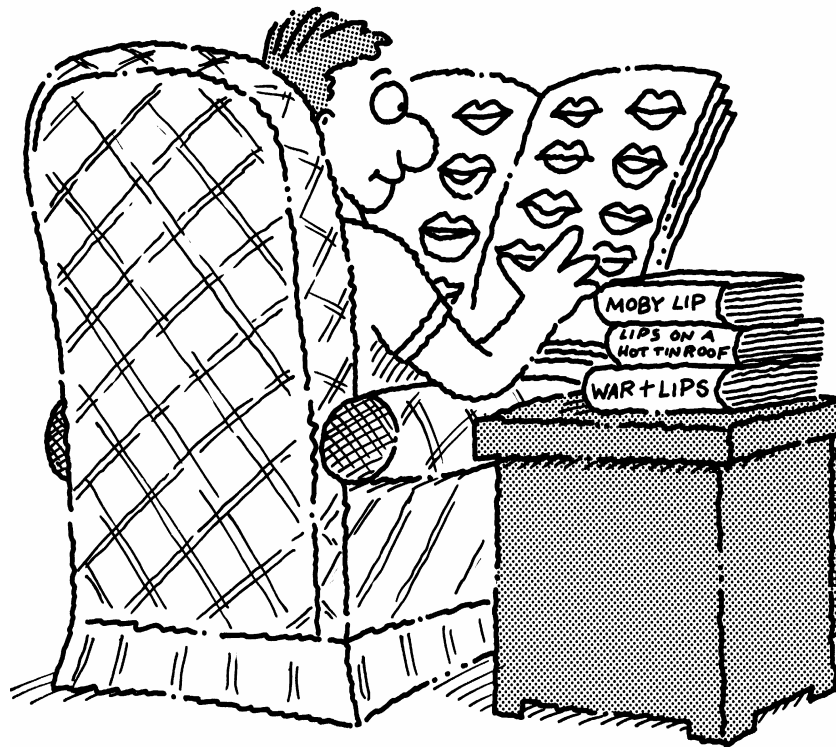
*“When the good name of William Bonney was **DEFAMED**, reporters **RENAMED** him ‘Billy the Kid’.”*

- ❑ **DEFAMED** and defeated, Napoleon was exiled to the Island of Elba.
 - ❑ False accusations by lying men have **DEFAMED** the reputations of many reputable woman.
 - ❑ Thomas Jefferson was once quoted as saying, “**DEFAMATION** is becoming a way of life inso-much that a dish of tea cannot be digested without the stimulant.”
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DEFT

(deft) *adj.*
skillful, dexterous

Link: **DEAF**



*“The **DEAF** are **DEFT** at reading lips.”*

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- ❑ The quarterback **DEFTLY** avoided the linebacker’s rush while calmly throwing a touchdown pass.
 - ❑ In one **DEFT** move, the policeman subdued the thief and took him to the ground.
 - ❑ The magician was so **DEFT** with a pack of cards that he could deal off the bottom with everyone watching, and no one was the wiser.

DEMAGOGUE

(DEM uh gawg) *n.*

a leader who obtains power by appealing to the emotions and prejudices of the people

Link: **THEM DOGS**



*“THEM DOGS, Hitler and Mussolini,
were infamous **DEMAGOGUES**.”*

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- Historians will almost exclusively agree that Hitler and Mussolini were **DEMAGOGUES** who were greatly responsible for starting World War II. (**DEMAGOGUES** are leaders, but not in a positive way.)
 - Lawyers, politicians, and other authority figures who inflame the populace to further their own aims are said to be **DEMAGOGUES** who engage in **DEMAGOGUERY**.

DEMONIC

(dee MON ik) *adj.*

one who works devilishly (a demon for work),
having a persistent force or drive; fiendish

Link: **DEMON**



*“Professor Luke E. Fer was a **DEMONIC DEMON** when it came time for his final exams.”*

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- ❑ Walter had a **DEMONIC** approach to business; he was only out there for himself and the money.
 - ❑ In pursuit of an Olympic medal, Jack’s practice habits were **DEMONIC**; six hours a day on the track was his norm.
 - ❑ To have a **DEMONIC** attitude in attempting to achieve your goals will sooner or later payoff.

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #10.1

Match the word with its definition.

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|-------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. dauntless | a. a sudden downfall |
| ___ 2. dearth | b. an evil leader |
| ___ 3. debacle | c. having a persistent force or drive |
| ___ 4. debase | d. an order having the force of law |
| ___ 5. decree | e. fearless; unintimidated |
| ___ 6. deduce | f. skillful, dexterous |
| ___ 7. defame | g. scarcity; lack |
| ___ 8. deft | h. to lower in quality |
| ___ 9. demagogue | i. to take away a good name |
| ___ 10. demonic | j. to come to a conclusion by reasoning from the evidence |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

1. In one _____ move, the policeman subdued the thief and took him to the ground.
2. The _____ soldier attacked the enemy line with no regard to the machine gun fire and mortar rounds exploding all around him.
3. Walter had a _____ approach to business; he was only out there for himself and the money.
4. A _____ of rain last summer led to many failed crops, especially corn and cotton in the valley.
5. Avid smokers protested the _____ which prohibits smoking in all restaurants and public buildings.
6. Historians will almost exclusively agree that Hitler and Mussolini were _____ who were greatly responsible for starting World War II.
7. False accusations by lying men have _____ the reputations of many reputable woman.
8. Inflation in Brazil has _____ the value of money so much that people won't stoop to recover small coins in the street.
9. It was an absolute _____ for Agassi as he lost the third set without winning a single point.
10. The detective _____ that the killer's weapon was a knife based on the wounds left on the victim.

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #10.2

Multiple Choice: Circle the appropriate word for the provided definition.

1. scarcity; lack; an inadequate supply
 - a.) dearth
 - b.) craven
 - c.) curtail
 - d.) dauntless
2. to lower in quality or status
 - a.) defame
 - b.) debacle
 - c.) debase
 - d.) deduce
3. an evil leader
 - a.) creditor
 - b.) demagogue
 - c.) demonic
 - d.) damper
4. to take away a good name
 - a.) defame
 - b.) debacle
 - c.) debase
 - d.) decree
5. lacking the least bit of courage; cowardly
 - a.) deft
 - b.) dauntless
 - c.) craven
 - d.) cower
6. fearless; unintimidated
 - a.) deft
 - b.) dauntless
 - c.) demonic
 - d.) cower
7. skillful, dexterous
 - a.) deft
 - b.) dauntless
 - c.) demonic
 - d.) cower
8. to cringe in fear; to shrink away
 - a.) deft
 - b.) dauntless
 - c.) craven
 - d.) cower
9. having a persistent force or drive; fiendish
 - a.) deft
 - b.) dauntless
 - c.) demonic
 - d.) cower
10. a sudden downfall
 - a.) dearth
 - b.) debacle
 - c.) debase
 - d.) decree
11. an order having the force of law
 - a.) criterion
 - b.) coup
 - c.) consensus
 - d.) decree
12. to come to a conclusion by reasoning from the evidence
 - a.) defame
 - b.) criterion
 - c.) deduce
 - d.) decree
13. fashion designers or business; clothes created by fashion designers
 - a.) connoisseur
 - b.) couture
 - c.) demagogue
 - d.) coterie
14. to lessen; to cut away from
 - a.) debase
 - b.) deduce
 - c.) dearth
 - d.) curtail
15. one that depresses or restrains; a dulling influence
 - a.) creditor
 - b.) demagogue
 - c.) demonic
 - d.) damper

VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power
Review Answers

Review #10.1

Review# 10.2

Matching:

1. e
2. g
3. a
4. h
5. d
6. j
7. i
8. f
9. b
10. c

Fill in the Blank:

1. deft
2. dauntless
3. demonic
4. dearth
5. decree
6. demagogues
7. defamed
8. debasing
9. debacle
10. deduced

Multiple Choice:

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