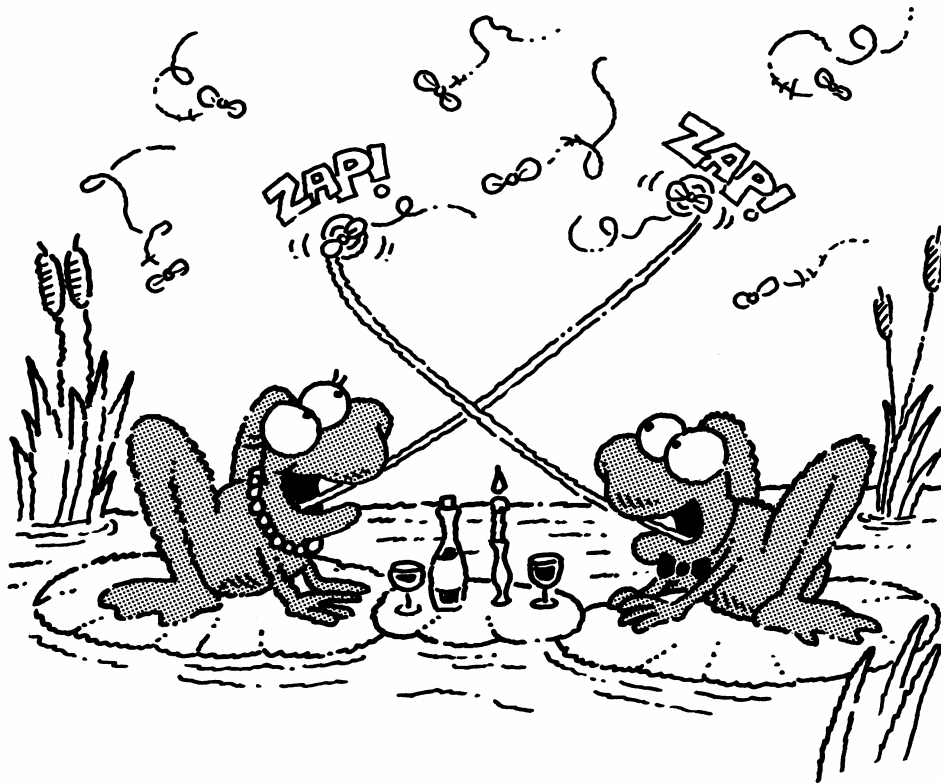


MODE

(mowd) *n.*

a way or method of doing something;
type, manner, fashion

Link: **TOAD**



*“**TOADS** have a special **MODE** for catching dinner.”*

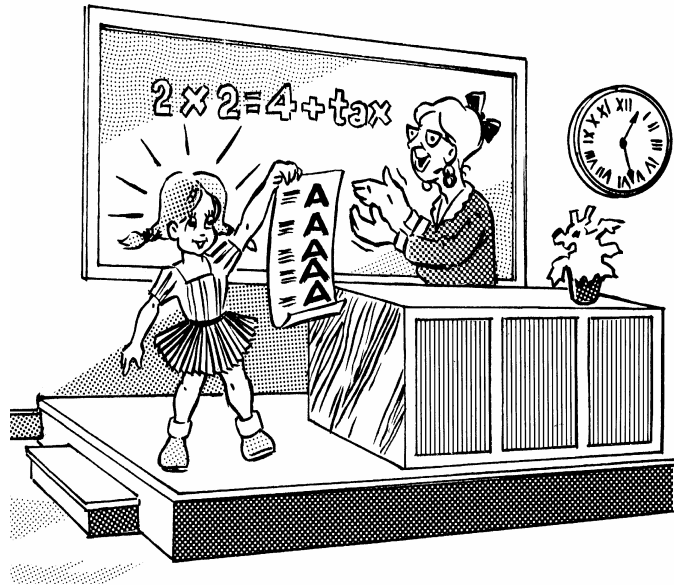
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- ❑ Four-wheel drive vehicles have gears to go from two to four wheel drive **MODE**.
 - ❑ Once he became a lawyer, Hal put aside his jeans and dressed in the **MODE** of his contemporaries.
 - ❑ Our vacation was in a laid-back **MODE**, sleeping-in late and then catching rays on the beach.

MORES

(MAWR ayz) *n.*

customary cultural standards; moral attitudes, manners, habits

Link: **MORE As**



*“Our educational **MORES** have it that the **MORE As** a student makes, the better their education.”*

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- ❑ According to Chinese **MORES**, it is considered polite for dinner guests to belch at the table as a gesture of appreciation and enjoyment.
 - ❑ It is said that a certain actress of her acquaintance has dubious morals and disregards the accepted **MORES** for married women.
 - ❑ The problem with some community **MORES** is that the older generation clings to outdated moral attitudes no longer appropriate for the times.

MUSE

(myooz) v.

to ponder; meditate; think about at length

Link: **FUSE**



*“Don’t **MUSE** once the **FUSE** is lit.”*

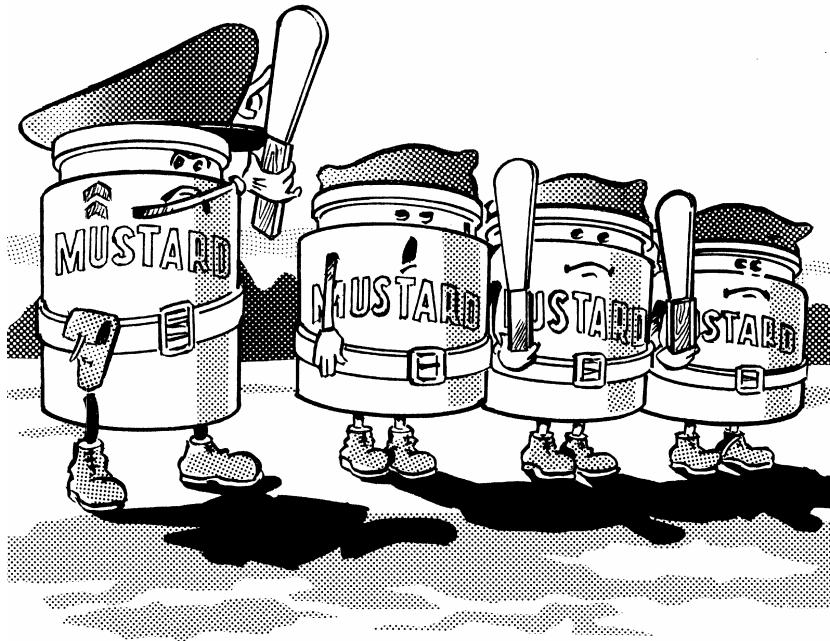
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- ❑ Rick was such a good auto mechanic he never **MUSED** over what the problem might be; he knew immediately and went right to work fixing it.
 - ❑ Chess is a **MUSING** game of skill whereupon each player **MUSES** over all the possible moves before deciding which piece to move.
 - ❑ Though the odds of winning the lottery are very low, it is fun to **MUSE** about what you would do if you actually won.

MUSTER

(MUHS tur) *v./n.*

to collect or gather; the act of inspection or critical examination

Link: **MUSTARD**



*“Each morning the **MUSTARD** troops are **MUSTERED** for roll call.”*

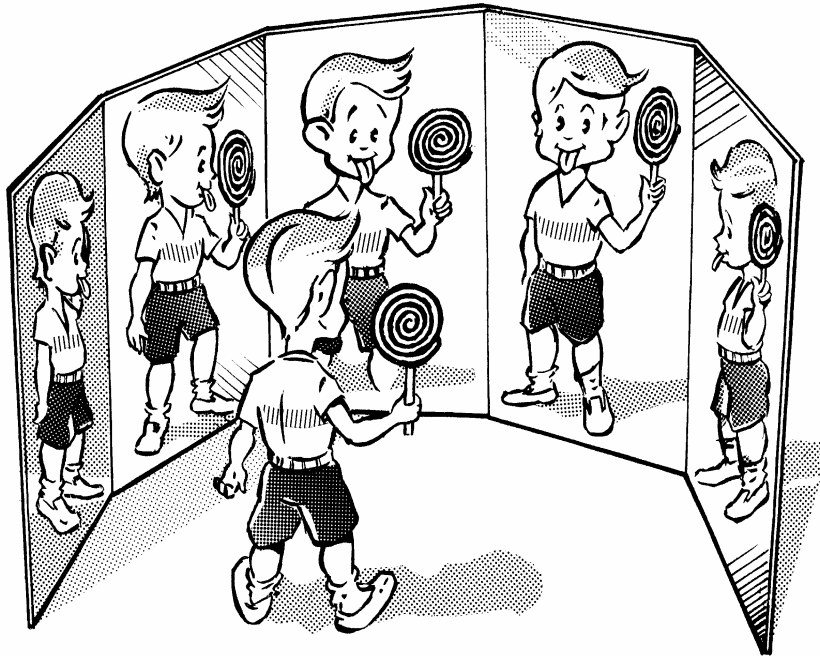
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- ❑ In 1836 the Texans at the Alamo **MUSTERED** all the troops available to defend against the invading Mexican Army. (*v.*)
 - ❑ The restaurant owner inspected the kitchen and said the eating utensils did not pass **MUSTER**, and for the dish washer to wash them all over again. (*n.*)
 - ❑ Dan **MUSTERED** all his strength to lift the weight over his head. (*v.*)

MYRIAD

(MIR ee ud) *n.*

an extremely large number

Link: **MIRROR ADD**



*“Many **MIRRORS ADD** a **MYRIAD** of reflections.”*

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- ❑ After graduating from Harvard with a master’s degree in business, Paul had a **MYRIAD** of career opportunities ahead of him.
 - ❑ On a clear night in Alaska the sky is filled with a **MYRIAD** of stars.
 - ❑ Jane said she had a **MYRIAD** of things to do to get ready for the party.

NEPOTISM

(NEP uh tiz um) *n.*

favors shown by those in high positions to relatives and friends

Link: **NEPHEWISM**



*“Mr. Roberts, the CEO of the company, shows a little **NEPOTISM** toward his **NEPHEW**.”*

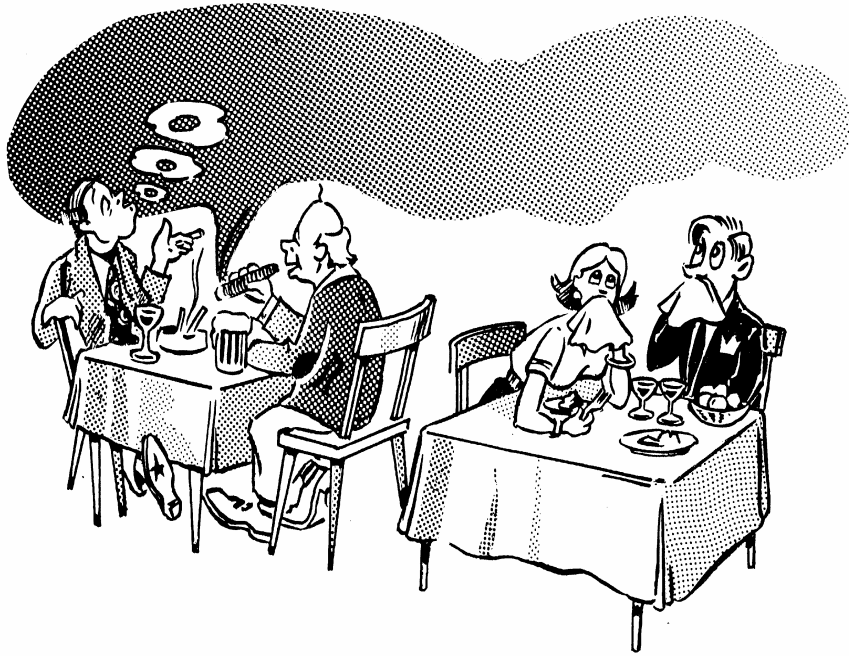
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- ❑ Totally inept, Howard was a real estate agent for the company only because his uncle, the president, was not above a little **NEPOTISM**.
 - ❑ The boss told his son that he didn't believe in **NEPOTISM** and that he would have to work just as hard as everyone else to get a promotion.
 - ❑ The players knew it was **NEPOTISM** when the coach named his son starting quarterback even though he was the worst player on the team.

NOISOME

(NOY sum) *adj.*

stinking; offensive; disgusting

Link: **ANNOY SOME**



*“Inconsiderate, **NOISOME** smokers are likely to **ANNOY SOME**.”*

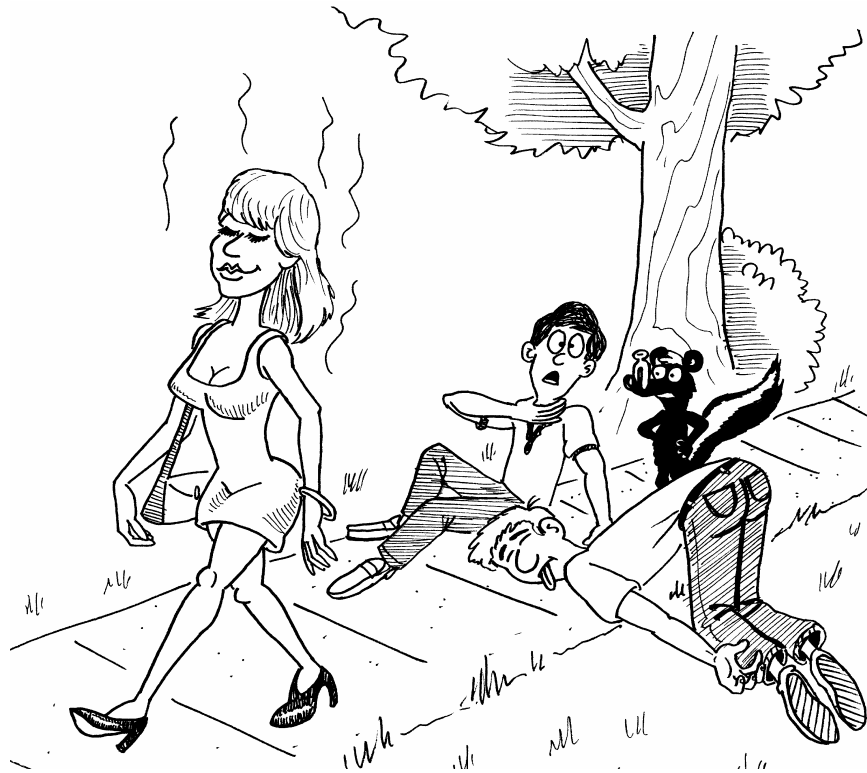
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- ❑ Tobacco smoke is now considered so **NOISOME** in the majority of public places that smoking has become off limits.
 - ❑ The comedian’s act was absolutely **NOISOME**; all of his jokes depended entirely on four-lettered vulgarities.
 - ❑ When I opened the garbage can, the odor was so **NOISOME** I thought I might suffocate before I could get the lid back on.

NOXIOUS

(NAWKS shus) *adj.*

physically or mentally destructive,
or harmful to human beings

Link: **KNOCKS US**



*“Her cheap perfume was so **NOXIOUS**,
it almost **KNOCKED US** out.”*

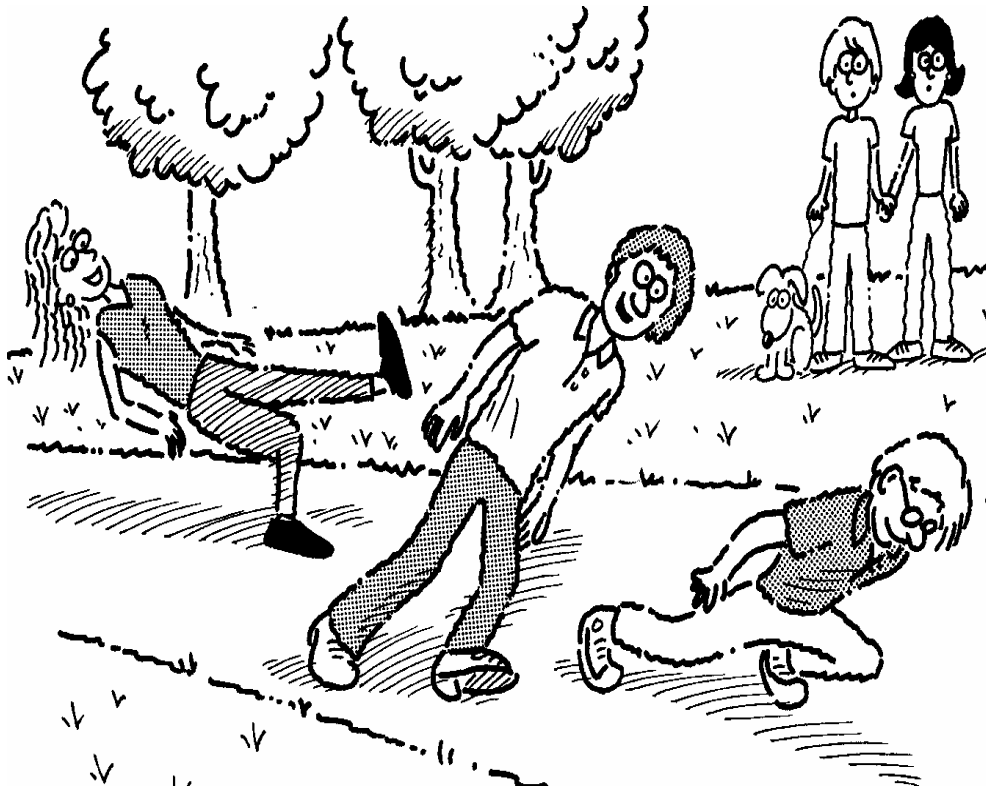
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- ❑ The **NOXIOUS** pollutants discharged into the bay by the paper mill killed all the marine life.
 - ❑ The **NOXIOUS** waste produced by nuclear power plants is stored in special containers.
 - ❑ Bob covered his nose and mouth with a wet paper towel so not to inhale the **NOXIOUS** fumes of the fire.
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OBLIQUE

(oh BLEEK) *adj.*

at an angle neither perpendicular or parallel;
indirect or evasive; not straightforward

Link: **FREAK**



*“Folks are not **FREAKS** just
because they walk **OBLIQUELY**.”*

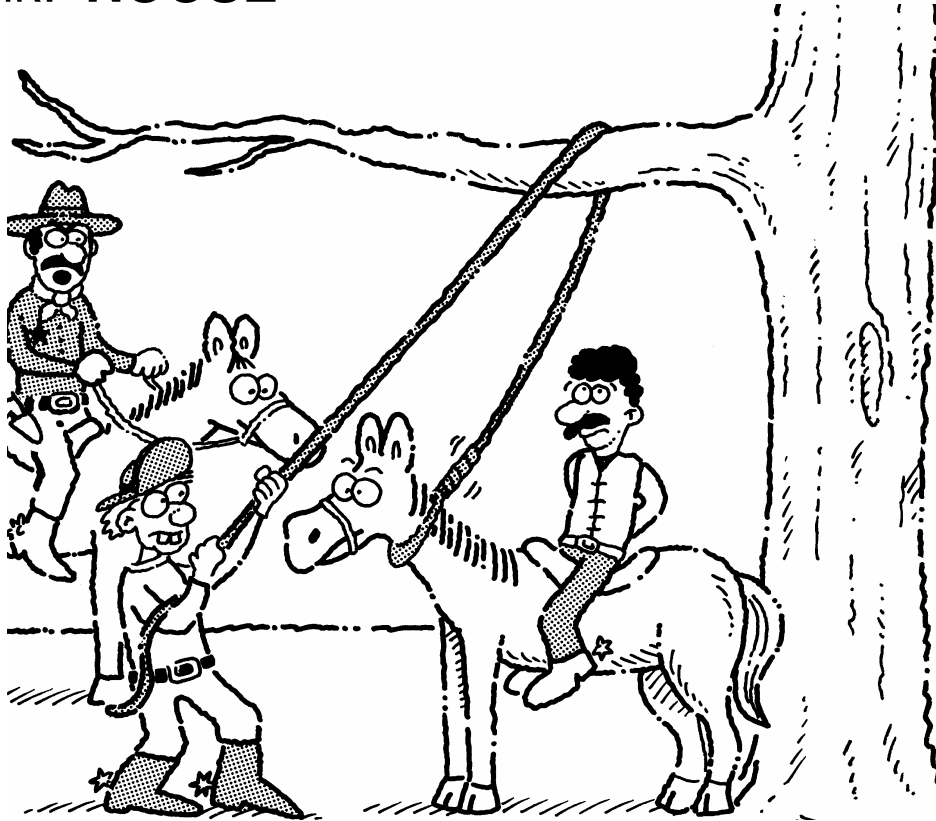
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- The architect’s design featured **OBLIQUE** angles which made the home unique to the neighborhood.
 - An **OBLIQUE** triangle has no right angles.
 - The politician’s **OBLIQUE** answers to the press’s questions raised many questions about his integrity.
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OBTUSE

(ob TOOS) *adj.*

lacking intelligence, difficult to comprehend;
not quick or alert in perception or feeling

Link: **NOOSE**



*“Don’t be **OBTUSE**; the horse-thief gets the **NOOSE**, not the horse.”*

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- ❑ The **OBTUSE** boy failed every class.
 - ❑ Many believe there was a hidden meaning behind the **OBTUSE** lyrics of the song.
 - ❑ Our attorney said that the contract was so **OBTUSELY** written that she had to rewrite the whole thing. (*adv.*)
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Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #22.1

Match the word with its definition.

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|------------------------|--|
| ___ 1. mode | a. to collect or gather |
| ___ 2. mores | b. harmful to human beings |
| ___ 3. muse | c. customary cultural standards |
| ___ 4. muster | d. a way or method of doing something |
| ___ 5. myriad | e. to ponder; to think about at length |
| ___ 6. nepotism | f. favors given to relatives and friends |
| ___ 7. noisome | g. an extremely large number |
| ___ 8. noxious | h. indirect or evasive |
| ___ 9. oblique | i. lacking intelligence |
| ___ 10. obtuse | j. stinking; offensive; disgusting |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

1. Dan _____ all his strength to lift the weight over his head.
2. The politician's _____ answers to the press's questions raised many questions about his integrity.
3. The players knew it was _____ when the coach named his son starting quarterback even though he was the worst player on the team.
4. Though the odds of winning the lottery are very low, it is fun to _____ about what you would do if you actually won.
5. After graduating from Harvard with a master's degree in business, Paul had a _____ of career opportunities ahead of him.
6. The _____ boy failed every class.
7. Once he became a lawyer, Hal put aside his jeans and dressed in the _____ of his contemporaries, conservative dark suits, white shirts, and ties.
8. The _____ pollutants discharged into the bay by the paper mill killed all the marine life.
9. According to Chinese _____, it is considered polite for dinner guests to belch at the table as a gesture of appreciation and enjoyment.
10. The comedian's act was absolutely _____; all of his jokes depended entirely on four-lettered vulgarities.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #22.2

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

1. physical or mentally destructive; harmful to human beings
 - a.) noxious
 - b.) noisome
 - c.) obtuse
 - d.) oblique
2. lacking intelligence, difficult to comprehend; an angle greater than 90 degrees and less than 180 degrees
 - a.) noxious
 - b.) noisome
 - c.) obtuse
 - d.) oblique
3. to collect or gather; the act of inspection or critical examination
 - a.) mores
 - b.) milieu
 - c.) muster
 - d.) muse
4. to ponder; to think about at length
 - a.) myriad
 - b.) milieu
 - c.) muster
 - d.) muse
5. favors shown by those in high positions to relatives and friends
 - a.) melancholy
 - b.) nepotism
 - c.) misanthropy
 - d.) noisome
6. someone who hates mankind; a hatred of mankind
 - a.) misanthropy
 - b.) melancholy
 - c.) noisome
 - d.) marauder
7. at an angle neither perpendicular or parallel; indirect or evasive
 - a.) noxious
 - b.) noisome
 - c.) obtuse
 - d.) oblique
8. depression of spirits; gloomy; weary
 - a.) melancholy
 - b.) nepotism
 - c.) noisome
 - d.) misanthropy
9. environment or surroundings
 - a.) mirage
 - b.) myriad
 - c.) milieu
 - d.) mores
10. an incorrect or inappropriate name
 - a.) muse
 - b.) nepotism
 - c.) myriad
 - d.) misnomer
11. a way or method of doing something
 - a.) myriad
 - b.) milieu
 - c.) mode
 - d.) mores
12. stinking; offensive; disgusting
 - a.) noxious
 - b.) noisome
 - c.) obtuse
 - d.) oblique
13. customary cultural standards, manners, habits
 - a.) myriad
 - b.) milieu
 - c.) mode
 - d.) mores
14. an extremely large number
 - a.) myriad
 - b.) milieu
 - c.) mode
 - d.) mores
15. a collection of wild animals on exhibit
 - a.) muster
 - b.) marshal
 - c.) milieu
 - d.) menagerie

VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power
Review Answers

Review #22.1

Matching:

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

Fill in the Blank:

1. mustered
2. oblique
3. nepotism
4. muse
5. myriad
6. obtuse
7. mode
8. noxious
9. mores
10. noisome

Review #22.2

Multiple Choice:

1. a.) noxious
2. c.) obtuse
3. c.) muster
4. d.) muse
5. b.) nepotism
6. a.) misanthropy
7. d.) oblique
8. a.) melancholy
9. c.) milieu
10. d.) misnomer
11. c.) mode
12. b.) noisome
13. d.) mores
14. a.) myriad
15. d.) menagerie