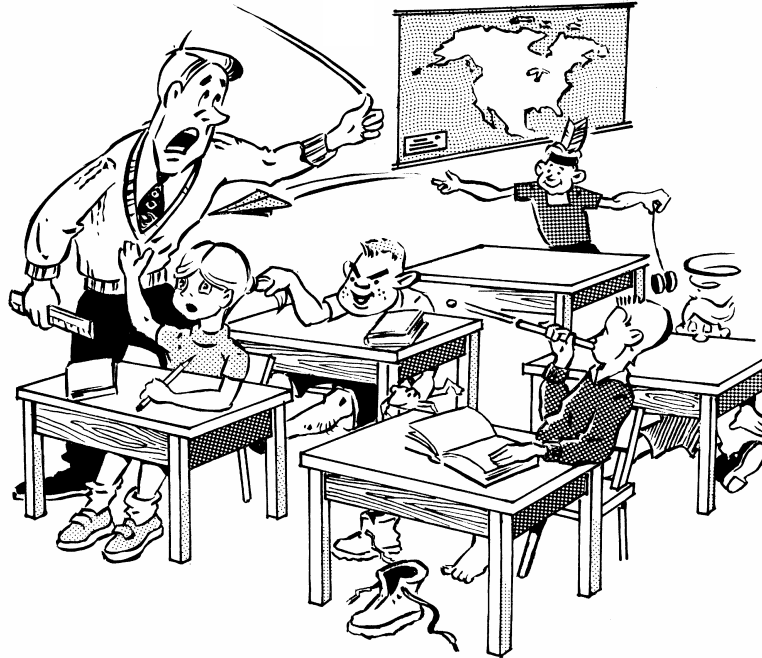


# RUDIMENTARY

(roo duh MEN tuh ree) *adj.*  
basic, crude, undeveloped;  
fundamental principles or skills

Link: **RUDE ELEMENTARY**



*“**RUDE** children in **ELEMENTARY** school  
are often **RUDIMENTARY** by nature.”*

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- ❑ “**RUDIMENTARY**, my dear Watson,” Sherlock Holmes used to say to Dr. Watson when he had uncovered an important clue to a murder.
  - ❑ If Tarzan lived with apes all his life, his social skills must have been very **RUDIMENTARY**.
  - ❑ The eating utensils and tools of early cave dwellers during the Ice Age were very **RUDIMENTARY**.

# SCAPEGOAT

(SCAPE goht) *n.*

one that bears the blame for others

Link: **GOAT**



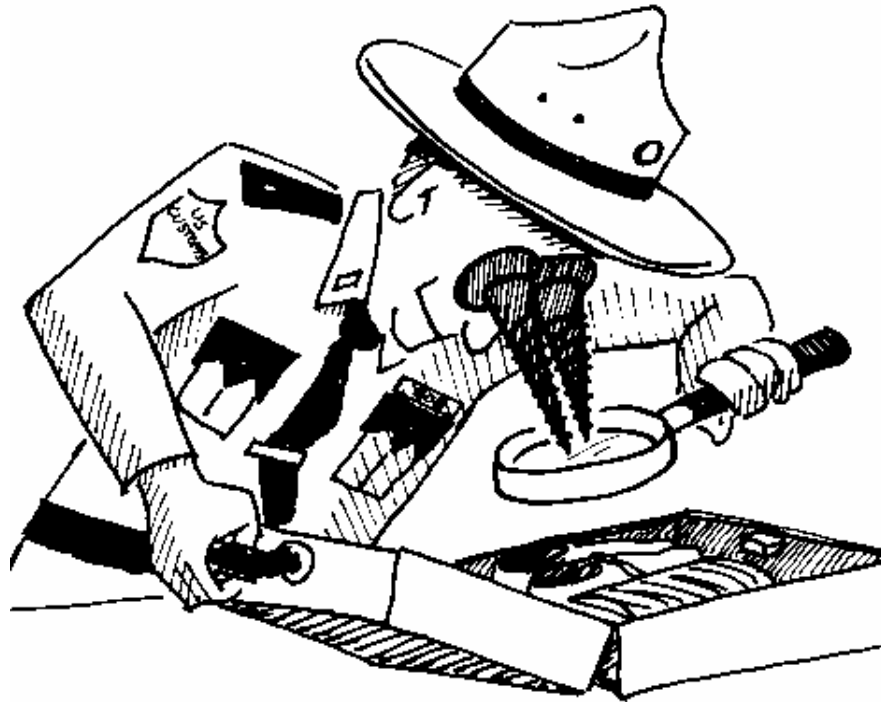
*"I ask you, does this **GOAT** look like a **SCAPEGOAT**?"*

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- ❑ Mary said she was not one of the sorority sisters who stayed out late, and she wasn't going to be the **SCAPEGOAT** for the ones who did.
  - ❑ Poor Henry was always the **SCAPEGOAT**, taking blame for whatever happened, whether he was to blame or not.
  - ❑ I told Sam that I wasn't going to be the **SCAPE-GOAT**; he was the one who broke the window, not me.

# SCRUTINIZE

(SKROO tih nize) v.  
to look very carefully; to examine

Link: **SCREW EYES**



*“U.S. Customs officials have **SCREW EYES** when they **SCRUTINIZE** baggage.”*

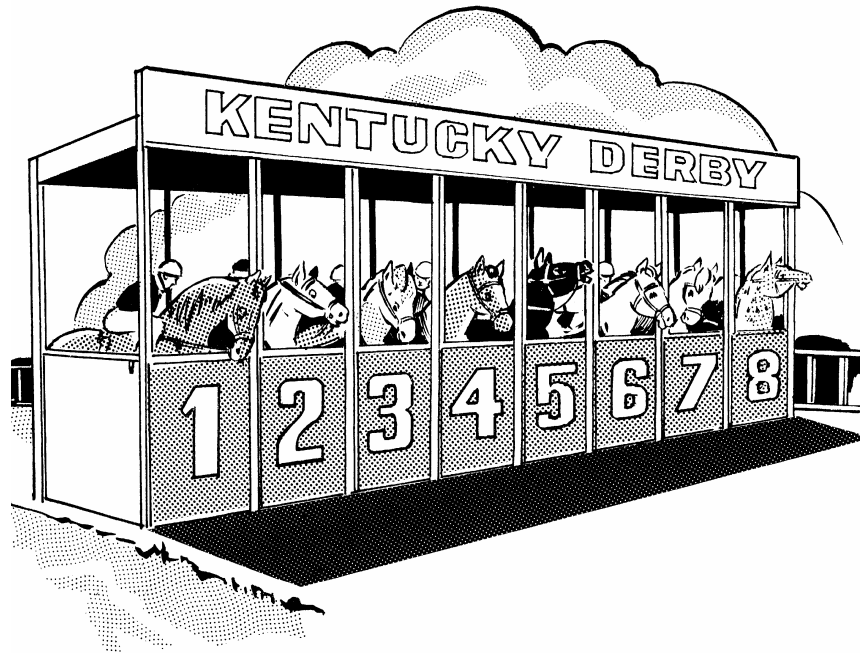
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- ❑ Newspaper proofreaders **SCRUTINIZE** an entire newspaper each day.
  - ❑ Each soldier’s uniform is **SCRUTINIZED** by his commanding officer.
  - ❑ I **SCRUTINIZED** all the books in the library and found several I had wanted.

# SEGREGATE

(SEG rih gate) v.

to separate or keep apart from others

Link: **SEPARATE GATE**



*“At the track, race horses  
are **SEGREGATED** into **SEPARATE  
GATES** to begin the race.”*

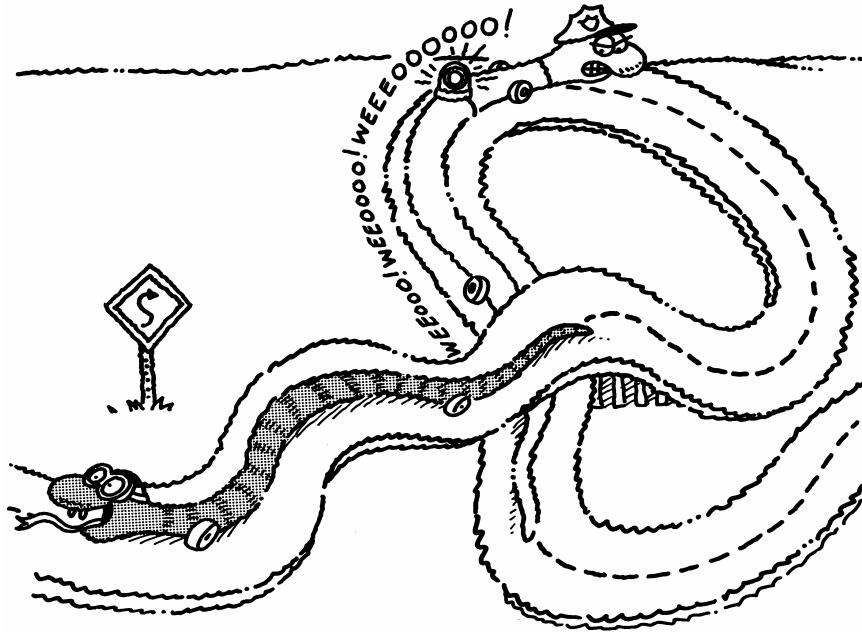
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- ❑ The cattleman built a fence to **SEGREGATE** the bulls from the heifers.
  - ❑ To **SEGREGATE** truth from fiction is the duty and obligation of every trial jury.
  - ❑ The chairman asked the board to **SEGREGATE** the facts from the rumors so they could arrive at a reasonable course of action.

# SERPENTINE

(sur pun TEEN) *adj.*

snakelike in shape or movement;  
winding as a snake

Link: **SERPENT TEEN**



*“A **SERPENT TEEN** hot-rodding  
on a **SERPENTINE** road”*

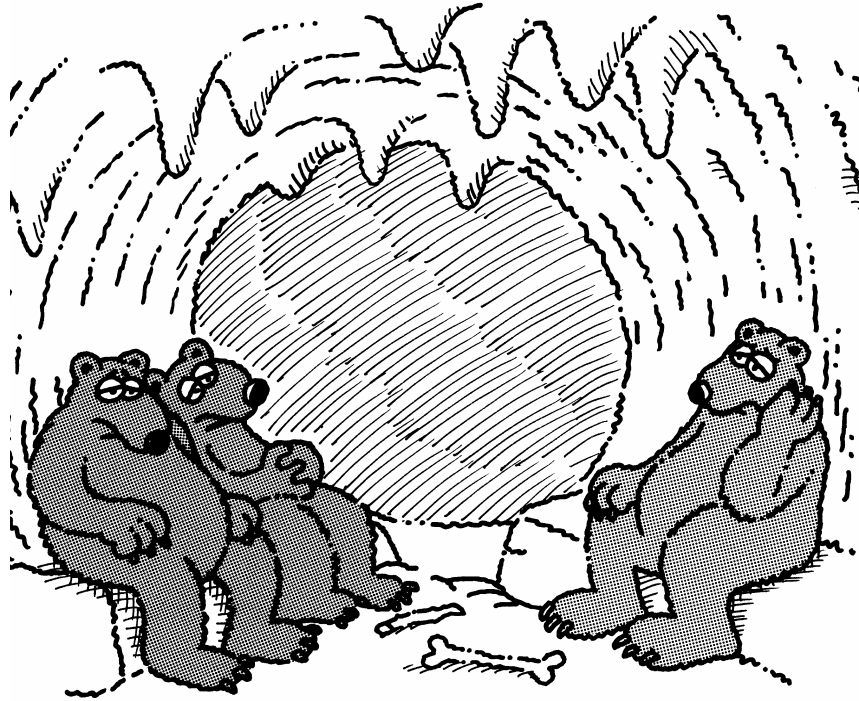
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- ❑ The **SERPENTINE** race track was a challenging course for the drivers, especially in the rain.
  - ❑ Really good mystery stories have **SERPENTINE** plots that lead the reader first one way, then back another, always keeping you guessing to the very end.
  - ❑ The quarterback dashed through the line, **SERPENTINING** his way through tacklers until he scored the winning touchdown.

# SOMBER

(SOM bur) *adj.*

depressing, gloomy, dark

Link: **SOME BEARS**



*“**SOME BEARS** endure winter hibernation in a **SOMBER** state of mind.”*

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- ❑ You will find most everyone who attends a funeral wears **SOMBER** clothing, generally black or gray.
  - ❑ He had the most **SOMBER** expression, and there was nothing we could do to cheer him up, hardly what one might expect from a man getting married the next day.
  - ❑ The **SOMBER** weather forecast spoiled our weekend plans to go to the beach.

# SONOROUS

(SON uh russ) adj.  
producing sound, especially  
deep and rich, resonant

Link: **SNORERS**



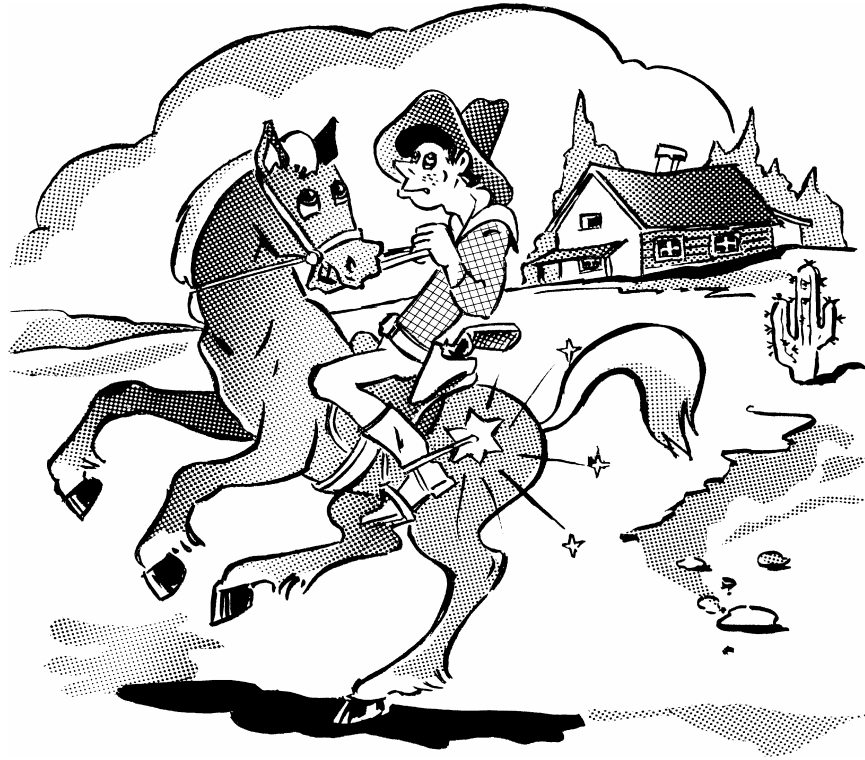
*"The not-so-**SONOROUS**  
**SNORERS** of old Santa Fe"*

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- ❑ John Barrymore's **SONOROUS** voice enraptured audiences across the land for decades.
  - ❑ The **SONORITY** of the school choir as they sang Christmas carols in the auditorium was uplifting and delightfully spiritual. (*n.*)
  - ❑ The **SONOROUS** drums from the band could be heard from outside the stadium.

# SPUR

(spur) v.  
to move to action

Link: **SPURS**



*“**SPURS** are called **SPURS** because they **SPUR** a horse to action.”*

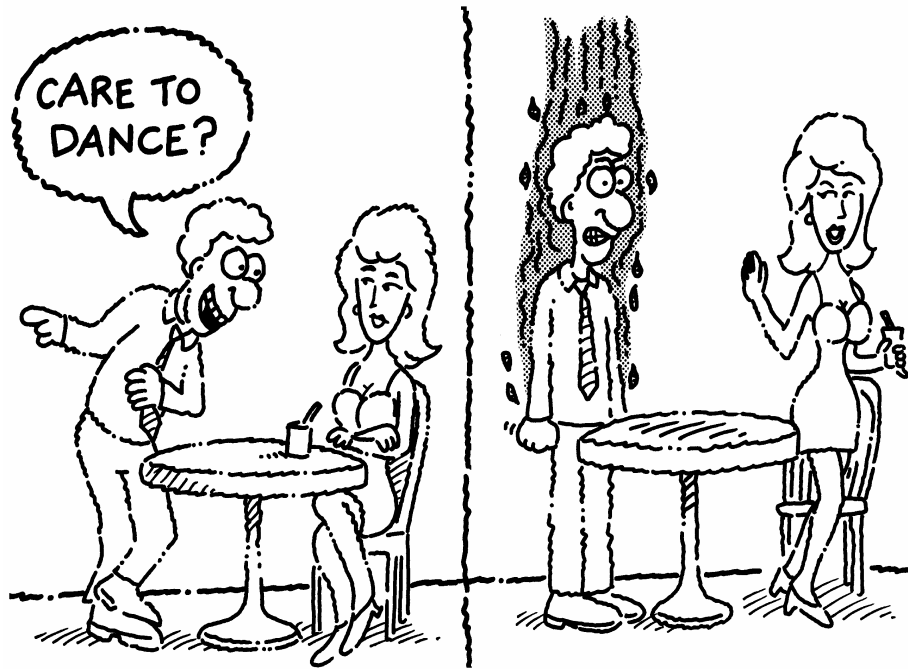
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- The coach told his players that his job was not only to teach, but to **SPUR** them on to do their best.
  - The general **SPURRED** his troops to make one last effort to take the hill.
  - The principal’s talk on good citizenship **SPURRED** the students into not littering the school grounds.
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# SPURN

(spurn) v.  
to reject with disdain

Link: **BURN**



*"Robert was **BURNED** when Rebecca **SPURNED** him."*

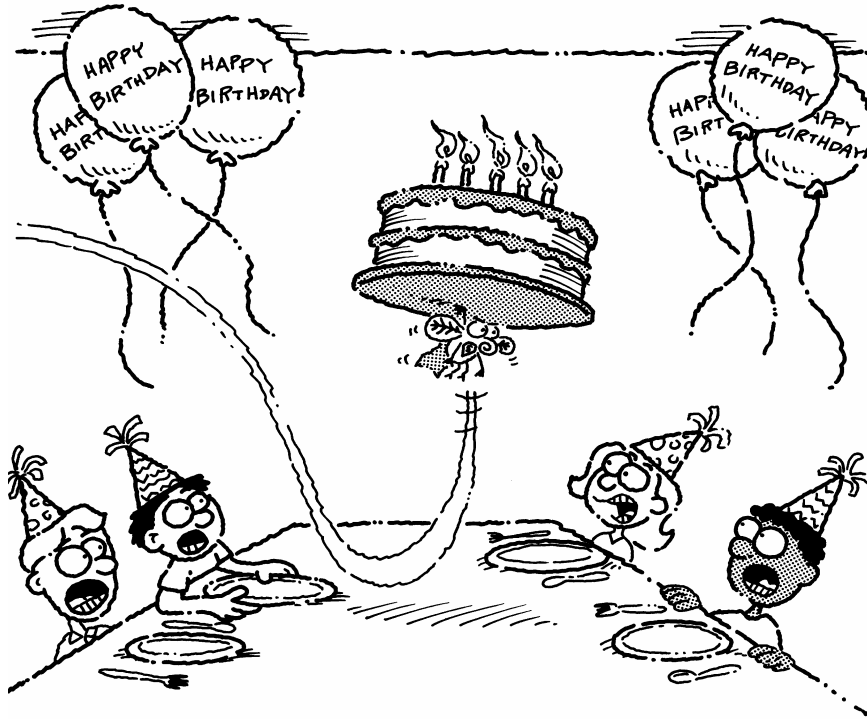
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- ❑ James talked of nothing but how much he wanted a date with Ruth, but would never ask her for fear she would **SPURN** him.
  - ❑ The buyer's ridiculously low offer to buy the house was **SPURNED** by the seller.
  - ❑ When Jimmy Connors won the tennis match and offered to shake hands with his opponent, the loser **SPURNED** Jimmy's hand and walked off.
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# STUPEFY

(STOO puh fie) v.

to make numb with amazement;  
to stun into helplessness

Link: **SUPER FLY**



*“The kids were **STUPEFIED**  
when **SUPER FLY** stole the cake.”*

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- ❑ When Corporal Burch heard that an atomic bomb had been dropped on Japan and the war was over, he was **STUPEFIED**.
  - ❑ The magician’s trick left his audience **STUPEFIED**.
  - ❑ The plumber seemed **STUPEFIED** when he could not fix the leaky faucet.
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #27.1

### Match the word with its definition.

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|--------------------|--|
| ___ 1. rudimentary | a. to move to action                   |
| ___ 2. scapegoat   | b. depressing, gloomy, dark            |
| ___ 3. scrutinize  | c. to keep apart from others           |
| ___ 4. segregate   | d. to make numb with amazement         |
| ___ 5. serpentine  | e. snakelike in shape or movement      |
| ___ 6. somber      | f. to reject with disdain              |
| ___ 7. sonorous    | g. basic, fundamental skills           |
| ___ 8. spur        | h. to look very carefully; to examine  |
| ___ 9. spurn       | i. producing deep and rich sound       |
| ___ 10. stupefy    | j. one that bears the blame for others |

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

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1. The \_\_\_\_\_ race track was a challenging course for the drivers, especially in the rain.
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #27.2

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

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1. to reject with disdain
  - a.) scrutinize
  - b.) spur
  - c.) spurn
  - d.) segregate
2. totally or foolishly impractical
  - a.) sonorous
  - b.) quixotic
  - c.) stupefy
  - d.) rudimentary
3. to keep apart from others
  - a.) scrutinize
  - b.) serpentine
  - c.) relinquish
  - d.) segregate
4. to make numb with amazement
  - a.) scrutinize
  - b.) rudimentary
  - c.) serpentine
  - d.) stupefy
5. producing deep rich sounds; resonant
  - a.) sonorous
  - b.) revere
  - c.) resurgent
  - d.) somber
6. rising after defeat
  - a.) revere
  - b.) proficient
  - c.) resurgent
  - d.) sonorous
7. to give up doing; to surrender, give in
  - a.) revere
  - b.) relinquish
  - c.) remorse
  - d.) spurn
8. to move to action
  - a.) serpentine
  - b.) resurgent
  - c.) spurn
  - d.) spur
9. to look very carefully; to examine
  - a.) segregate
  - b.) scrutinize
  - c.) revere
  - d.) reminisce
10. basic, crude, undeveloped; fundamental principles or skills
  - a.) ramification
  - b.) rudimentary
  - c.) scapegoat
  - d.) stupefy
11. a strong feeling of sadness or guilt
  - a.) precarious
  - b.) remorse
  - c.) stupefy
  - d.) reminisce
12. a snakelike movement or shape
  - a.) quirk
  - b.) segregate
  - c.) serpentine
  - d.) reminisce
13. depressing, gloomy, dark
  - a.) somber
  - b.) porcine
  - c.) sonorous
  - d.) rudimentary
14. one who bears the blame for others
  - a.) potentate
  - b.) resurgent
  - c.) porcine
  - d.) scapegoat
15. to honor or regard with great devotion or respect
  - a.) scrutinize
  - b.) revere
  - c.) stupefy
  - d.) reminisce

**VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power**  
Review Answers

**Review #27.1**

**Matching:**

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

**Fill in the Blank:**

1. serpentine
2. segregate
3. somber
4. scrutinized
5. scapegoat
6. sonorous
7. stupefied
8. spurned
9. rudimentary
10. spurred

**Review #27.2**

**Multiple Choice:**

1. c.) spurn
2. b.) quixotic
3. d.) segregate
4. d.) stupefy
5. a.) sonorous
6. c.) resurgent
7. b.) relinquish
8. d.) spur
9. b.) scrutinize
10. b.) rudimentary
11. b.) remorse
12. c.) serpentine
13. a.) somber
14. d.) scapegoat
15. b.) revere