

# COUTURE

(kuh TOUR) *n.*

fashion designers; clothes created by fashion designers

Link: **FUTURE**



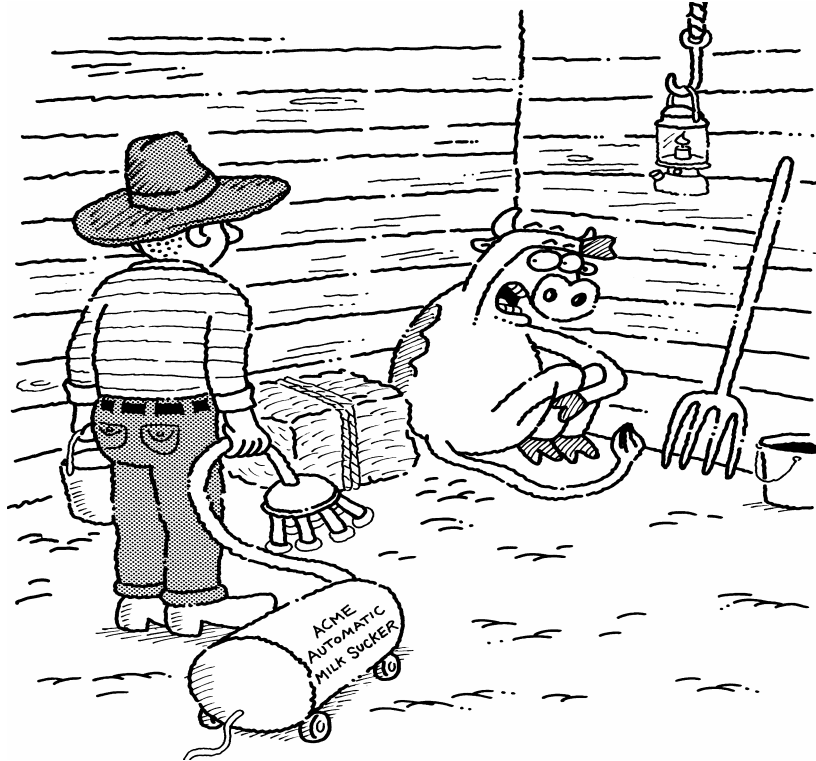
*“That’s what we’ll be wearing,  
the **COUTURE** of the **FUTURE**.”*

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- ❑ Jane works for a department store chain and they sent her to Paris to study the latest **COUTURE**.
  - ❑ Henry studied the art of **COUTURIER** for three years in the finest French design institutions.
  - ❑ The fashion model walked the runway wearing the latest **COUTURE**.
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# COWER

(KOW ur) v.  
to cringe in fear; to shrink away

Link: **COW**



*“Bessie, the **COWERING COW**, never could stand the sight of her own milk.”*

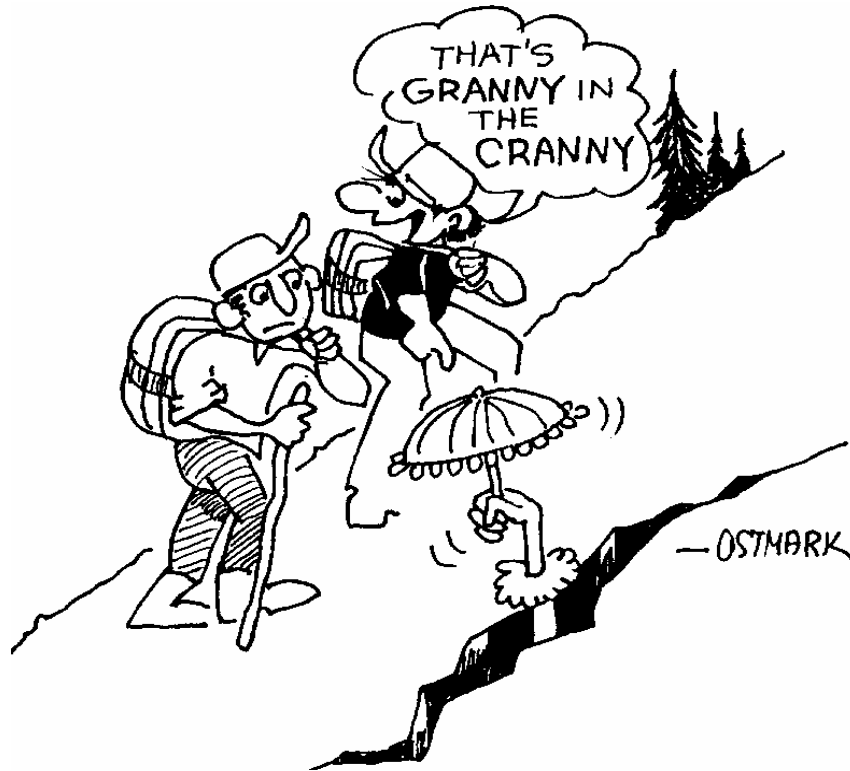
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- ❑ When Sheriff Wild Bill Hickok entered the Last Chance Saloon, the villains **COWERED** in fear.
  - ❑ The sound of the rusty door opening in the middle of the night made Sue **COWER** under her sheets.
  - ❑ Jack **COWERED** in frustration just to think about coming home from vacation and finding all the homework he had to catch up on.

# CRANNY

(KRAN ee) *n.*

a small opening as in a wall or rock face

Link: **GRANNY**



***"GRANNY got stuck in the CRANNY."***

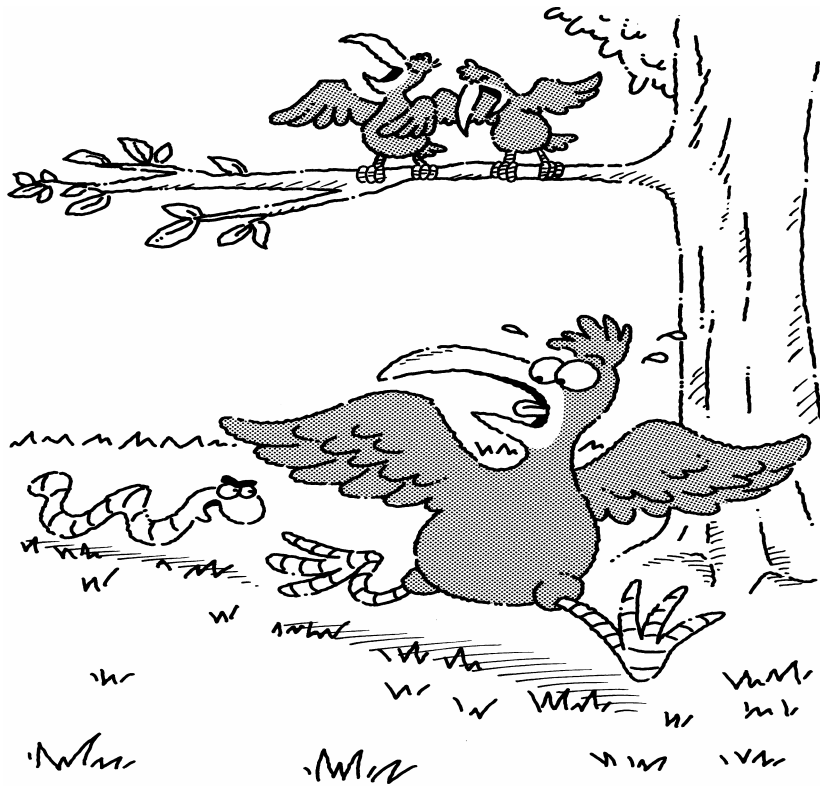
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- ❑ The secret message was found stuffed into a small **CRANNY** in the courtyard wall next to the church.
  - ❑ Rock climbers look for any **CRANNY** where they can get a secure foothold.
  - ❑ We searched the house from top to bottom and never overlooked a single nook or **CRANNY**.

# CRAVEN

(KRAY ven) *adj.*

lacking the least bit of courage; cowardly

Link: **RAVEN**



*“A **CRAVEN RAVEN** on the run”*

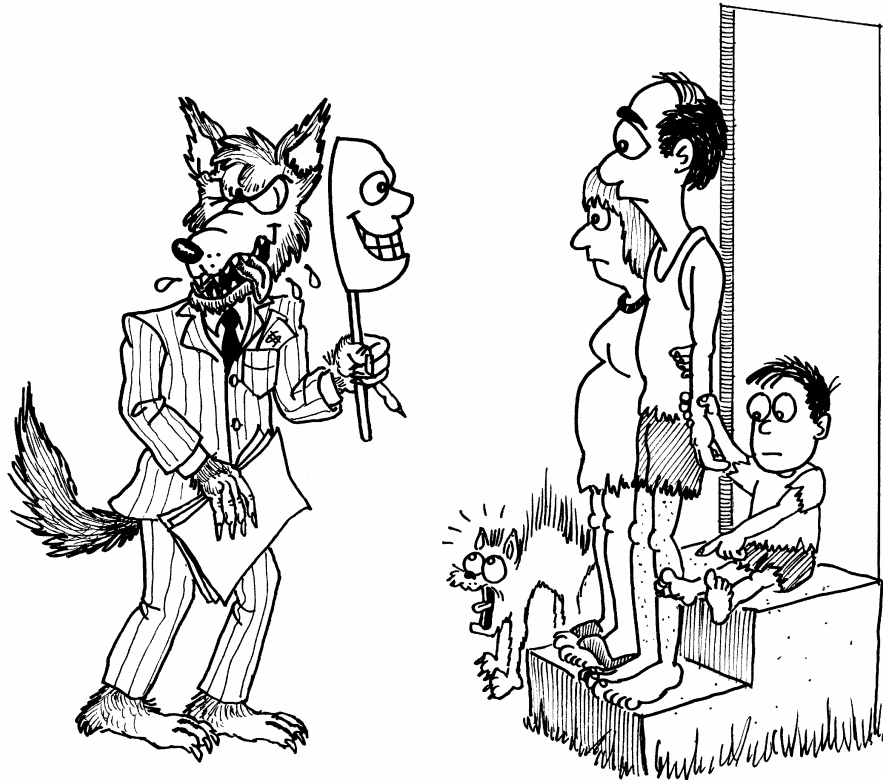
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- ❑ The soldier was full of bluster about how bravely he would fight, but his comrades later found him to be **CRAVEN** once the battle started.
  - ❑ To let his wife do his fighting for him was the act of a **CRAVEN** husband with no backbone.
  - ❑ The **CRAVENLY** act of the assassin, John Wilkes Booth, led to the death of President Lincoln.

# CREDITOR

(KRED ih ter) *n.*

a person or entity to whom money is owed

Link: **PREDATOR**



*“Beware the **CREDITOR** who is a **PREDATOR**.”*

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- ❑ Mr. Randolph’s lawyer recommended he declare bankruptcy; he had too many **CREDITORS** and not enough assets with which to pay.
  - ❑ **CREDITORS** usual charge interest on the money they loan.
  - ❑ Visa, Master Card, and American Express companies are **CREDITORS**.

# CRITERION

(kry TEER ee un) *n.*

a standard or rule by which something can be judged; a basis for judgment

Link: **LIBRARIAN**



*“A **CRITERION** for any **LIBRARIAN** is that she must know how to read.”*

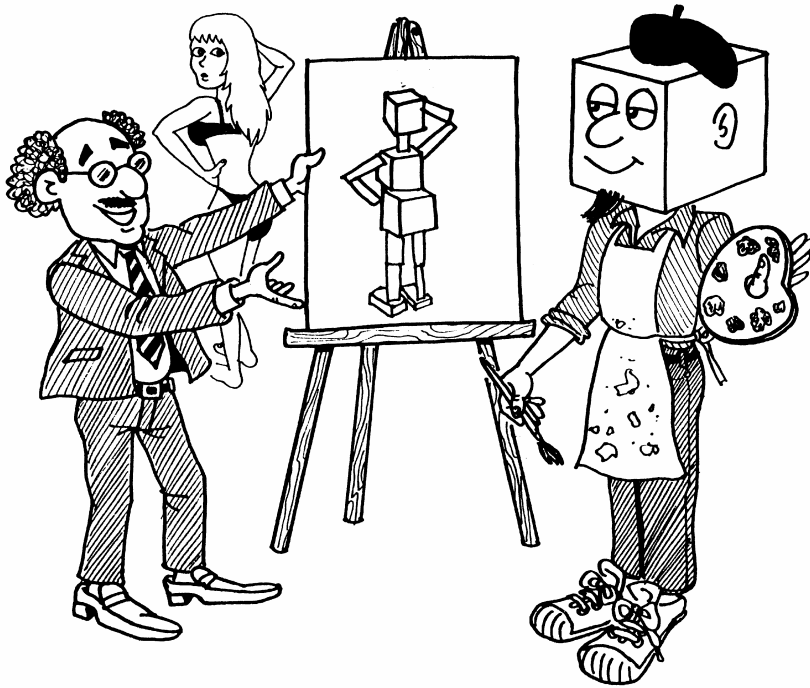
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- There is no special **CRITERION** for making a fortune, but some say the fastest way is to marry rich.
  - (**CRITERION** is singular. **CRITERIA** is plural.) The physical **CRITERIA** for a good basketball player are to be seven feet tall and jump like a kangaroo.
  - The **CRITERION** for becoming a lawyer is graduating from law school and passing the state bar exam.

# CUBISM

(KYOO biz um) *n.*

a style of art in which the subject matter is portrayed by geometric forms, especially cubes

Link: **CUBES**



*“By the look of these **CUBES**, you are an artist of the school of **CUBISM**.”*

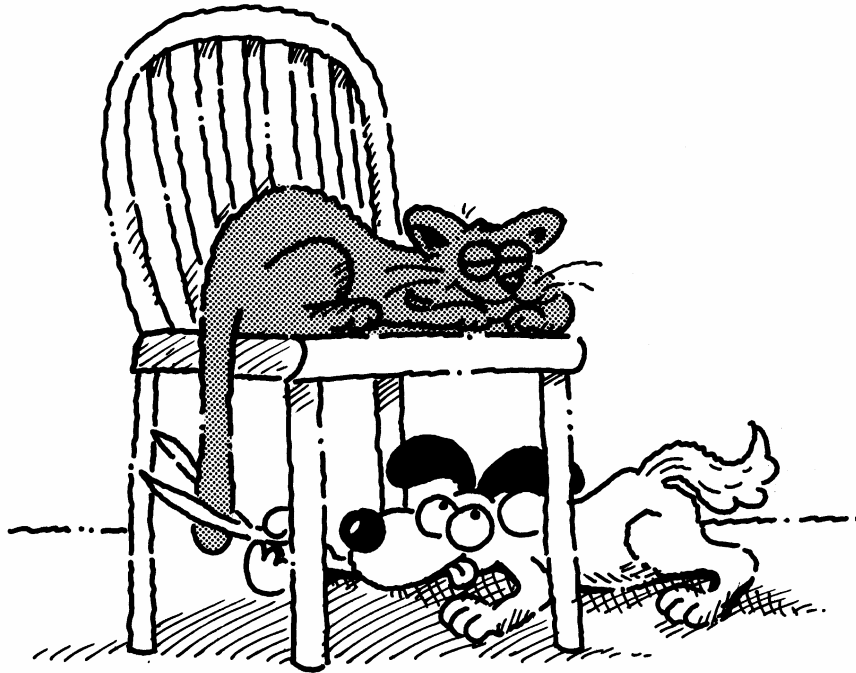
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- ❑ **CUBISM** is a style of art that stresses abstract structure at the expense of other pictorial elements by fragmenting the form of those objects that are to be depicted.
  - ❑ Pablo Picasso did not originate **CUBISM**, but he is credited with popularizing it.
  - ❑ By the design of the new building you can tell the architect was partial to **CUBISM**.

# CURTAIL

(kur TALE) v.

to truncate or abridge; to lessen,  
usually by cutting away from

Link: **CAT TAIL**



*“Rex readies himself to  
**CURTAIL** the **CAT’S TAIL.**”*

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- ❑ The chairman requested that we should **CURTAIL** any further discussion of women’s rights until the women arrived.
  - ❑ Sheriff McDougall **CURTAILED** all further night patrols east of the river until bullet-proof windows were installed in his patrol cars.
  - ❑ Mike’s knee injury **CURTAILED** his career as a professional football player.

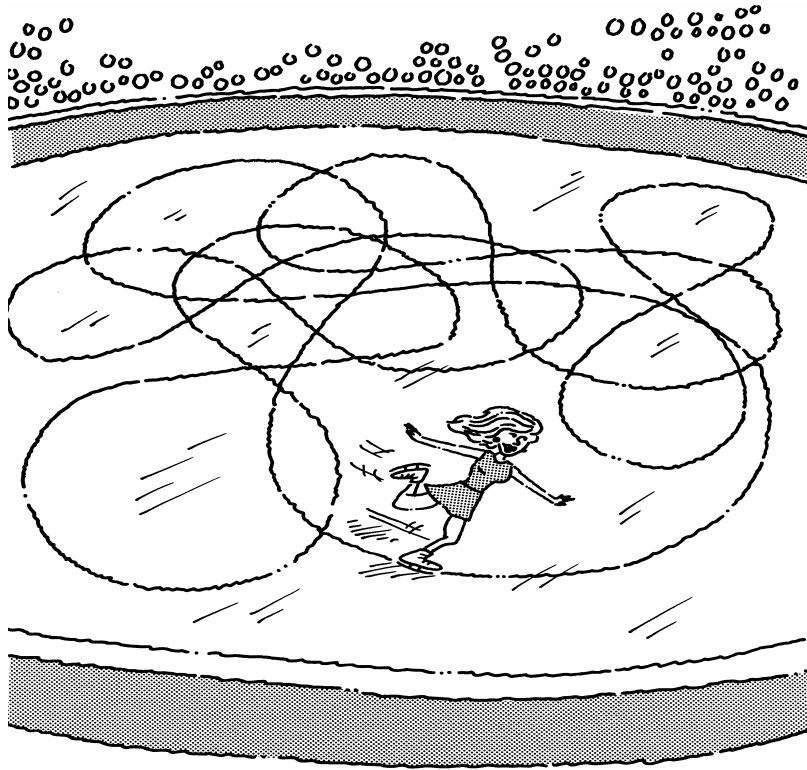


# CURVILINEAR

(kurv ah LIN ee ur) *adj.*

formed, bound, or characterized  
by curved lines

Link: **CURVY LINES**



*“The skater’s **CURVY LINES** outlined her **CURVILINEAR** skating program.”*

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- ❑ Squares and rectangles have no **CURVILINEAR** lines.
  - ❑ Engineers have special instruments to lay out **CURVILINEAR** streets in subdivisions.
  - ❑ The **CURVILINEAR** shape of sports cars makes them more aerodynamic, which gives them less drag and allows them to travel faster.
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# DAMPER

(DAM pur) *n.*

one that depresses or restrains; a dulling or deadening influence

Link: **DAMP PAW**



*“A **DAMP PAW** can put a **DAMPER** on a good time.”*

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- ❑ The jury trial seemed to be going the way of the defense until an eyewitness put a **DAMPER** on the defendant’s hopes by identifying him as the one who committed the crime.
  - ❑ The family was excited about their vacation until their father put a **DAMPER** on their plans, saying he was sorry, but there was no money for a vacation this year.
  - ❑ The unexpected rain put a **DAMPER** on plans to have a picnic at the beach.

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## VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #9.1

### Match the word with its definition.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ___ 1. <b>couture</b>     | a. a small opening as in a wall      |
| ___ 2. <b>cower</b>       | b. to cringe in fear; to shrink away |
| ___ 3. <b>cranny</b>      | c. a standard by to be judged        |
| ___ 4. <b>craven</b>      | d. to lessen; cut away from          |
| ___ 5. <b>creditor</b>    | e. clothes created by fashion        |
| ___ 6. <b>criterion</b>   | f. designers                         |
| ___ 7. <b>cubism</b>      | g. lacking the least bit of courage  |
| ___ 8. <b>curtail</b>     | h. characterized by curved lines     |
| ___ 9. <b>curvilinear</b> | i. one that depresses or restrains   |
| ___ 10. <b>damper</b>     | j. an entity to whom money is owed   |
- a style of art is portrayed by

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

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1. When Sheriff Wild Bill Hickok entered the Last Chance Saloon, the villains \_\_\_\_\_ in fear.
2. The unexpected rain put a \_\_\_\_\_ on plans to have a picnic at the beach.
3. Rock climbers look for any \_\_\_\_\_ where they can get a secure foothold.
4. Mike's knee injury \_\_\_\_\_ his career as a professional football player.
5. Pablo Picasso did not originate \_\_\_\_\_, but he is credited with popularizing it.
6. The fashion model walked the runway wearing the latest \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Engineers have special instruments to lay out \_\_\_\_\_ streets in subdivisions.
8. Visa, Master Card, and American Express companies are \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ for becoming a lawyer is graduating from law school and passing the state bar exam.
10. The soldier was full of bluster about how bravely he would fight, but his comrades later found him to be \_\_\_\_\_.

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

## VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #9.2

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

1. to lessen; to cut away from
  - a.) couture
  - b.) coterie
  - c.) curtail
  - d.) chide
2. spacious, roomy, capacious
  - a.) craven
  - b.) commodious
  - c.) curvilinear
  - d.) cubism
3. to cringe in fear; to shrink away
  - a.) couture
  - b.) cower
  - c.) damper
  - d.) craven
4. a style of art portrayed by geometric forms
  - a.) curvilinear
  - b.) couture
  - c.) cloister
  - d.) cubism
5. one that depresses or restrains; a dulling influence
  - a.) countenance
  - b.) damper
  - c.) craven
  - d.) commodious
6. a person's facial expression
  - a.) countenance
  - b.) couture
  - c.) coterie
  - d.) catharsis
7. fashion designers or business; clothes created by fashion designers
  - a.) connoisseur
  - b.) cubism
  - c.) couture
  - d.) coterie
8. a small opening
  - a.) couture
  - b.) craven
  - c.) cranny
  - d.) cloister
9. lacking the least bit of courage; cowardly
  - a.) craven
  - b.) damper
  - c.) countenance
  - d.) cower
10. an expert
  - a.) claimant
  - b.) connoisseur
  - c.) cerebral
  - d.) creditor
11. a circle of close friends
  - a.) couture
  - b.) coterie
  - c.) cloister
  - d.) consensus
12. an entity to whom money is owed
  - a.) criterion
  - b.) consensus
  - c.) citadel
  - d.) creditor
13. a standard by to be judged
  - a.) criterion
  - b.) coup
  - c.) consensus
  - d.) caucus
14. a tranquil, secluded place
  - a.) cache
  - b.) caucus
  - c.) cloister
  - d.) citadel
15. characterized by curved lines
  - a.) cerebral
  - b.) cubism
  - c.) cranny
  - d.) curvilinear

**VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power**  
Review Answers

**Review #9.1**

**Matching:**

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

**Fill in the Blank:**

1. cowered
2. damper
3. cranny
4. curtailed
5. cubism
6. couture
7. curvilinear
8. creditors
9. criterion
10. craven

**Review #9.2**

**Multiple Choice:**

1. c.) curtail
2. b.) commodious
3. b.) cower
4. d.) cubism
5. b.) damper
6. a.) countenance
7. c.) couture
8. c.) cranny
9. a.) craven
10. b.) connoisseur
11. b.) coterie
12. d.) creditor
13. a.) criterion
14. c.) cloister
15. d.) curvilinear