

CATHARSIS

(kuh THAR sis) *n.*

an emotional or psychological cleansing
that brings relief or renewal

Link: **CATS AND HORSES**



“CAT AND HORSE CATHARSIS”

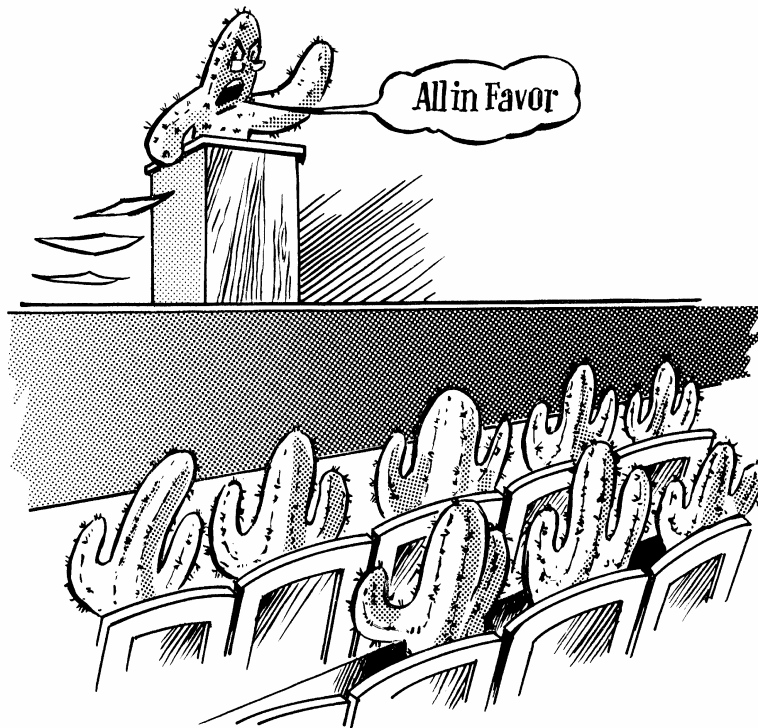
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- ❑ Psychologists now know that the companionship of domesticated pets can lead to a **CATHARSIS** for mentally disturbed patients.
 - ❑ After Jeremy returned to the French World War II battlefield he had known fifty years before, he said he found the experience **CATHARTIC**.
 - ❑ Getting out of the city and going to the mountains is Chuck’s annual **CATHARSIS**.

CAUCUS

(KAW kus) *n.*

a meeting of the members of a political party to make decisions

Link: **CACTUS**



“A CACTUS CAUCUS”

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- ❑ A congressional Hispanic **CAUCUS** was formed to address issues that might affect their constituents.
 - ❑ Some delegates to political conventions are selected in **CAUCUSES**, while others are appointed.
 - ❑ During the monthly **CAUCUS**, the senator from Florida brought up the issue of runaway insurance rate hikes.

CEREBRAL

(suh REE brul) *adj.*
of or relating to the brain;
an intellectual person

Link: **CEREAL**



*“Eat your **CEREAL** so you’ll grow up
and be **CEREBRAL** like your father.”*

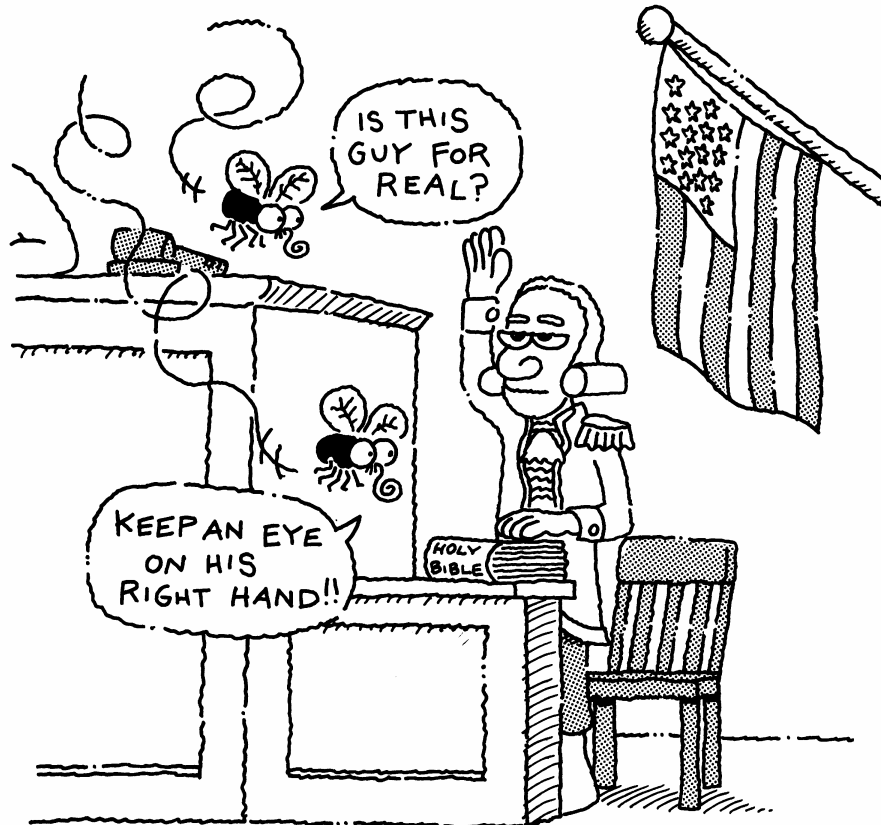
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- ❑ Newsweek is a more **CEREBRAL** magazine than People.
 - ❑ Dr. Clark was too **CEREBRAL** to be a boy scout leader. Instead of saying “pitch your tents over by the cliff,” he would confuse everyone with his big words and say, “construct the canvas shelters in the proximity of the promontory.”
 - ❑ The **CEREBRAL** young man received a perfect score on his SAT test.

CERTIFY

(SUR tuh fie) v.

to confirm formally; verify

Link: **HURT A FLY**



*“George Washington never told a lie, and he would **CERTIFY** that he never **HURT A FLY.**”*

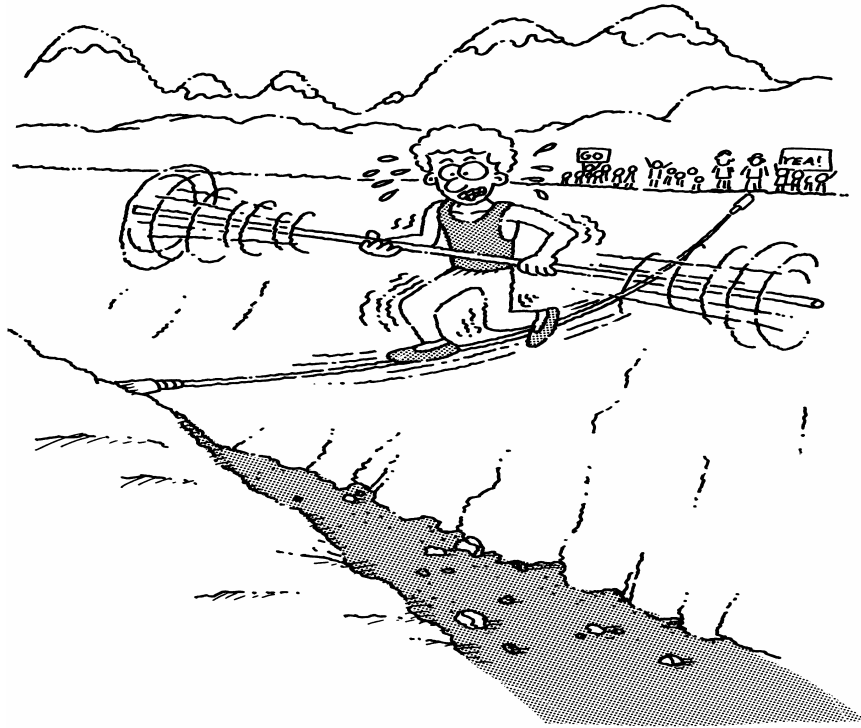
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- ❑ The valuable papers arrived by **CERTIFIED** mail. (*adj.*)
 - ❑ In front of the entire commission, Jane was asked to **CERTIFY** she could prove her accusations.
 - ❑ Jack was a **CERTIFIABLE** liar and crook, wanted in many countries by the authorities. (*adj.*)
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CHASM

(KAZ um) *n.*

a deep opening in the earth's surface; a gorge;
differences of opinion, interests, loyalties

Link: **SPASM**



*“A **SPASM** above the **CHASM**”*

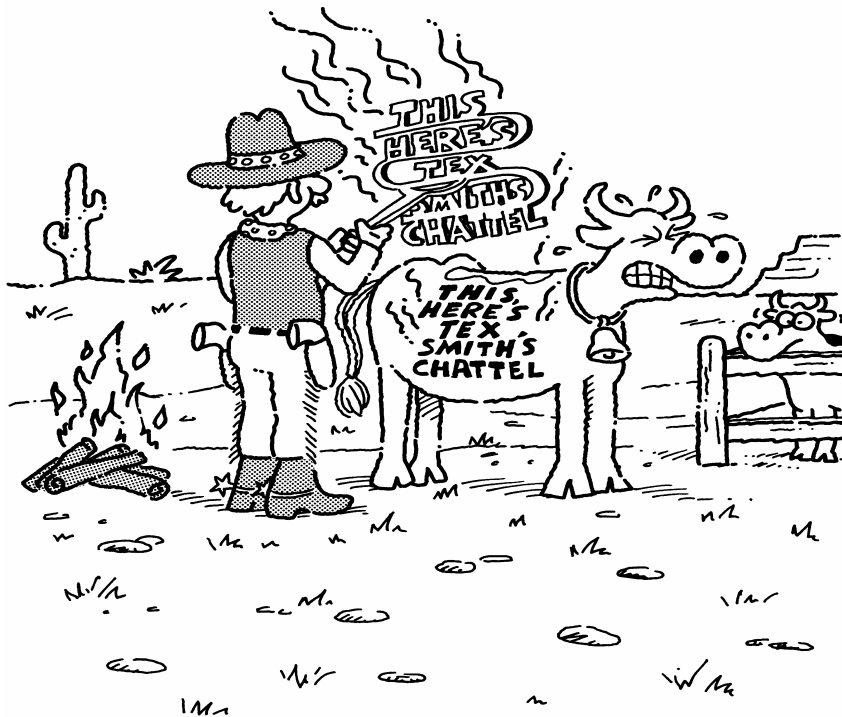
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- “There are **CHASMS** and there are **CHASMS**,” said the professor. “The Grand Canyon is one big **CHASM**, but I fear some of you have **CHASMS** between your ears.”
 - There was a **CHASM** of difference between their attitudes of what a marriage should consist of.
 - We crossed the huge **CHASM** on a flimsy rope bridge.

CHATTEL

(CHAT ul)

an item of personal,
movable property; slave

Link: **CATTLE**



*"Tex's **CATTLE** were his **CHATTEL**."*

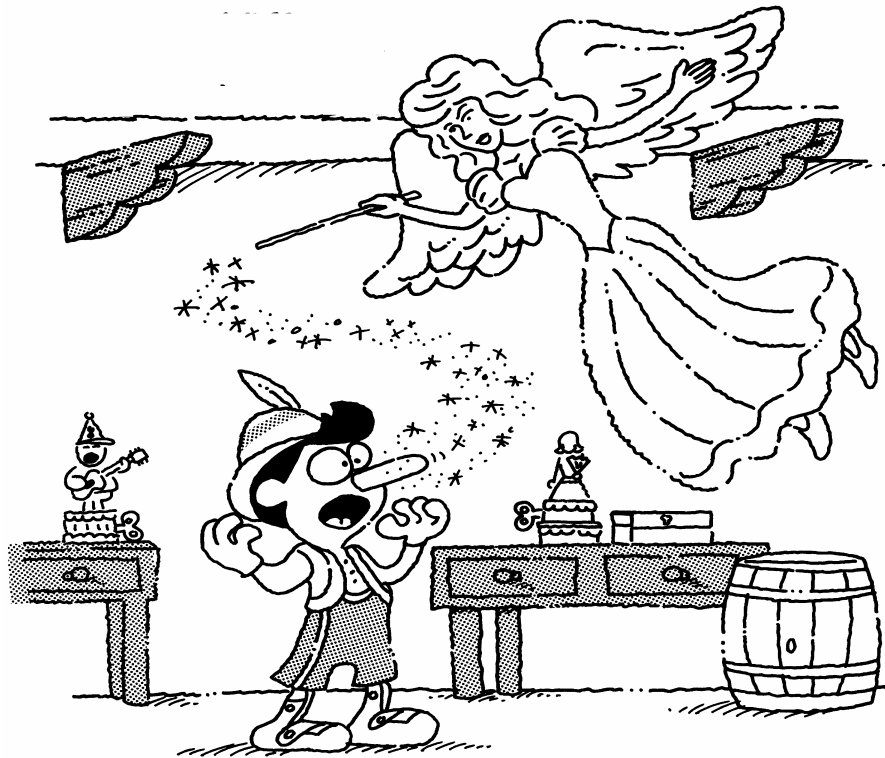
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- ❑ The bank held a **CHATTEL** mortgage on all our office equipment, chairs, computers, and even our electric clock.
 - ❑ Please do not order me around, Lady Boswell, I am neither your servant nor your **CHATTEL**.
 - ❑ The **CHATTEL** belonging to Herodotos of Athens at his death were sixteen slaves, seven horses, six hunting dogs, and three dwarf gladiators.

CHIDE

(chide) v.

to scold; to voice disapproval

Link: **LIED**



*“The good fairy **CHIDED** Pinocchio because he **LIED**.”*

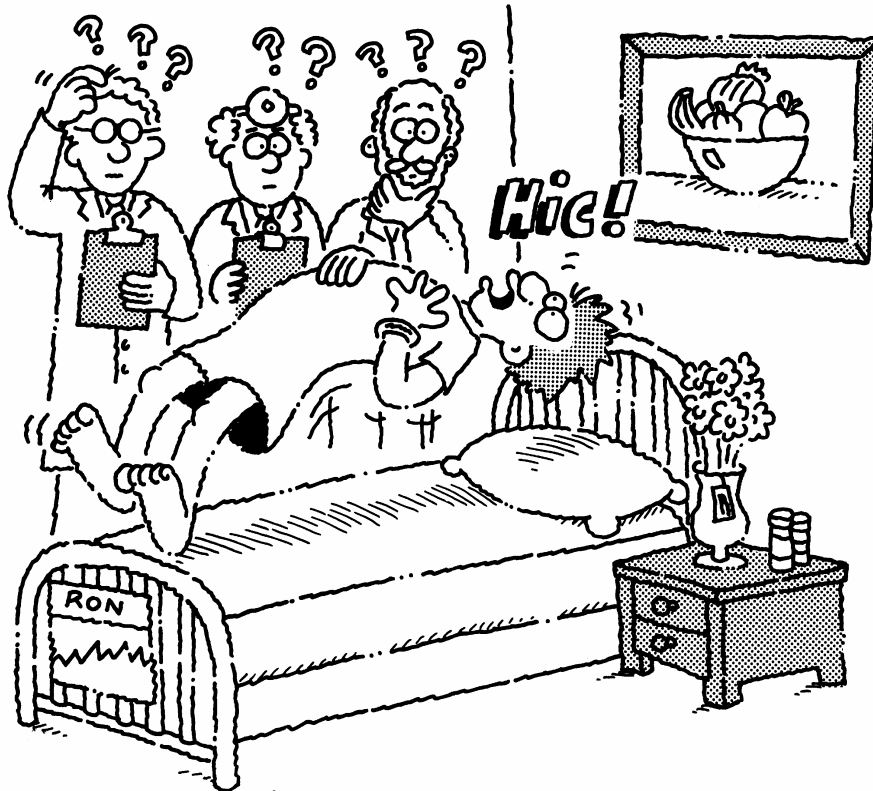
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- ❑ When Bobby threw his toys against the wall, his father **CHIDED** him for his bad temper.
 - ❑ I don't mind being **CHIDED** for things I did, but I hate being **CHIDED** for what my sneaky sister Elizabeth did.
 - ❑ The sergeant told the private that he was going to **CHIDE** him each time he didn't properly clean his rifle.
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CHRONIC

(KRAHN ik) *adj.*

continuing for a long time; continuous

Link: **RON'S HIC**



*"RON'S HICcups were **CHRONIC**."*

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- ❑ George was a **CHRONIC** complainer, he never saw the positive side of anything.
 - ❑ When lower back pain becomes **CHRONIC**, it's time to see a doctor.
 - ❑ Her **CHRONIC** gossiping led to her being kicked out of the garden club.
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CITADEL

(SIT uh dl) *n.*

a fortress overlooking a city; a stronghold

Link: **SIT WELL**



*"It pays to **SIT WELL** on the edge of a **CITADEL**."*

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- ❑ Charlie was a **CITADEL** of strength, always there for you no matter what.
 - ❑ West Point is considered a **CITADEL** of military learning, a fact easily understood when you come to understand that most generals attended West Point.
 - ❑ There are many ancient **CITADELS** in Spain; they are among the attractions most visited by tourists.

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #7.1

Match the word with its definition.

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|-------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. catharsis | a. personal property; slave |
| ___ 2. caucus | b. to confirm formally; verify |
| ___ 3. cerebral | c. a meeting of a political party |
| ___ 4. certify | d. continuing for a long time |
| ___ 5. chasm | e. of or relating to the brain |
| ___ 6. chattel | f. a fortress overlooking a city |
| ___ 7. chide | g. at an estimated historical time |
| ___ 8. chronic | h. to scold; to voice disapproval |
| ___ 9. circa | i. an opening in the earth's surface |
| ___ 10. citadel | j. an emotional or psychological cleansing that brings relief |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

1. The _____ young man received a perfect score on his SAT test.
2. When lower back pain becomes _____, it's time to see a doctor.
3. Getting out of the city and going to the mountains is Chuck's annual _____.
4. The _____ belonging to Herodotos of Athens at his death were sixteen slaves, seven horses, six hunting dogs, and three dwarf gladiators.
5. When Bobby threw his toys against the wall, his father _____ him for his bad temper.
6. During the monthly _____, the senator from Florida brought up the issue of runaway insurance rate hikes.
7. The exact date of the first Egyptian dynasty is not known, but it is believed to have occurred _____ 3000 BC.
8. The valuable papers arrived by _____ mail.
9. There are many ancient _____ in Spain; they are among the attractions most visited by tourists.
10. We crossed the huge _____ on a flimsy rope bridge.

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #7.2

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

1. an opening in the earth's surface
 - a.) caucus
 - b.) citadel
 - c.) chasm
 - d.) bulwark
2. a fortress overlooking a city
 - a.) cache
 - b.) citadel
 - c.) chasm
 - d.) bulwark
3. a defensive wall
 - a.) chattel
 - b.) citadel
 - c.) chasm
 - d.) bulwark
4. a meeting of a political party
 - a.) caucus
 - b.) citadel
 - c.) cache
 - d.) bulwark
5. a hiding place
 - a.) cache
 - b.) caucus
 - c.) bulwark
 - d.) citadel
6. personal property; slave
 - a.) cache
 - b.) chattel
 - c.) citadel
 - d.) circa
7. to scold or voice disapproval
 - a.) chronic
 - b.) catharsis
 - c.) cacophony
 - d.) chide
8. of or relating to the brain; intellectual
 - a.) capacious
 - b.) cerebral
 - c.) callous
 - d.) callow
9. immature and inexperienced
 - a.) callous
 - b.) cerebral
 - c.) capacious
 - d.) callow
10. an emotional or psychological cleansing that brings relief
 - a.) catharsis
 - b.) cacophony
 - c.) chronic
 - d.) cajole
11. at an estimated historical time
 - a.) citadel
 - b.) caucus
 - c.) circa
 - d.) chide
12. roomy, able to hold much
 - a.) chasm
 - b.) capacious
 - c.) chattel
 - d.) callous
13. to confirm formally; verify
 - a.) certify
 - b.) caucus
 - c.) cajole
 - d.) castigate
14. harsh sounds
 - a.) chronic
 - b.) catharsis
 - c.) cacophony
 - d.) capacious
15. continuing for a long time
 - a.) chronic
 - b.) catharsis
 - c.) cacophony
 - d.) capacious

VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power
Review Answers

Review #7.1

Matching:

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

Fill in the Blank:

1. cerebral
2. chronic
3. catharsis
4. chattel
5. chided
6. caucus
7. circa
8. certified
9. citadels
10. chasm

Review #7.2

Multiple Choice:

1. c.) chasm
2. b.) citadel
3. d.) bulwark
4. a.) caucus
5. a.) cache
6. b.) chattel
7. d.) chide
8. b.) cerebral
9. d.) callow
10. a.) catharsis
11. c.) circa
12. b.) capacious
13. a.) certify
14. c.) cacophony
15. a.) chronic