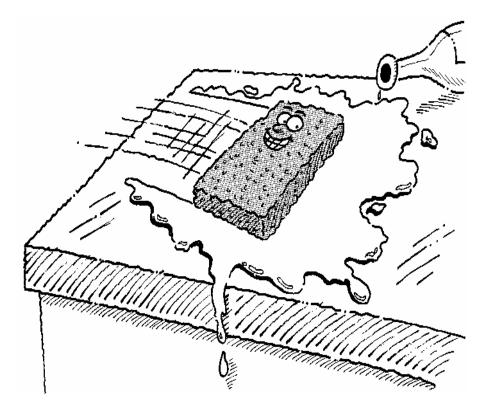
## EXPUNGE

(iks PUNJ) *v.* to remove; to delete; to erase

## Link: SPONGE



"A SPONGE EXPUNGING a spill"

- The judge ordered the clerk to EXPUNGE the lawyer's statement from the record.
- The wet and muddy footprints were EXPUNGED with soap and water.
- The teacher told Justin that EXPUNGING the low grades from his record was not something she was willing to do.

## FACILITATE

(fuh SIL uh tayt) *v*. to make easier, to help bring about

## Link: CELL MATE



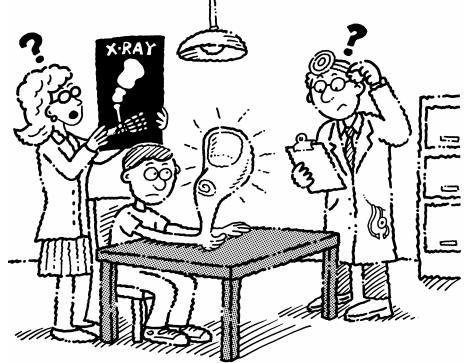
"You're lucky to have a **CELL MATE** who **FACILITATES** a homey atmosphere."

- CDs **FACILITATE** learning a foreign language.
- In order to FACILITATE the sale of their home, George came down on the price.
- □ Jack's tools **FACILITATED** the repair of the sink.

# FATHOM

(FATH uhm) *v*. to understand fully; to penetrate the meaning of

### Link: FAT THUMB

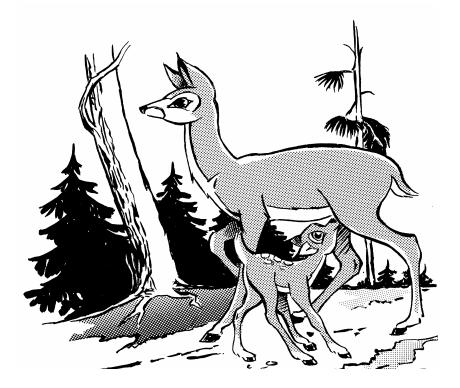


"Doctors could never **FATHOM** the reason for Larry's **FAT THUMB**."

- Her friends thought they had FATHOMED the reason Estelle applied for entrance in an all-boys college: She never had any dates.
- The jury found it hard to FATHOM how the defendant could commit such a terrible crime.
- I can't FATHOM the reason why Paul dropped out of college.

**FAWN** (fawn) *v.* to show affection

### Link: FAWN



"A FAWN FAWNING over his mother."

- The head of the movie studio didn't see through the FAWNING of all his underlings, believing they truly thought he was a genius.
- Mr. Johnson was a professional at "sucking up" to everybody he thought could help him advance in his career, a professional **FAWNER** from the word go.
- The grandmother FAWNED over her grandchild, tickling him and making goo-goo sounds.

# FEIGN

(fayn) *v.* to give a false appearance; to pretend

## Link: INSANE



"The prisoner **FEIGNED INSANITY** as a defense to his crime."

- Jeremy talked a good game but FEIGNED know-ledge of space science he did not possess.
- Elizabeth FEIGNED illness in order to stay home from school on the day of her final exam.
- (Any FEIGNED action is a FEINT.) The boxer kept FEINTING with his left hand, waiting for an opening to hit a knockout punch with his right.

## FESTER

(FES tur) *v.* to generate pus; to become a source of resentment or irritation

### Link: UNCLE FESTER



"UNCLE FESTER likes to pick his scabs and watch them FESTER."

- Diane's FESTERING resentments toward her boss finally drove her to quit her job.
- Private Sholley's wounds had FESTERED for so long it was nearly impossible for the surgeons to save his leg.
- Coach Jones' resentments toward the complain-ing players on the team **FESTERED** until he finally told them to shut up or quit.

# FETISH

(FET ish) *n*. an object of unreasonable, obsessive reverence or attention

### Link: BRITISH



"The **BRITISH**, they say, have an absolute **FETISH** for tea.

- My mother has a shoe FETISH; she has more shoes in her closet than clothes.
- Mary has a FETISH for chocolate, she hides a box under her bed, in her desk at the office, and in her purse.
- Dora has a cat FETISH; she owns over 25 cats and still wants more.

# FICKLE

(FIK ul) *adj.* often changing for no reason; not loyal or consistent

## Link: **PICKLE**



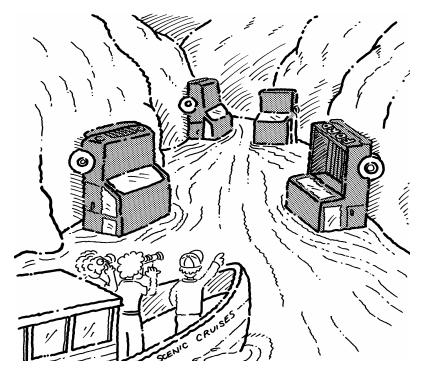
"Pregnant women are very **FICKLE**; one moment they want ice cream, the next, **PICKLES**."

- The summer weather is always very FICKLE, each morning the sun shines, but when you are ready to play golf, it starts to rain.
- Brad is a FICKLE eater; it's hard to say what he likes to eat.
- Coach Adams' FICKLENESS was known by all his players; he would say you were the best player on the team, but would replace you the first time you made a mistake.

# FJORD

(fyord) *n.* a long narrow inlet from the sea between steep cliffs or hills

## Link: FORD



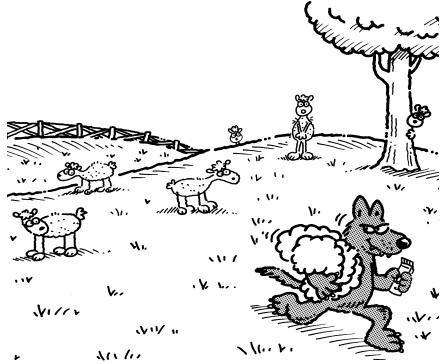
"FORDS in a FJORD"

- Norway and New Zealand are two countries noted for having the most scenic FJORDS in the world.
- FJORDS are generally deep enough so that large cruise ships have more than enough water to navigate up their length.
- The Grand Canyon could be the grandest FJORD of all, if only it were on the coast with an inlet from the sea.

# FLEECE

(flees) *v./n.* to defraud, swindle; also the wool of a sheep or similar animal

### Link: FLEEING



"FLEEING with the FLEECE" (n.)

- It was spring on the Australian sheep farms, the time of year when the sheep are FLEECED for their wool. (v.)
- The housewives on our street were FLEECED by a con man selling bogus magazine subscriptions. (v.)
- Jim had larceny in his heart all his life and would sooner FLEECE a customer than make an honest deal. (v.)

#### VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #15.1

#### Match the word with its definition.

| 1. expunge        | a. | to show affection                   |
|-------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 2. facilitate     | b. | to become a source of irritation    |
| 3. fathom         | C. | not loyal or consistent             |
| 4. <b>fawn</b>    | d. | to defraud, swindle                 |
| 5. <b>feign</b>   | e. | a long narrow inlet from the sea    |
| 6. <b>fester</b>  | f. | an object of unreasonable attention |
| 7. fetish         | g. | to give a false appearance; pretend |
| 8. fickle         | h. | to understand fully                 |
| 9. fjord          | i. | to make easier, to help bring about |
| 10. <b>fleece</b> | j. | to remove; to delete; to erase      |

#### Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

- 1. The housewives on our street were \_\_\_\_\_ by a con man selling bogus magazine subscriptions.
- 2. Brad is a eater; it's hard to say what he likes to eat.
- 3. The grandmother over her grandchild, tickling him and making goo-goo sounds.
- 4. The wet and muddy footprints were \_\_\_\_\_ with soap and water.
- 5. In order to the sale of their home, George came down on the price.
- 6. Mary has a for chocolate, she hides a box under her bed, in her desk at the office, and in her purse.
- 7. The jury found it hard to \_\_\_\_\_ how the defendant could commit such a terrible crime.
- 8. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_\_ illness in order to stay home from school on the day of her final exam.
- 9. Diane's \_\_\_\_\_\_ resentments toward her boss finally drove her to quit her job.
- 10. Norway and New Zealand are two countries noted for having the most scenic \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

#### VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #15.2

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

- 1. to elude or avoid by cunning
  - a.) evade
  - b.) fleece
  - c.) fester
  - d.) expunge
- 2. to defraud, swindle
  - a.) evade
  - b.) fleece
  - c.) fester
  - d.) feign
- 3. to remove, delete or erase
  - a.) exhume
  - b.) entreat
  - c.) feign
  - d.) expunge
- 4. to ask earnestly; to implore, plead, beg
  - a.) entreat
  - b.) fawn
  - c.) evoke
  - d.) entice
- 5. to show affection
  - a.) entreat
  - b.) fawn
  - c.) fetish
  - d.) feign
- 6. pleasing to the ear
  - a.) fathom
  - b.) euphonious
  - c.) erudite
  - d.) facilitate
- 7. deeply learned, scholarly
  - a.) fathom
  - b.) euphonious
  - c.) erudite
  - d.) facilitate
- 8. to make easier, to help bring about
  - a.) fathom
  - b.) fawn
  - c.) expunge
  - d.) facilitate

- 9. to become a source of resentment or irritation
  - a.) fawn
  - b.) fickle
  - c.) fester
  - d.) fetish
- 10. to understand fully; to penetrate the meaning of
  - a.) fathom
  - b.) fawn
  - c.) feign
  - d.) facilitate
- 11. an object of unreasonable attention, obsessive reverence or attention
  - a.) fjord
  - b.) erudite
  - c.) fathom
  - d.) fetish
- 12. to give a false appearance; pretend
  - a.) fathom
  - b.) fawn
  - c.) feign
  - d.) fjord
- 13. a long narrow inlet to the sea
  - a.) fjord
  - b.) engulf
  - c.) fathom
  - d.) fickle
- 14. not loyal or consistent
  - a.) euphonious
  - b.) fickle
  - c.) erudite
  - d.) egalitarian
- 15. to summon forth, call to mind, aware
  - a.) fester
  - b.) feign
  - c.) fathom
  - d.) evoke

#### VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power

#### **Review Answers**

#### **Review #15.1**

#### **Review #15.2**

| Matching:<br>1. j<br>2. i<br>3. h<br>4. a<br>5. g<br>6. b<br>7. f<br>8. c<br>9. e | Fill in the Blank:<br>1. fleeced<br>2. fickle<br>3. fawned<br>4. expunged<br>5. facilitate<br>6. fetish<br>7. fathom<br>8. feigned<br>9. festering | Multiple Choice:<br>1. a.) evade<br>2. b.) fleece<br>3. d.) expunge<br>4. a.) entreat<br>5. b.) fawn<br>6. b.) euphonious<br>7. c.) erudite<br>8. d.) facilitate<br>9. c.) fester | 11. d.) fetish<br>12. c.) feign<br>13. a.) fjord<br>14. b.) fickle<br>15. d.) evoke |
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| 9. e<br>10. d   | 10. fjords   | 10. a.) fathom  |   |