

ASKEW

(uh SKYOO) *adj.*

to one side; crooked; awry;
a sidelong look of contempt

Link: **CUE**



*“Curly’s pool **CUE** had become **ASKEW**.”*

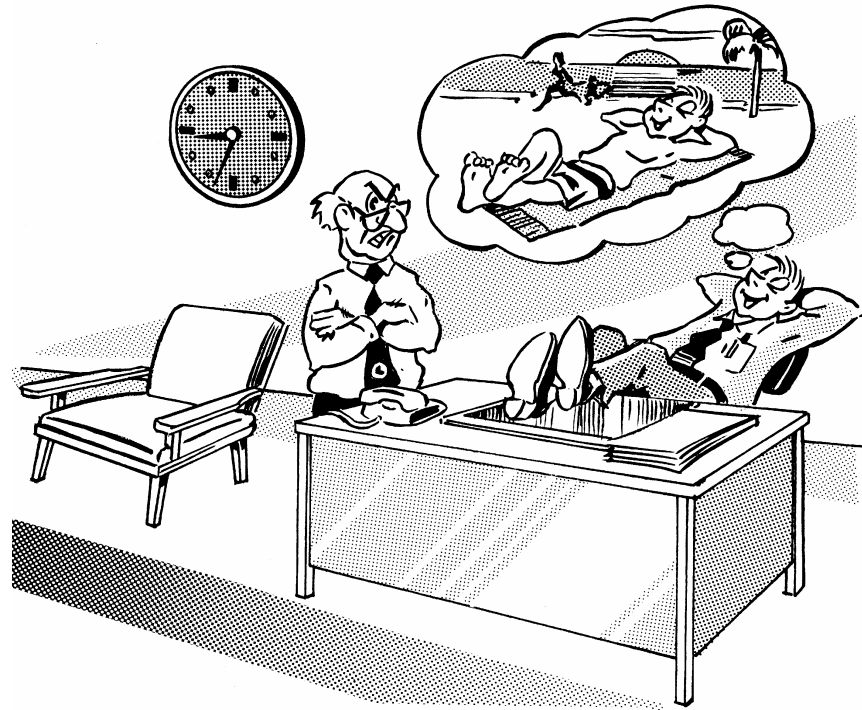
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- ❑ After the flood receded, the bridge was found to be **ASKEW** of the road which connected to it.
 - ❑ The tire wouldn’t fit on the car because in the accident the axle had been bent **ASKEW**.
 - ❑ The speaker looked **ASKEW** at the heckler at every interruption.
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ASPIRE

(uh SPIRE) v.

to seek, attain, or achieve a goal

Link: **RETIRE**



*“Jim **ASPIRED** to **RETIRE** early and become a man of leisure.”*

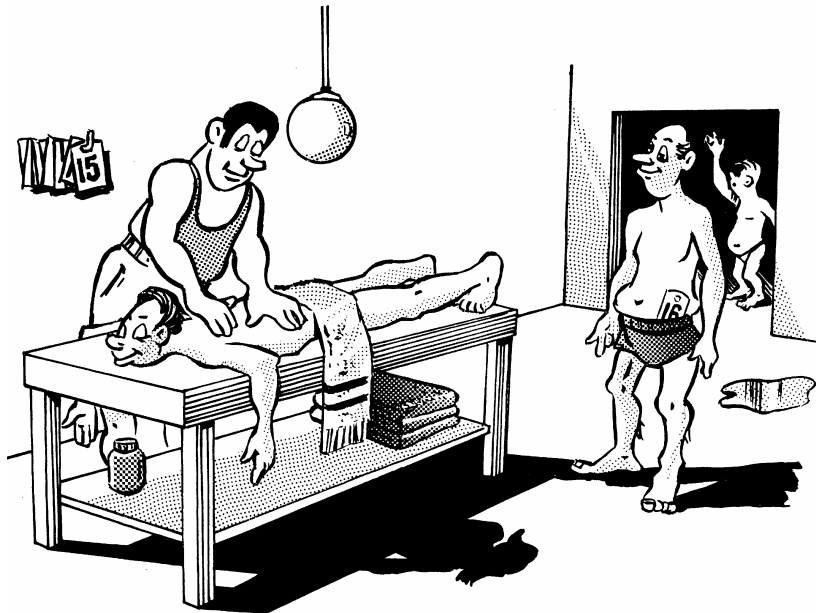
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- ❑ Tim **ASPIRED** to be the valedictorian of his class at graduation and studied hard to reach that goal.
 - ❑ The counselor told Jim’s parents that his problem in school was he didn’t **ASPIRE** for anything. He had no goals or career direction.
 - ❑ As a young child, General Custer had **ASPIRED** to become a musician, but later decided to become a general instead.

ASSUAGE

(uh SWAYJ) v.

to soothe; to make less severe;
to satisfy, ease, lessen

Link: **MASSAGE**



*“A good **MASSAGE** is known to **ASSUAGE** sore muscles and relieve uptight feelings.”*

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- ❑ When Jane double faulted on match point, her coach came to her side and tried to **ASSUAGE** her disappointment by telling her she played a great tournament, and that no one is perfect.
 - ❑ Dr. Moore was able to **ASSUAGE** the fear of his patient by predicting successful treatment.
 - ❑ Many athletes drink sport drinks to **ASSUAGE** their thirst.

ASTUTE

(uh STEWT) *adj.*

quick in discernment; shrewd, clever, keen

Link: **SUIT**



*“Larry thought a new **SUIT** would make him appear more **ASTUTE** for his job interview.”*

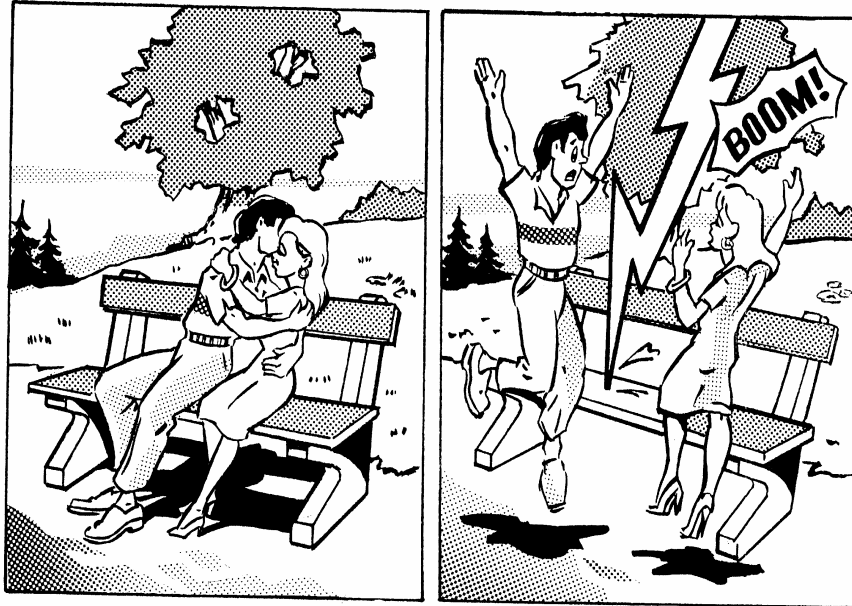
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- ❑ Louisa has a natural **ASTUTENESS** in dealing with angry people and winning them over to her view, thereby settling matters amicably. (*n.*)
 - ❑ Like many gamblers, John thought he was very **ASTUTE** when it came to betting on horses. Only his wife kept telling him if he was so **ASTUTE**, he would realize he lost more often than he won.
 - ❑ Mary was known to be very **ASTUTE**. She was always the first to finish her assignments.

ASUNDER

(uh SUN dur) *adj.*

in separate parts; apart from each other in position

Link: **THUNDER**



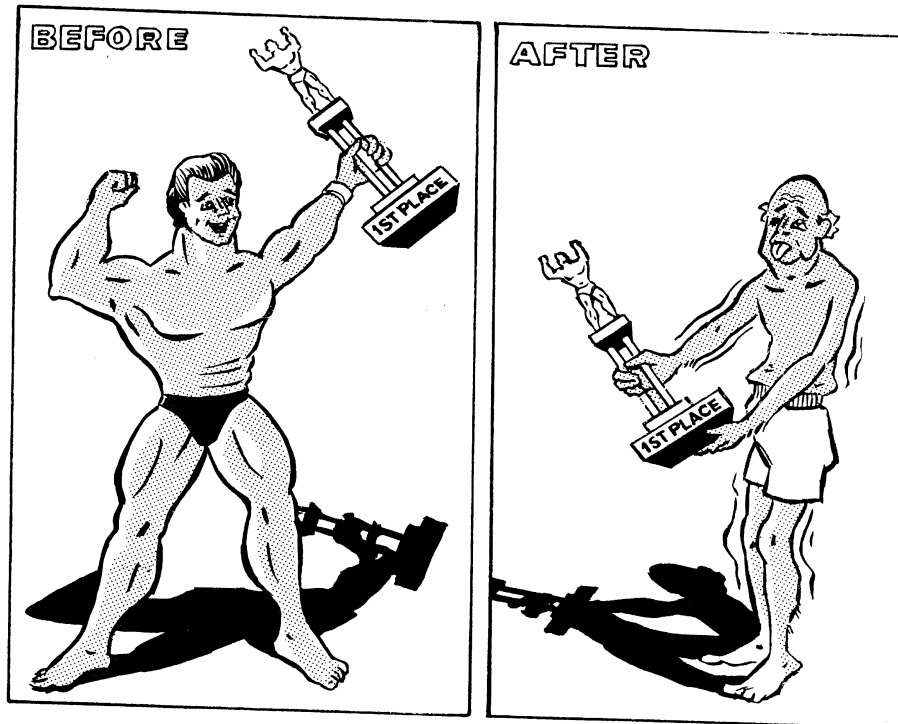
*“The lightning and **THUNDER** tore the young lovers **ASUNDER**.”*

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- ❑ When the earthquake stopped, and we came up from our shelter, we found the city had been torn **ASUNDER** and not one single building was left standing.
 - ❑ The ship was torn **ASUNDER** after hitting the reef.
 - ❑ The curtains had been drawn **ASUNDER**.

ATROPHY

(AT ruh fee) v.
to wither away

Link: **TROPHY**



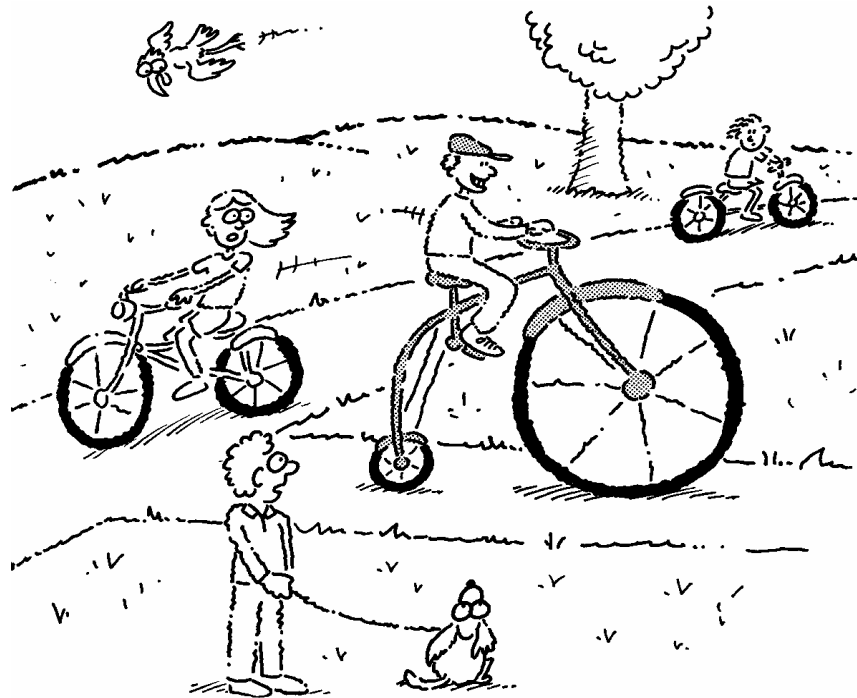
*“Once a **TROPHY** champion, Jim’s muscles **ATROPHIED** due to a chronic illness.”*

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- ❑ The author’s interest in writing **ATROPHIED** after he won the Pulitzer Prize for literature.
 - ❑ The **ATROPHIC** condition of the mummy was apparent as soon as the tomb was opened. (*adj.*)
 - ❑ The **ATROPHIED** bodies of the starving children were an appalling sight. (*adj.*)
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ATYPICAL

(ay TIP ih kull) *adj.*
not typical, abnormal

Link: **TYPICAL**



*“Uncle Jeff’s old bicycle is not
TYPICAL of bikes today, it is **ATYPICAL**.”*

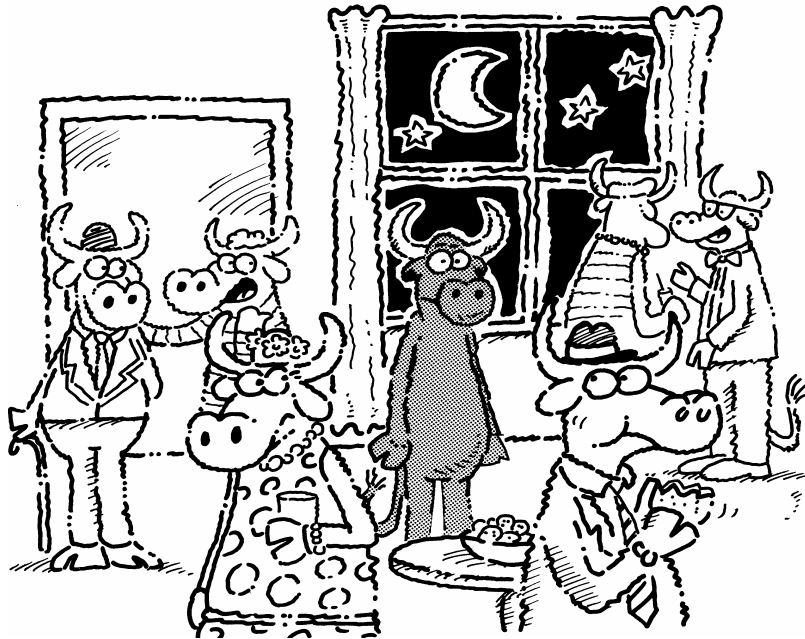
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- A banana without a curve in its length is **ATYPICAL** of the species.
 - His parents agreed it was most **ATYPICAL** of John to stay home and study Saturday night when he could have gone to the movies with his friends.
 - It was an **ATYPICAL** decision for our boss to give us the day off with pay.

AUSTERE

(aw STEER) *adj.*

stern, as in manner; without excess, unadorned, severely simple and plain

Link: **STEER**



*“An **AUSTERE STEER**
is no fun at a party.”*

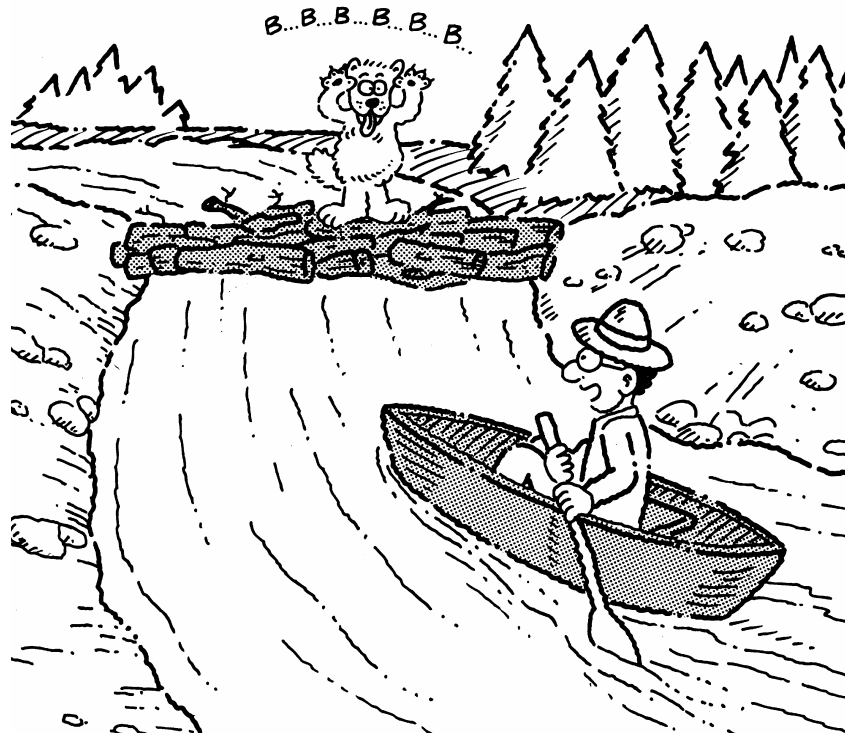
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- ❑ Mike’s **AUSTERE** dorm room only had one chair and a mattress.
 - ❑ The **AUSTERITY** of life in the village was understandable. Many were jobless and evidence of poverty was everywhere. (*n.*)
 - ❑ Her home was **AUSTERELY** decorated, with very plain furniture without frills and only items that were necessary. (*adv.*)
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BADGER

(BAJ er) v.

to tease, annoy, harass persistently

Link: **BADGER**



“A BADGERING BADGER”

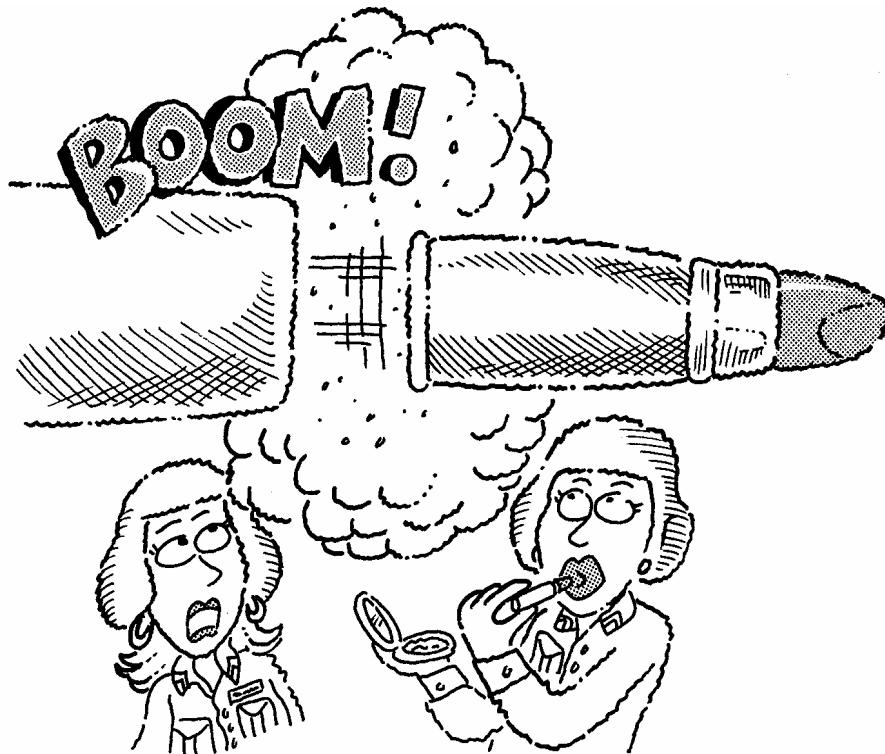
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- ❑ “Don’t **BADGER** me,” Louis said to his daughter. “I promised I’d take you to the mall, so please be patient until I finish my work.”
 - ❑ The school bully **BADGERED** Rog endlessly, until one day Rog became so provoked that he socked him in the mouth.
 - ❑ I hate to be **BADGERED** by phone solicitors.

BALLISTICS

(buh LISS ticks) *n.*

the study of the dynamics or flight characteristics of projectiles

Link: **LIPSTICK**



“BALLISTIC LIPSTICK”

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- ❑ **BALLISTICS** is a noun, while **BALLISTIC** is an adjective which means “of projectiles.”
 - ❑ Most naval warships carry **BALLISTIC** missiles. (*adj.*)
 - ❑ Detective Culleton specializes in **BALLISTICS** and is always called to a crime scene whenever a firearm is involved.

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #4.1

Match the word with its definition.

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|---------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. askew | a. to tease, annoy, harass |
| ___ 2. aspire | b. severely simple and plain |
| ___ 3. assuage | c. in separate parts |
| ___ 4. astute | d. the study of the flight of projectiles |
| ___ 5. asunder | e. to soothe; to make less severe |
| ___ 6. atrophy | f. crooked; awry |
| ___ 7. atypical | g. to wither away |
| ___ 8. austere | h. shrewd, clever, keen |
| ___ 9. badger | i. not typical, abnormal |
| ___ 10. ballistics | j. to seek, attain, or achieve a goal |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

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3. The curtains had been drawn _____.
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5. Many athletes drink sport drinks to _____ their thirst.
6. I hate to be _____ by phone solicitors.
7. The tire wouldn't fit on the car because in the accident the axle had been bent _____.
8. Mary was known to be very _____. She was always the first to finish her assignments.
9. Detective Culleton specializes in _____ and is always called to a crime scene whenever a firearm is involved.
10. The _____ bodies of the starving children were an appalling sight.

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #4.2

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

1. to wither away
 - a.) atrophy
 - b.) amenable
 - c.) assuage
 - d.) asunder
2. in separate parts
 - a.) askew
 - b.) asunder
 - c.) atrophy
 - d.) anterior
3. hard, difficult
 - a.) astute
 - b.) austere
 - c.) archaic
 - d.) arduous
4. capacity for learning; natural ability
 - a.) ambiance
 - b.) amenable
 - c.) aptitude
 - d.) alleviate
5. situated in front
 - a.) asunder
 - b.) anterior
 - c.) askew
 - d.) austere
6. to seek, attain, or achieve a goal
 - a.) asunder
 - b.) assuage
 - c.) aspire
 - d.) astute
7. shrewd, clever, keen
 - a.) atypical
 - b.) amenable
 - c.) archaic
 - d.) astute
8. abnormal
 - a.) atypical
 - b.) askew
 - c.) asunder
 - d.) austere
9. stern, as in manner; severely simple and plain; without excess, unadorned
 - a.) anterior
 - b.) askew
 - c.) asunder
 - d.) austere
10. general atmosphere
 - a.) ambiance
 - b.) anterior
 - c.) atypical
 - d.) austere
11. crooked; awry
 - a.) arduous
 - b.) badgered
 - c.) askew
 - d.) aspired
12. to make larger, louder or more powerful
 - a.) ballistics
 - b.) amplify
 - c.) alleviate
 - d.) assuage
13. the study of the flight of projectiles
 - a.) ballistics
 - b.) aptitude
 - c.) artisan
 - d.) anterior
14. to tease, annoy or harass
 - a.) austere
 - b.) asunder
 - c.) badger
 - d.) askew
15. to soothe; to make less severe
 - a.) assuage
 - b.) asunder
 - c.) aspire
 - d.) ambiance

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review 1 - 4

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

1. agreeable, pleasant
 - a.) aloof
 - b.) abstruse
 - c.) arduous
 - d.) amenable
2. distant, reserved in manner
 - a.) askew
 - b.) abstruse
 - c.) aloof
 - d.) archaic
3. to make larger, louder or more powerful
 - a.) asunder
 - b.) ballistics
 - c.) aggrandize
 - d.) amplify
4. to soothe; to make less severe
 - a.) assuage
 - b.) asunder
 - c.) affinity
 - d.) ambiance
5. extreme hatred, loathing
 - a.) badger
 - b.) abominate
 - c.) alienate
 - d.) abstruse
6. partially open
 - a.) asunder
 - b.) anterior
 - c.) ajar
 - d.) abyss
7. mood, feeling; general atmosphere
 - a.) ambiance
 - b.) allure
 - c.) affinity
 - d.) accolade
8. an award or honor; approval, praise
 - a.) atrophy
 - b.) aggrandize
 - c.) affinity
 - d.) accolade
9. to make less severe, to relieve
 - a.) aggrandize
 - b.) alleviate
 - c.) arduous
 - d.) abhor
10. hard, difficult
 - a.) arduous
 - b.) amenable
 - c.) astute
 - d.) austere
11. shrewd, clever, keen
 - a.) abstruse
 - b.) astute
 - c.) aloof
 - d.) affinity
12. hard to understand
 - a.) aloof
 - b.) astute
 - c.) abstruse
 - d.) atypical
13. stern, as in manner; severely simple and plain; without excess, unadorned
 - a.) aloof
 - b.) askew
 - c.) amenable
 - d.) austere
14. something added to another
 - a.) abridge
 - b.) abut
 - c.) assuage
 - d.) adjunct
15. to cause to feel unwelcome or estranged
 - a.) alienate
 - b.) asunder
 - c.) amenable
 - d.) abominate

VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power
Review Answers

Review #4.1

Matching:

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

Fill in the Blank:

1. aspired
2. austere
3. asunder
4. atypical
5. assuage
6. badgered
7. askew
8. astute
9. ballistics
10. atrophied

Review #4.2

Multiple Choice:

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| 1. a.) atrophy | 11. c.) askew |
| 2. b.) asunder | 12. b.) amplify |
| 3. d.) arduous | 13. a.) ballistics |
| 4. c.) aptitude | 14. c.) badger |
| 5. b.) anterior | 15. a.) assuage |
| 6. c.) aspire | |
| 7. d.) astute | |
| 8. a.) atypical | |
| 9. d.) austere | |
| 10. a.) ambiance | |

Review 1-4

Multiple Choice:

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| 1. d.) amenable | 11. b.) astute |
| 2. c.) aloof | 12. c.) abstruse |
| 3. d.) amplify | 13. d.) austere |
| 4. a.) assuage | 14. d.) adjunct |
| 5. b.) abominate | 15. a.) alienate |
| 6. c.) ajar | |
| 7. a.) ambiance | |
| 8. d.) accolade | |
| 9. b.) alleviate | |
| 10. a.) arduous | |