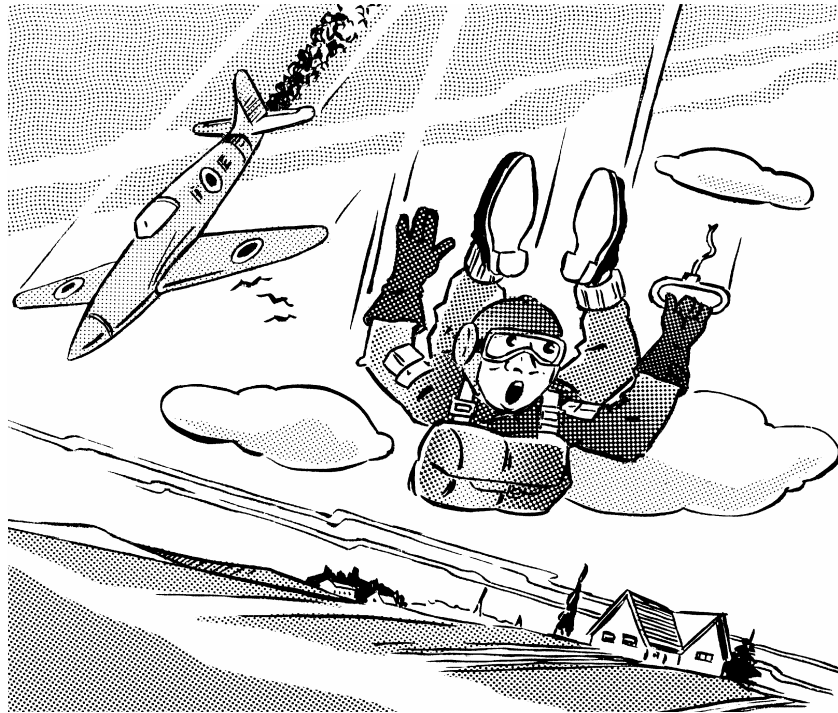


PLIGHT

(plite) *n.*

a condition of a situation,
especially a distressing one

Link: **FLIGHT**



*“A **PLIGHT** in **FLIGHT**.”*

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- ❑ In most dramatic stage plays, the **PLIGHT** of the good guys appears at its worse at the end of the second act.
 - ❑ Determined to rescue the fifty hostages from their **PLIGHT**, the police rushed the aircraft before the terrorists could cause further harm.
 - ❑ Christopher’s friend advised him not to worsen the **PLIGHT** he had gotten himself into by starting a fight, which could only make matters worse.

PORCINE

(POOR sine) *adj.*

reminiscent of or pertaining to a pig; resembling a pig

Link: **POOR SCENE**



*“It was a **POOR SCENE** when Mark arrived with his **PORCINE** date.”*

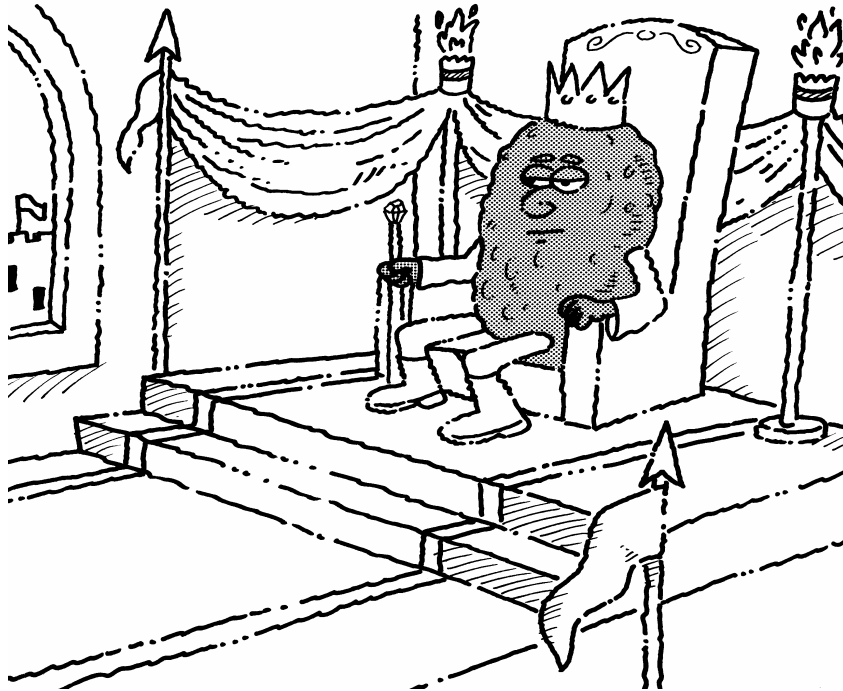
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- ❑ After an around the world cruise, where each meal is a grand feast, Bob and Helen returned home with **PORCINE** figures.
 - ❑ She had a **PORCINE** attitude about food, that is to say, she would eat anything and everything.
 - ❑ In order to endure the **PORCINE** smell of the pig sty, Frank tied a bandana around his head to cover his nose.

POTENTATE

(POHT n tayt) *n.*

a powerful ruler; an important person

Link: **IMPORTANT TATER**



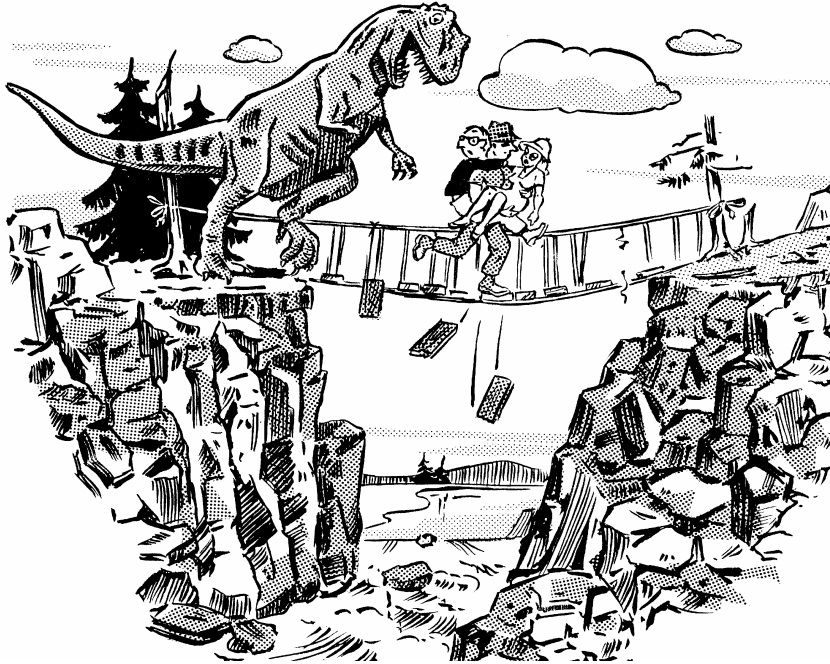
*“A **POTENTATE** in ‘Tater Kingdom’ is an **IMPORTANT TATER.**”*

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- ❑ **POTENTATES** are usually not elected officials, but the descendants of a line of rajahs, sheiks, or kings.
 - ❑ The Shah of Iran was an Iranian **POTENTATE** who lived in the twentieth century.
 - ❑ Ever since Sarah was elected president of the junior class, she walks around with her nose in the air, as if she thinks she is a **POTENTATE**.

PRECARIOUS

(pruh KARE ee us) *adj.*
unsafe, unsteady, unstable

Link: **CARRY US**



*“To escape the dinosaur, Mississippi Jones **CARRIED US** to safety across a **PRECARIOUS** bridge.”*

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- ❑ John was scared to climb the **PRECARIOUS** ladder because he didn't want to fall and break his back.
 - ❑ The **PRECARIOUSNESS** of their situation did not fully strike the fishermen until their small boat arrived at the dock only moments before the storm struck.
 - ❑ Isabel's habit of arriving at work late almost every morning made her job future **PRECARIOUSLY** uncertain.

PROCRASTINATE

(proh KRAS tuh nayt) v.
to put off until a later time

Link: **GRASS HATE**



*“Larry **HATED** to cut the **GRASS** and would **PROCRASTINATE** about it for weeks.”*

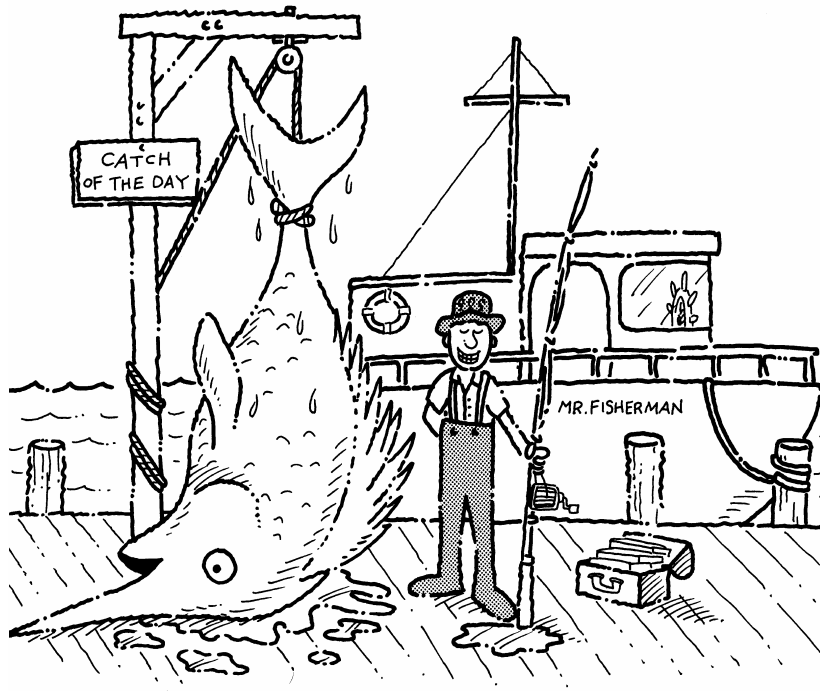
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- ❑ Never do today what you can **PROCRASTINATE** doing until tomorrow, a famous husband once said.
 - ❑ Laura received a bad grade on her science project because she **PROCRASTINATED** finishing it until the day before it was due.
 - ❑ Wilcox had a **PROCRASTINATING** personality; whatever he started, you felt he was probably not going to finish.

PROFICIENT

(pruh FISH unt) *adj.*

skillful; to be very good at something

Link: **PRO FISHERMAN**



*"The ultimate **PROFICIENT PRO FISHERMAN**"*

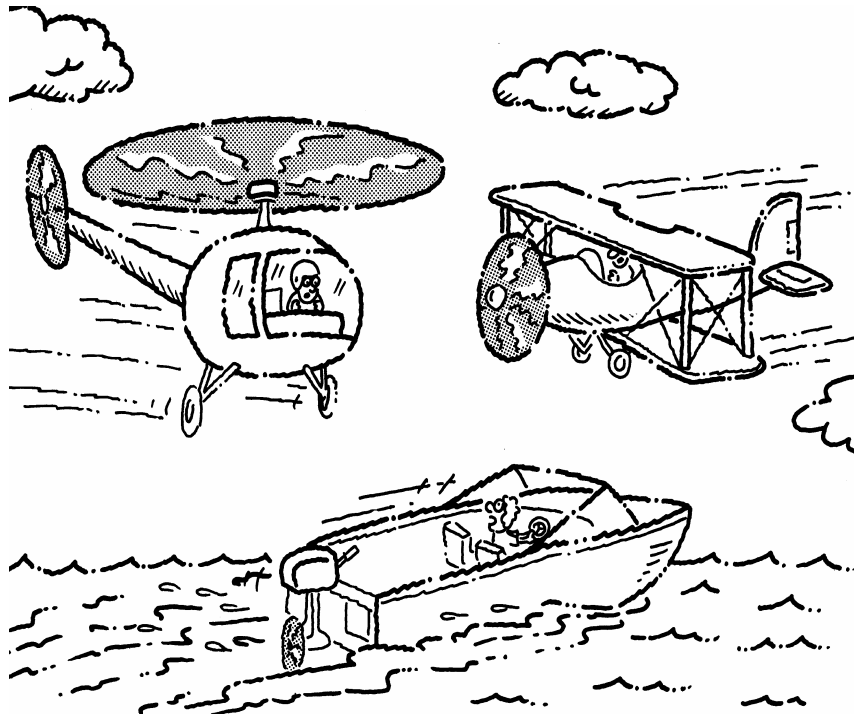
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- ❑ Wally was the most **PROFICIENT** tennis player in our league, but he wasn't good enough to win the regional tournament.
 - ❑ June was so **PROFICIENT** as executive secretary, she was promoted and became vice president of sales.
 - ❑ Dad finally gave up trying to install the ceiling fan and asked mom to find someone who was more **PROFICIENT**.

PROPULSIVE

(PROH pul siv) *adj.*

the act or process of propelling;
a propelling force

Link: **PROPELLER**



***“PROPELLERS** provide the **PROPULSIVE** force that **PROPEL** many transportation vehicles.”*

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- ❑ The first ship **PROPELLED** by a **PROPELLER** was invented by Isambard Brunel in 1844.
 - ❑ Physically pumping the pedals creates the needed **PROPULSIVE** force to power a bicycle.
 - ❑ The **PROPULSIVE** force of a nuclear submarine is superior to the older diesel powered submarines.

PROWESS

(PROW iss) *n.*

exceptional skill and bravery

Link: **PROWLER**



*“The **PROWESS** of a **PROWLER**”*

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- ❑ The **PROWESS** of the Sioux chief, Crazy Horse, at leading his warriors into battle, was legendary.
 - ❑ Rod Laver’s **PROWESS** as the world’s best tennis player in the history of the game is supported by the fact that he won the Grand Slam twice. This has not been done since.
 - ❑ Because of his **PROWESS** in battle, Brad was awarded the silver star.

QUANDARY

(KWAHN dree) *n.*

state of perplexity or doubt; a difficult or uncertain situation

Link: **LAUNDRY**



“A QUANDARY in the LAUNDRY”

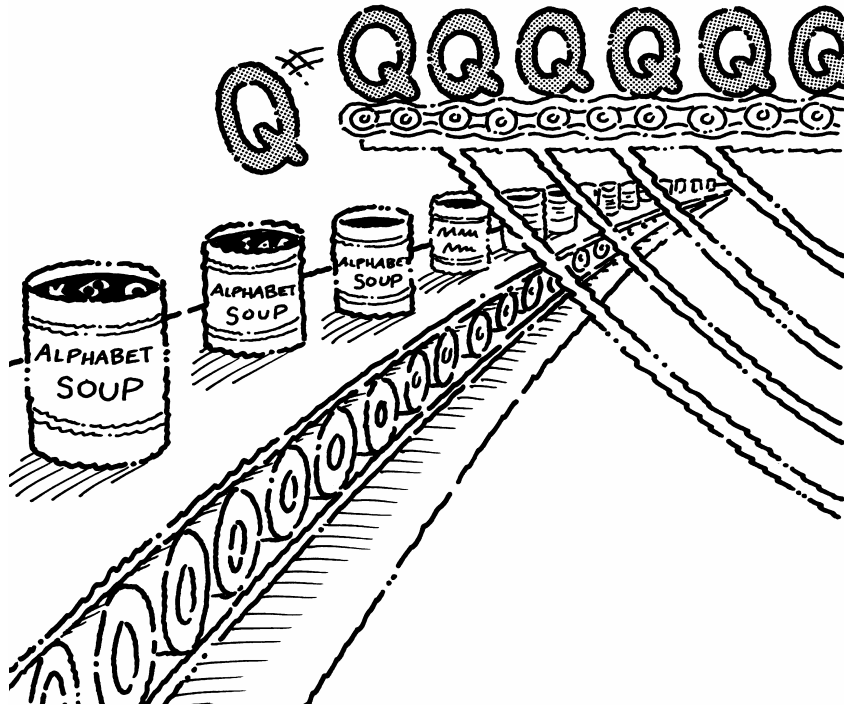
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- ❑ The police were in a **QUANDARY**; the butler’s fingerprints were all over the murder weapon, but he was two thousand miles away and appearing on the *Tonight Show* during the time the murder was committed.
 - ❑ Andrea was in a **QUANDARY**. She was asked to the prom by two boys she really liked.
 - ❑ Bob’s **QUANDARY** was to get married and move out of town or stay in his home town where he really wants to live.

QUEUE

(kyoo) v./n.

to form or to wait in line; a line

Link: **Q**



“Qs in a **QUEUE**”

- During the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, fans **QUEUE** outside the gates the day before and spend the night waiting for the gates to open the following morning. (n.)
- The sisters decided not to attend the movie because a line was **QUEUING** up as they arrived, and they didn't want to stand in a **QUEUE** in the cold, night air. (v./n.)
- The **QUEUES** at Disney World are usually the longest during holiday weekends. (n.)

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #25.1

Match the word with its definition.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. plight | a. a powerful ruler; an important person |
| ___ 2. porcine | b. to put off until a later time |
| ___ 3. potentate | c. unsafe, unsteady, unstable |
| ___ 4. precarious | d. a condition of a distressing situation |
| ___ 5. procrastinate | e. exceptional skill and bravery |
| ___ 6. proficient | f. to form or to wait in line; a line |
| ___ 7. propulsive | g. resembling a pig |
| ___ 8. prowess | h. a difficult or uncertain situation |
| ___ 9. quandary | i. the act or process of propelling |
| ___ 10. queue | j. skillful; to be very good at something |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

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VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #25.2

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

1. unsafe, unsteady, unstable
 - a.) precarious
 - b.) quandary
 - c.) potentate
 - d.) propulsive
2. to put off until a later time
 - a.) potentate
 - b.) quandary
 - c.) perverse
 - d.) procrastinate
3. skillful; to be very good at something
 - a.) propulsive
 - b.) proficient
 - c.) precarious
 - d.) philanthropy
4. a difficult or uncertain situation; doubt
 - a.) queue
 - b.) quandary
 - c.) precarious
 - d.) pique
5. to arouse curiosity
 - a.) pique
 - b.) quandary
 - c.) precarious
 - d.) queue
6. a powerful ruler; an important person
 - a.) prowess
 - b.) porcine
 - c.) penitent
 - d.) potentate
7. to form or to wait in line; a line
 - a.) oblique
 - b.) queue
 - c.) pied
 - d.) pique
8. the act of or process of propelling
 - a.) permeate
 - b.) queue
 - c.) plight
 - d.) propulsive
9. a condition of a distressing situation
 - a.) pique
 - b.) porcine
 - c.) plight
 - d.) perverse
10. resembling a pig
 - a.) pillage
 - b.) porcine
 - c.) pique
 - d.) petulant
11. ill-humored, irritable, cranky
 - a.) precarious
 - b.) noisome
 - c.) penitent
 - d.) petulant
12. exceptional skill and bravery
 - a.) prowess
 - b.) porcine
 - c.) penitent
 - d.) potentate
13. stubborn, contrary, intractable
 - a.) orthodox
 - b.) paradox
 - c.) penitent
 - d.) perverse
14. to flow or spread through; penetrate
 - a.) periphery
 - b.) propulsive
 - c.) permeate
 - d.) potentate
15. to rob goods by violent seizure; plunder
 - a.) precarious
 - b.) prowess
 - c.) pillage
 - d.) ostracize

VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power
Review Answers

Review #25.1

Matching:

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

Fill in the Blank:

- 1. prowess
- 2. procrastinated
- 3. queues
- 4. precarious
- 5. quandary
- 6. potentate
- 7. propulsive
- 8. porcine
- 9. proficient
- 10. plight

Review #25.2

Multiple Choice:

- 1. a.) precarious
- 2. d.) procrastinate
- 3. b.) proficient
- 4. b.) quandary
- 5. a.) pique
- 6. d.) potentate
- 7. b.) queue
- 8. d.) propulsive
- 9. c.) plight
- 10. b.) porcine
- 11. d.) petulant
- 12. a.) prowess
- 13. d.) perverse
- 14. c.) permeate
- 15. c.) pillage