GIRTH

(girth) n.

the distance around something; circumference

Link: **BIRTH**



"Before giving **BIRTH**, ladies are quite large in **GIRTH**."

- Before crawling into a sewer pipe, it is first wise to measure its GIRTH.
- The GIRTH of the planet Earth is about twenty-five thousand miles.
- The GIRTH around the middle of the horse was too large to fasten the saddle.

GLOAT (gloht) *v.* to brag greatly

Link: GOAT



"And I got this award for receiving so many awards," said the **GLOATING GOAT**.

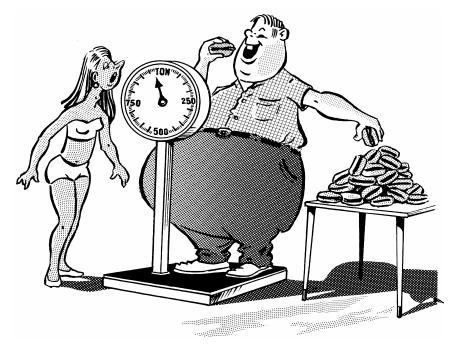
- For years she GLOATED over the marriage of her daughter to the most eligible bachelor in town.
- After winning the state championship last year, the football team GLOATED for a whole year until they lost the first game of the season.
- The mechanic said he didn't want to appear to GLOAT, but he did warn his customer last year he would have to fix it now or fix it later, and later would cost more.

GLUTTON

(GLUT en) n.

one who eats or consumes a great deal; having capacity to receive or withstand something

Link: GUT TON



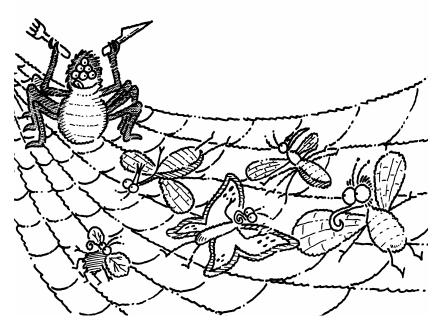
"If you're a GLUTTON, your GUT could weigh a TON."

- The neighbor's kids are such GLUTTONS, whenever they come over they clean out the frig.
- Jack was a GLUTTON for punishment; no matter how many times he was knocked down in the fight, he kept getting up.
- A baseball freak, JoAnne GLUTTONOUSLY reads every sports book on baseball she can get her hands on.

GOSSAMER

(GOS uh mur) *n./adj.* delicate floating cobwebs; a sheer gauzy fabric; something delicate, light, flimsy

Link: CUSTOMER



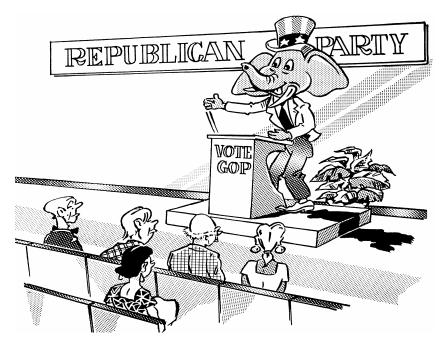
"The spider's **GOSSAMER** captured many unhappy **CUSTOMERS**."

- The bride wore a white silk wedding dress which touched the floor as she proceeded up the aisle to the altar. A GOSSAMER of fine Italian lace gently touched her face. (n.)
- Between the audience and the actors on the stage hung a thin GOSSAMER of fabric, heightening the feeling that the actors were in a dream-like setting. (n.)
- □ The **GOSSAMER** shawl she wore was not enough to keep her warm in the frigid air. *(adj.)*

GRANDILOQUENT

(gran DIL uh kwent) *adj*. attempting to impress with big words or grand gestures

Link: GRAND ELEPHANT



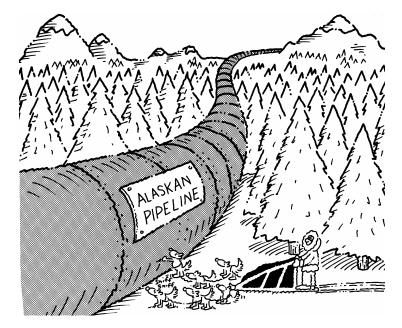
"The **GRAND ELEPHANT** made a **GRANDILOQUENT** speech."

- It was another GRANDILOQUENT political af-fair; the candidates made the same old promises for lower taxes and more free services.
- They may be eloquent, but there is nothing grand about pompous GRANDILOQUENT speakers.
- The new teacher's **GRANDILOQUENCE** didn't fool the class one bit. She really knew very little about South American history. (n.)

GRANDIOSE

(GRAN dee ohs) *adj.* grand and impressive, especially flashy and showy

Link: GRAND HOSE



"The **GRANDIOSE** Alaskan Pipeline resembles nothing more than a **GRAND HOSE**."

- Our coach had a GRANDIOSE plan to beat the Dallas Cowboys, only he didn't count on the fact that they had a GRANDIOSE plan of their own.
- In all respects it was a simple enough house, unlike many others in that part of town. But the one exception was the **GRANDIOSE** fireplace in the family room, big enough to drive a truck through.
- The director demanded a GRANDIOSE car chase in his action movie.

GUILE (gyle) *n.* cunning, deceitfulness; artfulness

Link: MILE



Nobody could say Billy didn't use **GUILE** when running the **MILE**."

- Few people realized Bob's reputation as a shrewd businessman was due to his **GUILE**.
- The GUILE of the ticket scalper was shocking. He was selling tickets today for yesterday's tennis matches.
- (BEGUILE is different from GUILE in that it is deception in a charming way.) Lois BEGUILED her beau with fetching flirtations.

GUISE (gize) *n.* appearance, semblance

Link: **DISGUISE**



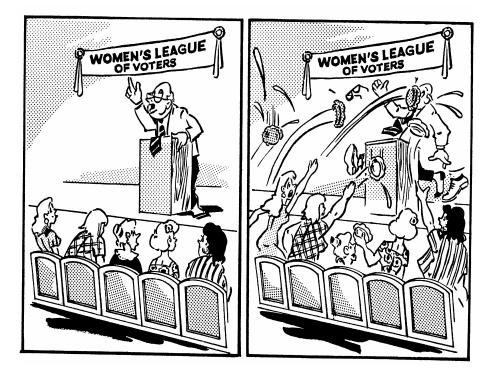
"A master of DISGUISE, Sherlock Holmes concealed his real GUISE."

- Every night the undercover detective would enter the toughest part of town in the **GUISE** of a junkie, uncovering the identity of many drug pushers.
- The undercover police car had the GUISE of a typical family car.
- Under the GUISE of a traveling businessman, the terrorist was able to pass security.

HARANGUE

(huh RANG) *v.* to lecture, berate; a long bombastic speech

Link: MERINGUE



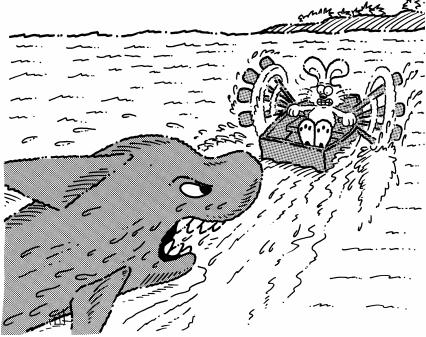
"The mayor's **HARANGUE** that women should stay home more was met with **MERINGUE** pies."

- The sergeant HARANGUED his recruits for not keeping in step as the platoon practiced marching.
- Our neighbor is a farmer who goes to town once a week on Saturdays and HARANGUES everyone he meets on how badly the government treats farmers.
- A perpetual HARANGUER, Jeannie was a feminist who believed everyone who didn't believe as she did was an anti-feminist.

HARROWING

(HARE roe ing) *adj.* extremely distressing; disturbing or frightening

Link: HARE ROWING



"A HARROWING experience for a HARE ROWING"

- After the HARROWING experience when Eddie's main parachute didn't open, and his emergency chute saved him only at the last minute, he vowed never to jump again.
- (HARRIED is to be troubled or bothered while HARROWING is to be frightened to the extreme.) At first we were HARRIED by the gang members, called names and insulted, but later it became a HARROWING experience as they chased and threatened us with knives.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #17.1

Match the word with its definition.

- ____ 1. girth
- ____ 2. gloat
- 3. glutton
- 4. gossamer
- 5. grandiloquent
- 6. grandiose
- ____ 7. guile
- ____ 8. guise
- 9. harangue
- 10. harrowing

- a. cunning, deceitfulness; artfulness
- b. one who eats a lot
- c. grand and impressive
- d. extremely distressing or frightening
- e. attempting to impress with big words
- to brag greatly f.
- to lecture, berate; a long speech q.
- h. appearance, semblance
- i. something delicate, light, flimsy
- j. the distance around something

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

- 1. The ______ shawl she wore was not enough to keep her warm in the frigid air.
- 2. The undercover police car had the _____ of a typical family car.
- 3. The of the ticket scalper was shocking. He was selling tickets today for yesterday's tennis matches.
- 4. The neighbor's kids are such _____, whenever they come over they clean out the frig.
- 5. The of the planet Earth is about twenty-five thousand miles.
- 6. After winning the state championship last year, the football team _____ for a whole year until they lost the first game of the season.
- 7. They may be eloquent, but there is nothing grand about pompous speakers.
- 8. After the ______ experience when Eddie's main parachute didn't open, and his emergency chute saved him only at the last minute, he vowed never to jump again.
- 9. The sergeant his recruits for not keeping in step as the platoon practiced marching.
- 10. The director demanded a car chase in his action movie.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #17.2

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

- 1. to lecture, berate; a long speech
 - a.) harangue
 - b.) gloat
 - c.) grandiose
 - d.) guile
- 2. extremely distressing or frightening
 - a.) guise
 - b.) harrowing
 - c.) fraught
 - d.) feign
- 3. grand and impressive
 - a.) harangue
 - b.) gloat
 - c.) grandiose
 - d.) grandiloquent
- 4. to abandon, to give up, to renounce
 - a.) harangue
 - b.) forsake
 - c.) fraught
 - d.) feign
- 5. cunning, deceitfulness; artfulness
 - a.) harrowing
 - b.) gamin
 - c.) guise
 - d.) guile
- 6. to do without; to leave alone
 - a.) forbear
 - b.) gossamer
 - c.) gloat
 - d.) feign
- 7. appearance, semblance
 - a.) gossamer
 - b.) glutton
 - c.) guise
 - d.) feign
- 8. something delicate, light, flimsy
 - a.) gossamer
 - b.) girth
 - c.) harrowing
 - d.) fraught

- 9. to brag greatly
 - a.) glutton
 - b.) fawn
 - c.) feign
 - d.) gloat
- 10. a light headed sensation; lightheartedly silly
 - a.) guile
 - b.) giddy
 - c.) fickle
 - d.) gossamer
- 11. to encircle as with a belt; surround
 - a.) gird
 - b.) guile
 - c.) giddy
 - d.) girth
- 12. attempting to impress with big words or great gestures
 - a.) grandiose
 - b.) feign
 - c.) grandiloquent
 - d.) guise
- 13. the distance around something
 - a.) gossamer
 - b.) girth
 - c.) glutton
 - d.) gird
- 14. one who eats or consumes a great deal
 - a.) gloat
 - b.) girth
 - c.) glutton
 - d.) gird
- 15. teeming with; laden; full
 - a.) gloat
 - b.) glutton
 - c.) harrowing
 - d.) fraught

VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power

Review Answers

Review #17.1

Review #17.2

Matching:	Fill in the Blank:	Multiple Choice:	 11. a.) gird 12. c.) grandiloquent 13. b.) girth 14. c.) glutton 15. d.) fraught
1. j	1. gossamer	1. a.) harangue	
2. f	2. guise	2. b.) harrowing	
3. b	3. guile	3. c.) grandiose	
4. i	4. gluttons	4. b.) forsake	
5. e	5. girth	5. d.) guile	
6. c	6. gloated	6. a.) forbear	
7. a	7. grandiloquent	7. c.) guise	
8. h	8. harrowing	8. a.) gossamer	
9. g	9. harangued	9. d.) gloat	
9. g 10. d	10. grandiose	10. b.) giddy	