

# AMBIANCE

(AM bee uns) *n.*

mood, feeling; general atmosphere

Link: **AMBULANCE**



*“George did not enjoy the  
**AMBIANCE** in the **AMBULANCE.**”*

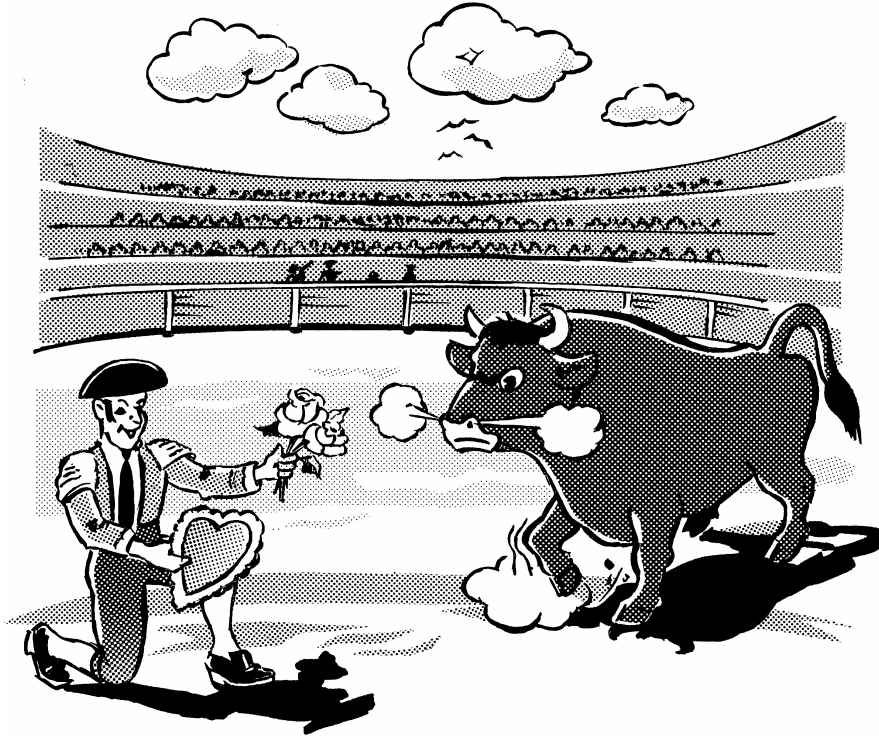
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- ❑ The **AMBIANCE** of the locker room after the team lost the championship was depressing.
  - ❑ For their daughter’s birthday party, the Jeffersons created an **AMBIANCE** of gaiety, decorating the garden with bright balloons and ribbons.
  - ❑ The **AMBIANCE** in the Italian restaurant was delightful, there was soft music, candlelight, and singing waiters.

# AMENABLE

(uh MEE nuh bul) *adj.*

agreeable, responsible to authority, pleasant, willing to give in to the wishes of another

Link: **MEAN BULL**



*“The matador tried to be  
**AMENABLE** to the **MEAN BULL**.”*

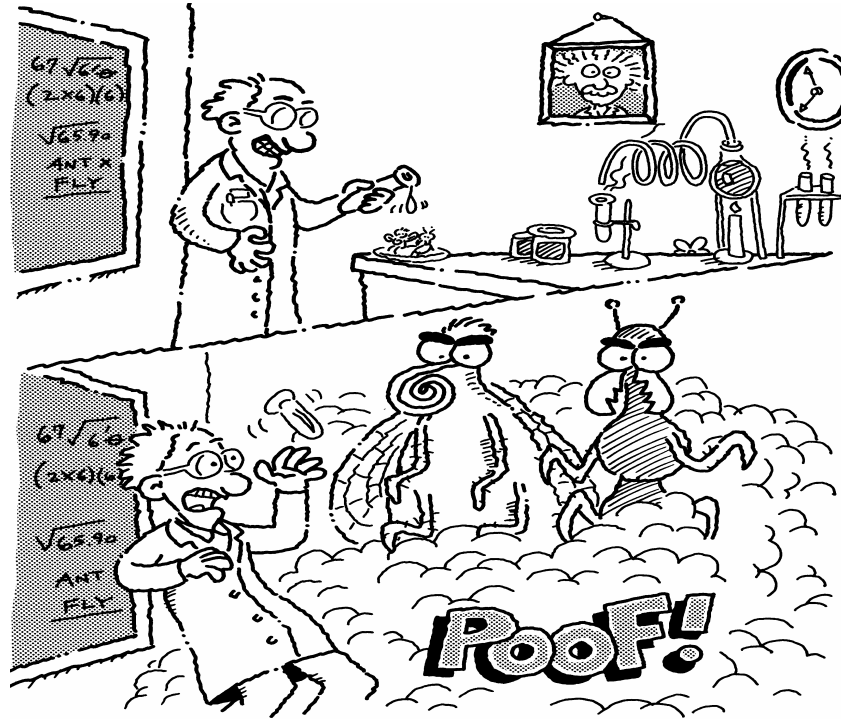
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- ❑ Jack was such a classy guy, always **AMENABLE** to any reasonable solution to a problem.
  - ❑ The **AMENABLE** young man helped the old lady carry her groceries to her car.
  - ❑ Sarah was **AMENABLE** to calling back tomorrow when the office would be open.

# AMPLIFY

(AM pluh fie) v.

to make larger, louder, or more powerful

Link: **ANTS AND FLIES**



*“Dr. Frankie **AMPLIFIED** the **ANTS AND FLIES** to a monstrous proportion.”*

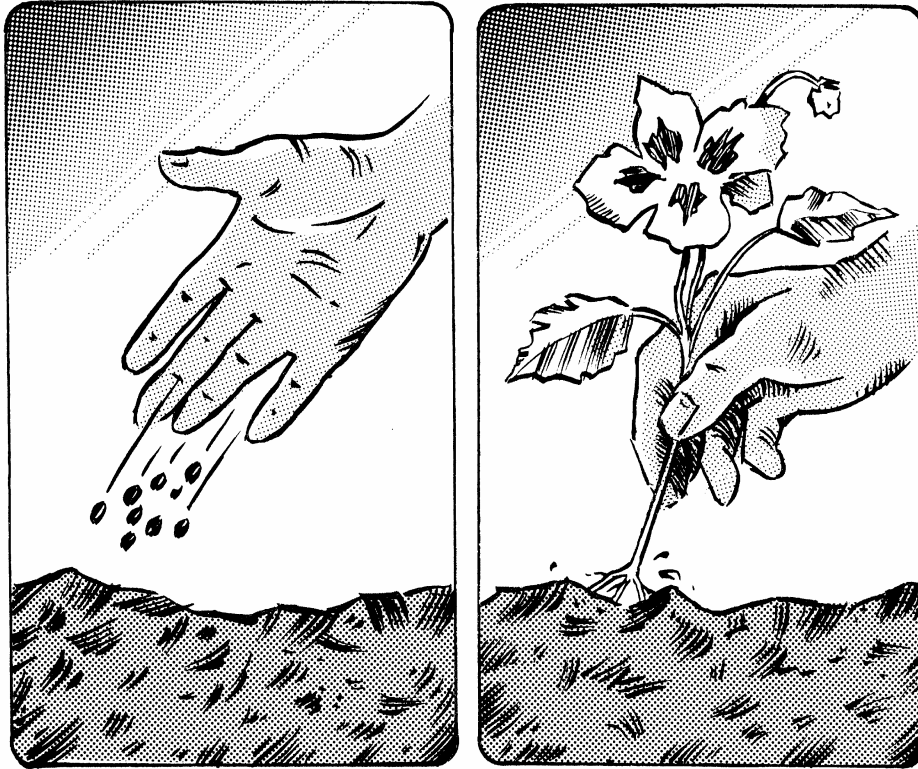
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- The music was **AMPLIFIED** to the point where the guests couldn't hear themselves speak.
  - General Rommel was unable to **AMPLIFY** the role of his tank corps in the battle of El Alamein because he didn't have fuel to run them.
  - Some actors attempt to **AMPLIFY** their roles by upstaging their fellow actors.

# ANTECEDENT

(an tuh SEED unt) *n.*

going before; preceding; an occurrence or event preceding another

Link: **HAND SEED**



*“The **HAND** that plants the **SEED** is the*

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- The steam engine was the **ANTECEDENT** to the gasoline engine.
  - Your ancestors were your **ANTECEDENTS**.
  - The atomic bomb was the **ANTECEDENT** to the hydrogen bomb.

# ANTERIOR

(an TEER ee ur) *adj.*  
situated in front

Link: **ANTLERS**



*“The **ANTERIOR** position of a deer’s **ANTLERS** comes in very handy.”*

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- There is the **ANTERIOR** up front, the interior inside, the exterior outside, and the posterior bringing up the rear.
  - Susan prefers to sit in the **ANTERIOR** desk of the classroom in order to better see the board.
  - The **ANTERIOR** of a ship is called the bow.

# APPALLING

(uh PAWL ing) *adj.*  
filling with dismay; causing  
horror or consternation; shock

Link: **FALLING**



*“Sue had an **APPALLING** dream  
that she was **FALLING**.”*

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- ❑ It was absolutely **APPALLING** the way Jews were treated in Nazi Germany during World War II.
  - ❑ The travelers received an **APPALLING** reception at the village hotel; they were given the smallest rooms for the highest prices.
  - ❑ Karen had an **APPALLED** look on her face after seeing the destruction the hurricane had caused to her house.

# APTITUDE

(AP tuh tude) *n.*

capacity for learning; natural ability

Link: **ALTITUDE**



*"Birds have an **APTITUDE** for **ALTITUDE**."*

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- ❑ Chris has had a champion's **APTITUDE** for tennis since she was four years old.
  - ❑ Jess is all thumbs and has no **APTITUDE** for fixing things around the house.
  - ❑ Laura has an **APTITUDE** for numbers, ever since she was young she always received high marks in math class.

# ARCHAIC

(ahr KAY ik) *adj.*  
belonging to an earlier  
time, ancient; outdated

Link: **CAKE**



“An **ARCHAIC CAKE**”

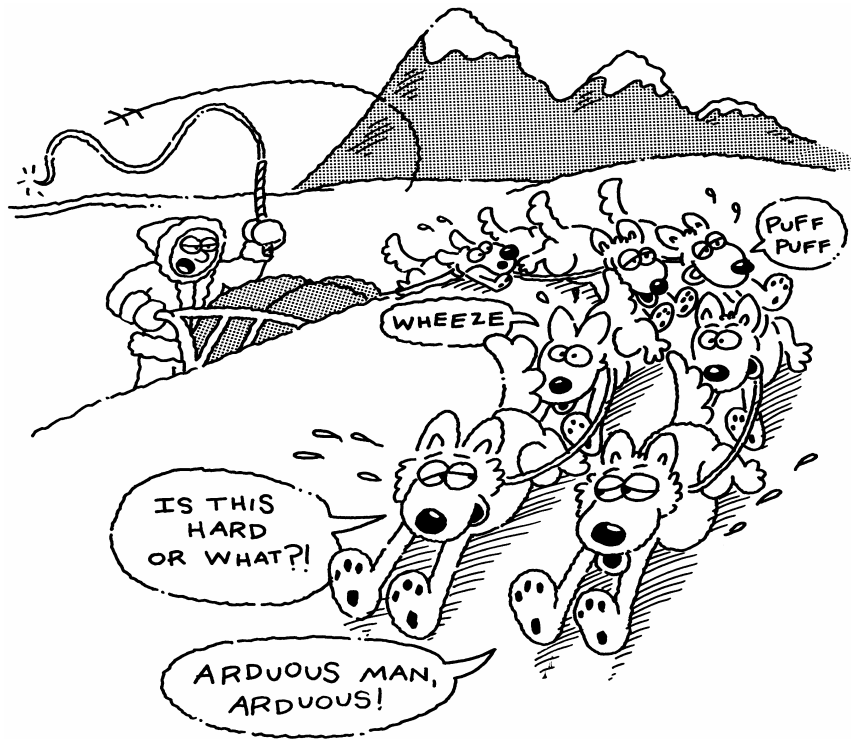
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- ❑ Her parents had an absolutely **ARCHAIC** idea of dating. She not only had to be in by nine o'clock, but her aunt chaperoned her on all her dates.
  - ❑ **ARCHAIC** civilizations, those that aren't around anymore, are the chief subject of archaeological studies.
  - ❑ Underdeveloped countries that depend on agriculture for their economy will never raise their standard of living as long as they use **ARCHAIC** farm tools.



# ARDUOUS

(AHR joo us) *adj.*  
hard, difficult, tiresome

Link: **HARD ON US**



*"The **ARDUOUS** snow-covered trail is **HARD ON US**."*

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- ❑ The assignment given the recruits was an **ARDUOUS** twenty mile hike with full packs in the hot sun.
  - ❑ Swimming three miles was the most **ARDUOUS** exercise Jeannie ever had.
  - ❑ The long, **ARDUOUS** boat trip was made even worse by stormy seas and much seasickness.
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# ARTISAN

(AHR tih sun) *n.*

a worker skilled in a craft

Link: **ART IN SAND**



*“Little Jimmy was a **SAND CASTLE ARTISAN.**”*

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- ❑ The **ARTISANS** of Pueblo, Mexico are known for their beautiful pottery.
  - ❑ The **ARTISANS** arrived early in the morning to repaint and landscape the house.
  - ❑ The Italian painter and sculptor Michelangelo was both an artist and an **ARTISAN.**
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## VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #3.1

### Match the word with its definition.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ___ 1. <b>ambiance</b>   | a. ancient; outdated           |
| ___ 2. <b>amenable</b>   | b. filling with dismay         |
| ___ 3. <b>amplify</b>    | c. to make larger              |
| ___ 4. <b>antecedent</b> | d. general atmosphere          |
| ___ 5. <b>anterior</b>   | e. agreeable                   |
| ___ 6. <b>appalling</b>  | f. going before                |
| ___ 7. <b>aptitude</b>   | g. hard, difficult             |
| ___ 8. <b>archaic</b>    | h. natural ability             |
| ___ 9. <b>arduous</b>    | i. a worker skilled in a craft |
| ___ 10. <b>artisan</b>   | j. situated in front           |

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

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1. The steam engine was the \_\_\_\_\_ to the gasoline engine.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the Italian restaurant was delightful, there was soft music, candlelight, and singing waiters.
3. Laura has an \_\_\_\_\_ for numbers, every since she was young she always received high marks in math class.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ young man helped the old lady carry her groceries to her car.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Pueblo, Mexico are known for their beautiful pottery.
6. The assignment given the recruits was an \_\_\_\_\_ twenty mile hike with full packs in the hot sun.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a ship is called the bow.
8. The music was \_\_\_\_\_ to the point where the guests couldn't hear themselves speak.
9. Underdeveloped countries that depend on agriculture for their economy will never raise their standard of living as long as they use \_\_\_\_\_ farm tools.
10. Karen had an \_\_\_\_\_ look on her face after seeing the destruction the hurricane had caused to her house.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #3.2

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

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1. agreeable, pleasant
  - a.) aloof
  - b.) amenable
  - c.) arduous
  - d.) alienated
2. to cause to feel unwelcome
  - a.) appall
  - b.) arduous
  - c.) aggrandize
  - d.) alienate
3. a consequence of
  - a.) aftermath
  - b.) alternative
  - c.) also-ran
  - d.) abstruse
4. capacity for learning; natural ability
  - a.) ambiance
  - b.) amenable
  - c.) aptitude
  - d.) alleviate
5. to make less severe
  - a.) allure
  - b.) alleviate
  - c.) amenable
  - d.) amplify
6. going before; preceding
  - a.) also-ran
  - b.) antecedent
  - c.) abut
  - d.) anterior
7. distant, reserved in manner
  - a.) aloof
  - b.) amenable
  - c.) archaic
  - d.) arduous
8. ancient; outdated
  - a.) artisan
  - b.) abyss
  - c.) archaic
  - d.) antecedent
9. situated in front
  - a.) ajar
  - b.) anterior
  - c.) abstruse
  - d.) amplified
10. a heated quarrel
  - a.) arduous
  - b.) amplify
  - c.) altercation
  - d.) abominate
11. hard, difficult
  - a.) arduous
  - b.) amenable
  - c.) archaic
  - d.) antecedent
12. to make larger, louder or more powerful
  - a.) abhor
  - b.) ambiance
  - c.) alleviate
  - d.) amplify
13. a worker skilled in a craft
  - a.) archaic
  - b.) adjunct
  - c.) artisan
  - d.) anterior
14. filled with dismay; causing horror; shock
  - a.) appalling
  - b.) abstruse
  - c.) amenable
  - d.) arduous
15. mood, feeling; general atmosphere
  - a.) aggrandize
  - b.) anterior
  - c.) alleviate
  - d.) ambiance

**VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power**  
Review Answers

**Review #3.1**

**Review #3.2**

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**Matching:**

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

**Fill in the Blank:**

1. antecedent
2. ambiance
3. aptitude
4. amenable
5. artisans
6. arduous
7. anterior
8. amplified
9. archaic
10. appalled

**Multiple Choice:**

1. b.) amenable
2. d.) alienate
3. a.) aftermath
4. c.) aptitude
5. b.) alleviate
6. b.) antecedent
7. a.) aloof
8. c.) archaic
9. b.) anterior
10. c.) altercation
11. a.) arduous
12. d.) amplify
13. c.) artisan
14. a.) appalling
15. d.) ambiance