

Unit 3 English

BELEAGUER

(be LEE gur)
to besiege; beset, surround, harass
Link: BIG LEAGUER

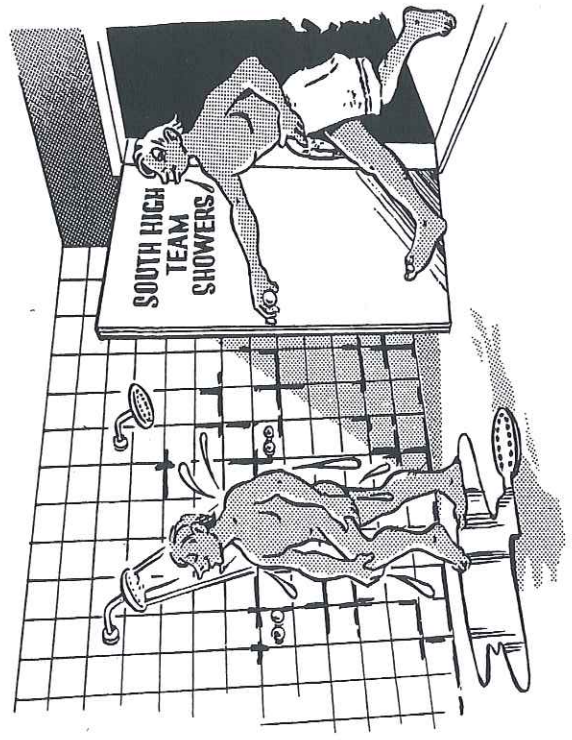


"The little leaguers BELEAGUERED the BIG LEAGUERS."

- In World War II, the Russian city of Stalingrad was BELEAGUERED by the German Army for five months before it fell to the Germans.
- During his last year in office, Richard Nixon was a BELEAGUERED president, struggling to fight off the Watergate scandal.
- In the midst of important negotiations, the union official asked his staff not to BELEAGUER him with insignificant details.

MILIEU

(mill you)
environment or surroundings
Link: MILDEW



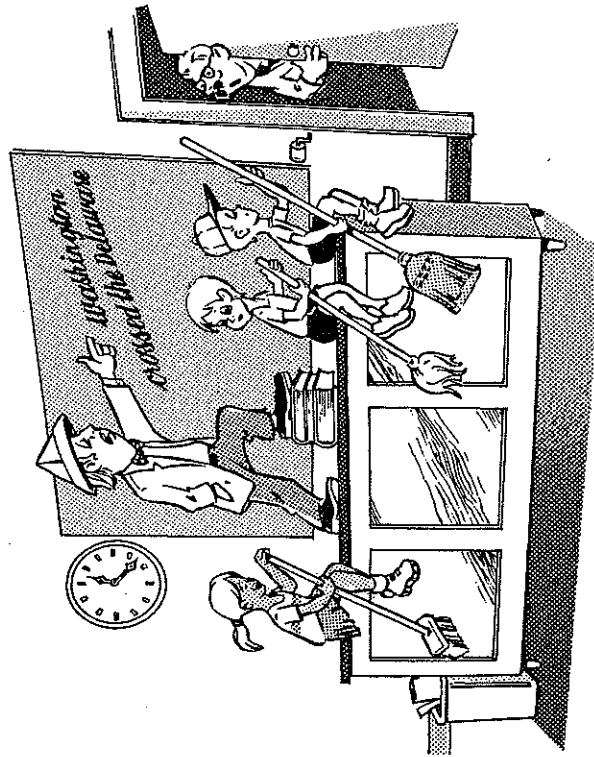
"The boys' locker room showers were a MILIEU of MILDEW."

- After a long sea journey, a sailor on land for the first few days feels out of his MILIEU.
- The proper MILIEU for raising a family is a home setting with loving parents who understand child rearing; something every parent must work at and not take for granted.
- The New York Stock Exchange is a MILIEU of frenzied activity during trading hours.

HISTRIONIC

(his tree AHN ik)
overly dramatic, theatrical

Link: HISTORY



"Professor Bradley liked his HISTORIC on the HISTORIONIC side."

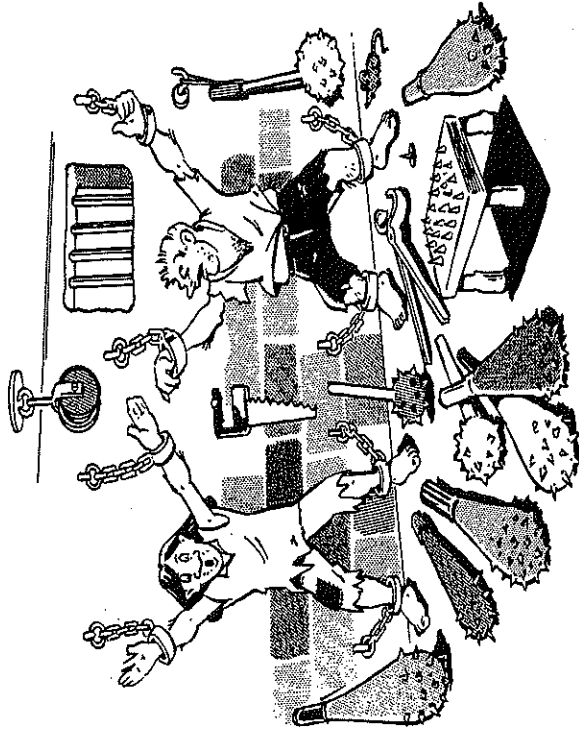
- ❑ As soon as you would mention the word wrinkle, the middle-aged actress would fall into a state of HISTORIONIC tears.
- ❑ Everything Michael said was on the swaggering, HISTORIONIC side, as if he were the coolest guy on campus.
- ❑ The children's HISTORIONICS when they couldn't find their toys made everyone uncomfortable.

BLUDGEON

(BLUD jun)

a short heavy, thick club that has one end larger than the other

Link: DUNGEON



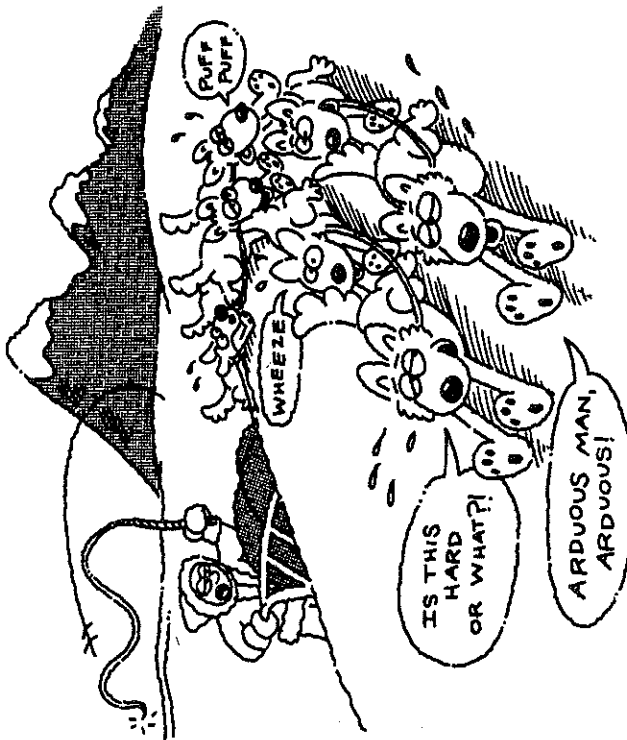
"Why do you suppose they have all these BLUDGEONS in this DUNGEON?"

- ❑ There was nothing temperate about the lawyer's summary to the jury; he BLUDGEONED them with all the gruesome details of the murder.
- ❑ Henry's BLUDGEONING accusations about his neighbor's dog were more than criticisms; he was trying to intimidate the dog owner into getting rid of the animal.
- ❑ The police arrested the lumberjack on suspicion of BLUDGEONING a co-worker with an axe handle.

ARDUOUS

(AHR joo us)
hard, difficult, tiresome

Link: HARD ON US



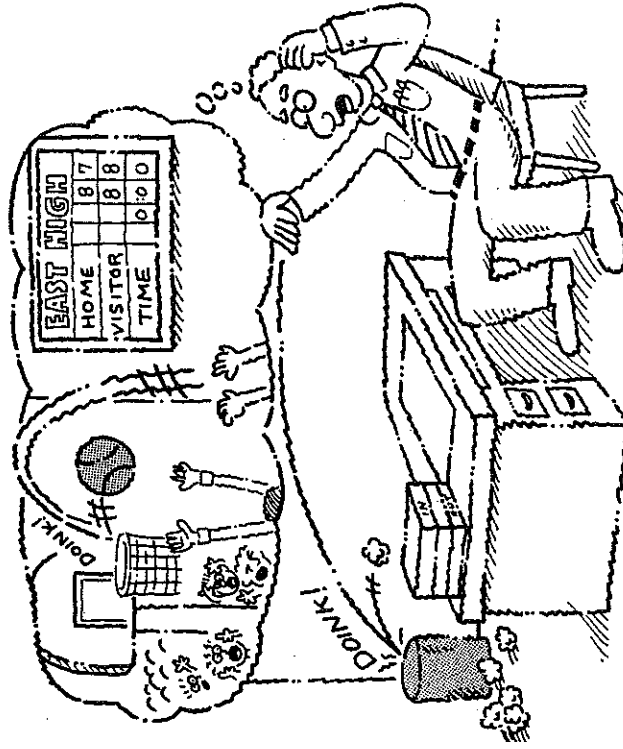
"The ARDUOUS snow-covered trail is HARD ON US."

- The assignment given the recruits was ARDUOUS, twenty miles 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.

REMINISCE

(rem uh NISS)
the act or practice of recalling the past.

Link: RIM MISS



"Jim never got over his RIM MISS and tortured himself for years REMINISCING about it."

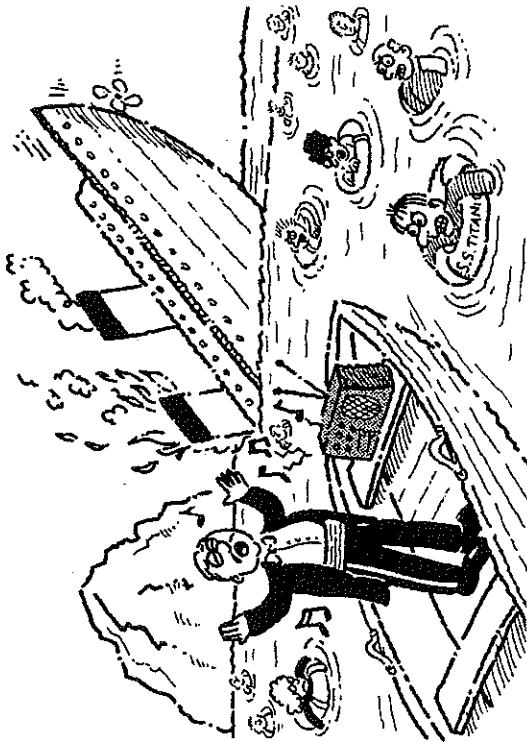
- Sometimes when we are feeling nostalgic, my wife and I lie back and listen to the music of the 1960s and REMINISCE about when we were dating and the things we used to do.
- The REMINISCENT qualities in his art brought back fond memories of Paris in the 19th century.

OPPORTUNE

(AHP ur tune)

occurring or coming at a good time

Link: OPERA TUNE



"Not an OPPORTUNE time for an OPERA TUNE."

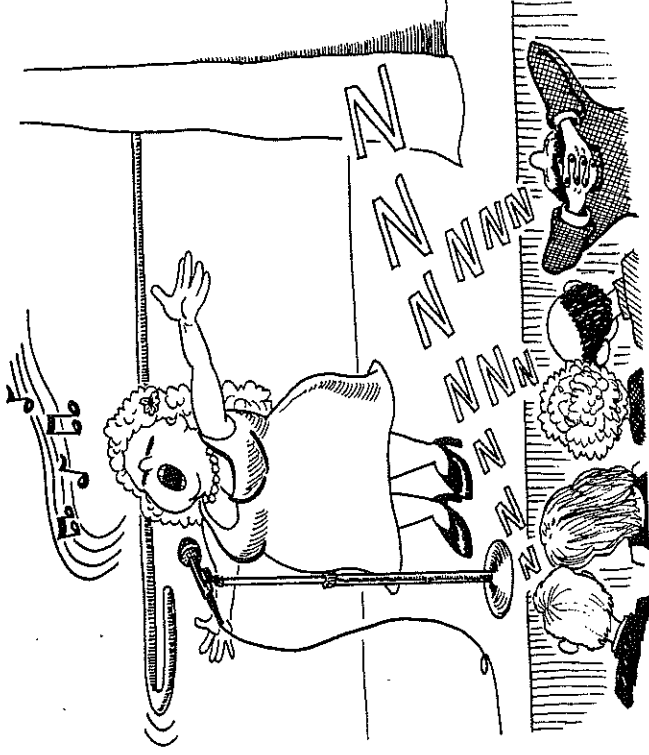
- ❑ An OPPORTUNIST at heart, Ed OPPORTUNELY dropped by Janet's house just as dinner was being served.
- ❑ During the family reunion, Christopher felt it the OPPORTUNE moment for announcing his job promotion.
- ❑ Mrs. Childs, our teacher, said the weekend before our final exam was an OPPORTUNE time for last minute studying.

DULCET

(DULL set)

melodious, soft, soothing

Link: DULL SIT



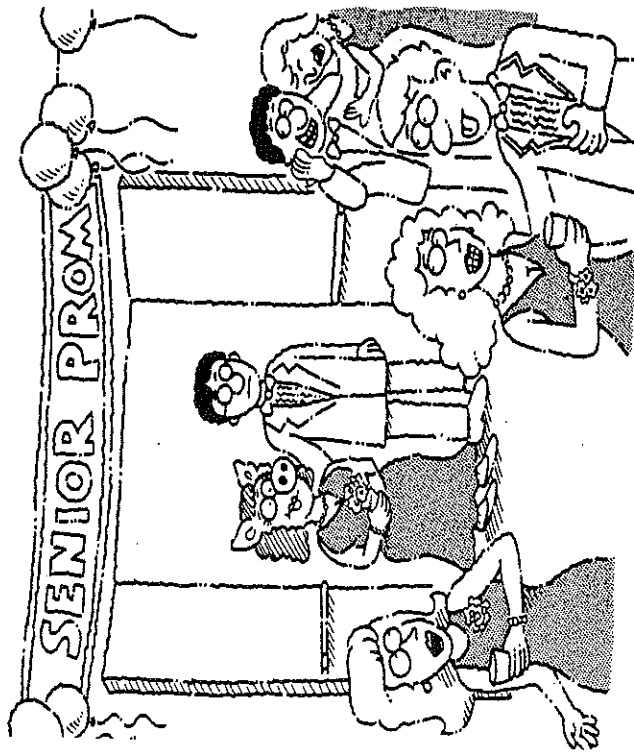
"If you don't like opera, even the most DULCET tones of the finest sopranos make for a DULL SIT."

- ❑ Senator Kramer was a political campaigner who could hypnotize an audience with sweet words and DULCET tones.
- ❑ Jeff's parents declared there was nothing DULCET about the rock-and-roll music that shook the house from his room every morning as he dressed for school.

PORCINE
(pore sein)

reminiscent of or pertaining to a pig; resembling a pig

Link: **POOR SCENE**



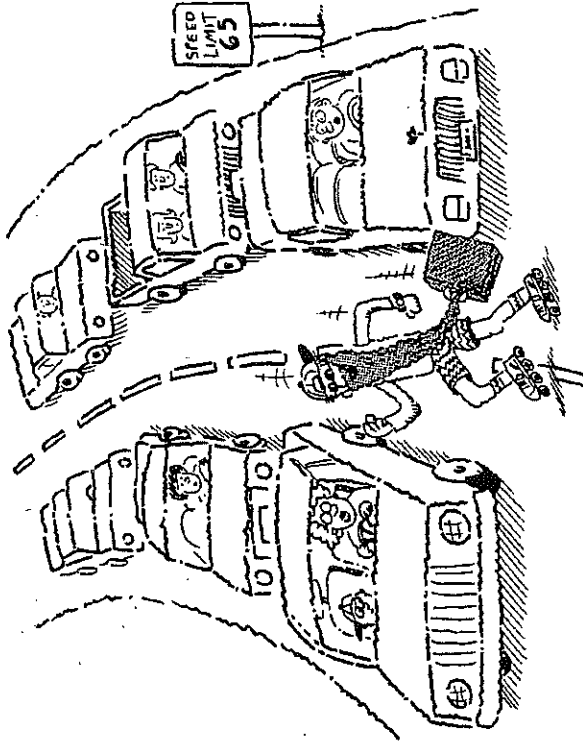
"It was a POOR SCENE when Mark arrived with his PORCINE date."

- ❑ After an around the world cruise, where each meal is a grand feast, Bob and Helen returned home with PORCINE figures.
- ❑ She had a PORCINE attitude about food; that is to say she would eat anything and everything.

QUIXOTIC
(kwik SAHT ik)

idealistic and totally impractical

Link: **IDIOTIC**



"Jim, the messenger, is not IDIOTIC, he's just QUIXOTIC."

- ❑ Professor Callan said it is QUIXOTIC of society to ignore the world's environmental problems.
- ❑ Putting all taxpayers on the honor system is a QUIXOTIC suggestion.
- ❑ Sue had the most QUIXOTIC ideas of what her life would be like if she ever won the lottery.

