

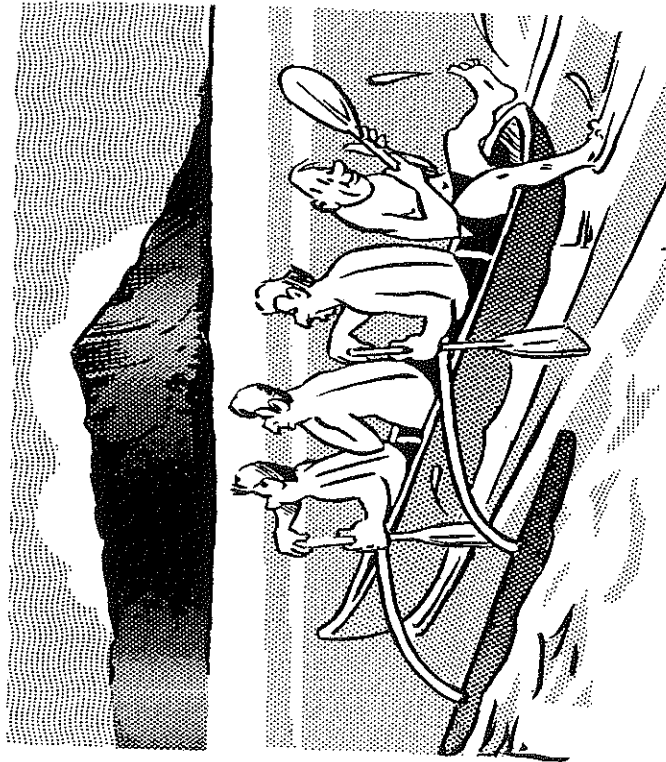
Unit 4

**LASSITUDE**

(LAS uh tood)

listlessness; torpor, weariness

Link: LAZY DUDE



*"A LAZY DUDE with LASSITUDE."*

- ❑ After eating three servings of Thanksgiving dinner, George succumbed to a feeling of LASSITUDE and fell asleep on the couch.
- ❑ Having worked for the cannery for twenty years without a raise, Charles became discouraged with his employers and approached his daily work with unenthusiastic LASSITUDE.

**COTERIE**

(KOH tuh ree)

a circle of close associates or friends

Link: COAT FOR THREE



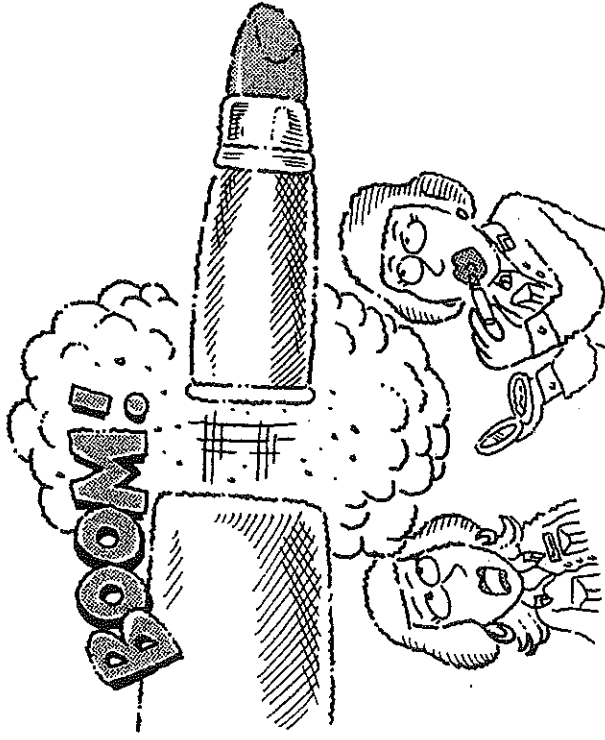
*"The maestro and his COTERIE in a COAT FOR THREE."*

- ❑ Today's tennis stars rarely travel alone, but with a COTERIE of managers and coaches.
- ❑ Rock stars have a COTERIE of fans who follow them around like leeches.
- ❑ You have to be a member of Daisy's COTERIE, or you don't count at all, in the opinion of Daisy.

## BALLISTICS

(buh LISS ticks)  
the study of the dynamics or flight characteristics of projectiles

Link: LIPSTICK



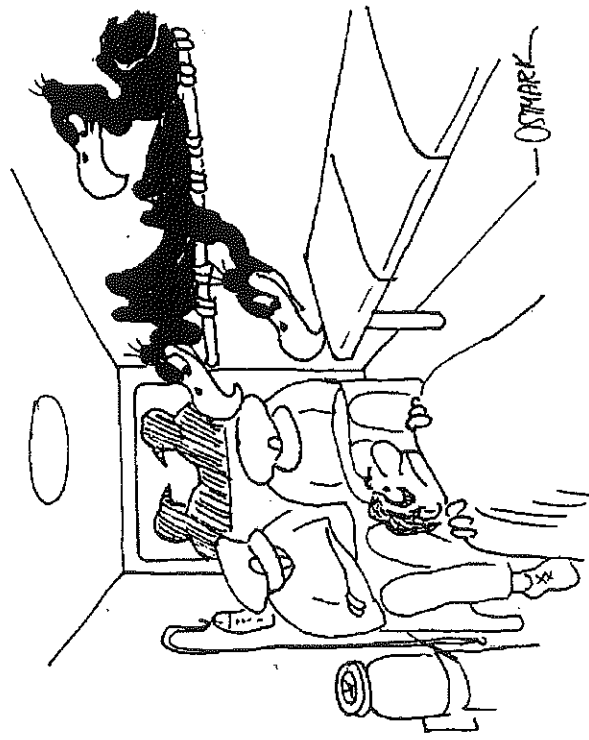
“BALLISTIC LIPSTICK.”

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

## AMBIANCE

(AM bee uns)  
mood, feeling; general atmosphere

Link: AMBULANCE



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

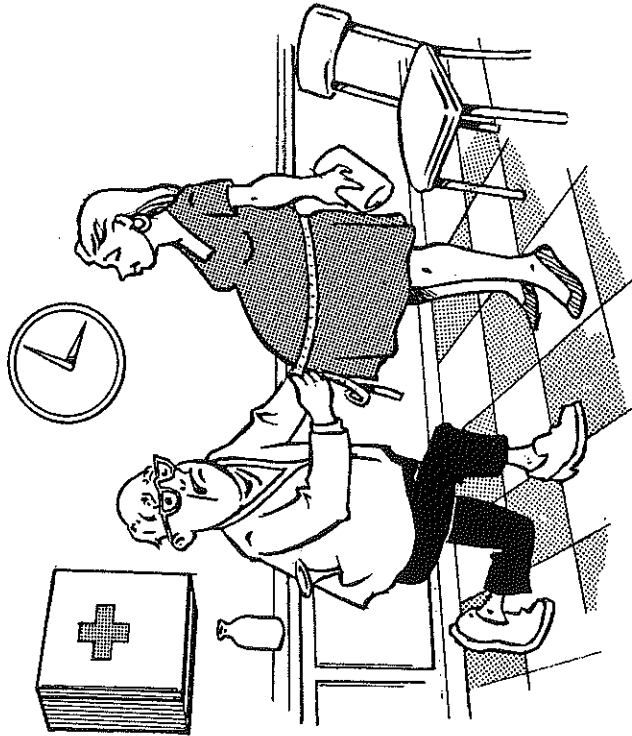
- ❑ The AMBIANCE of the locker room after the team lost the championship was depressing.
- ❑ For their daughter’s birthday party, the Jeffersons’ created an AMBIANCE of gaiety, decorating the garden with bright balloons and ribbons.
- ❑ The AMBIANCE in the Italian restaurant was delightful, there was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

## GIRTH

(girth)

the distance around something; to encircle; to secure with a band that encircles the body of an animal

Link: BIRTH



*“Before giving BIRTH, ladies are quite large in GIRTH.”*

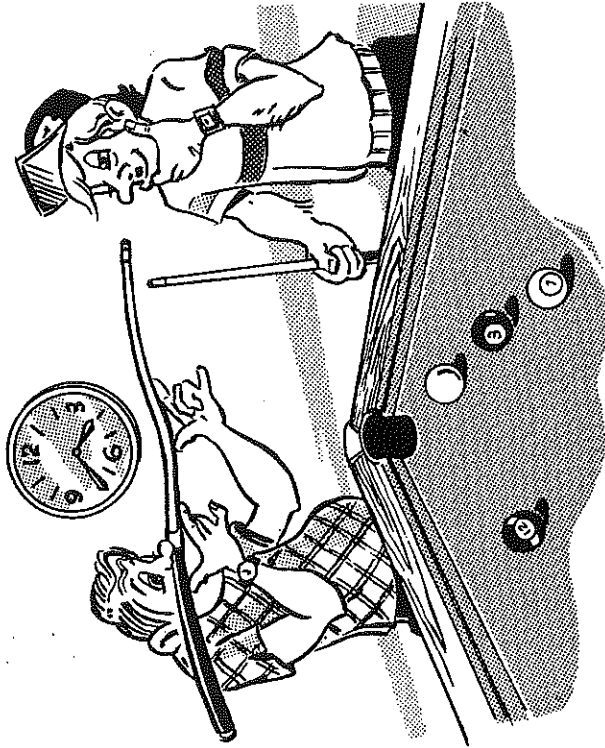
- Jonathan placed the saddle on top of the horse and fastened the GIRTH.
- Before crawling into a sewer pipe, it is first wise to measure the GIRTH.
- The GIRTH of the planet Earth is about twenty-five thousand miles.

## ASKEW

(uh SKEW)

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

Link: CUE



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

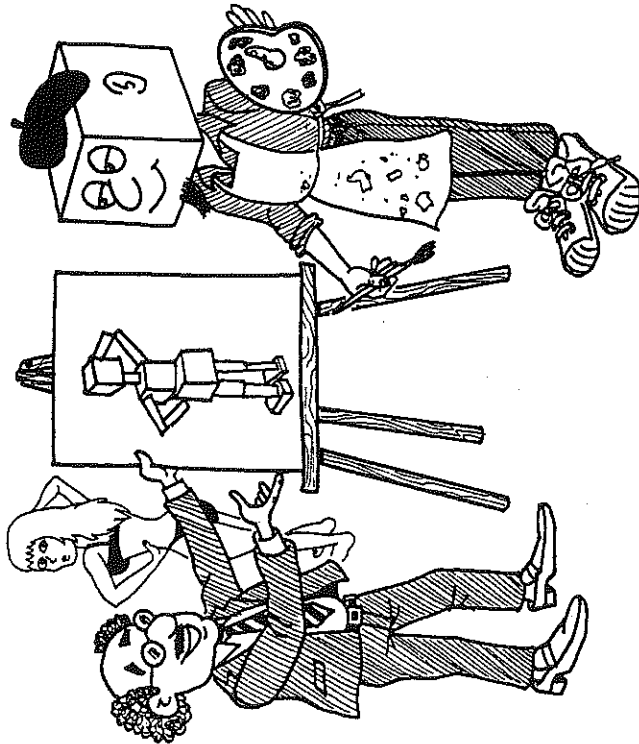
- After the flood receded, the bridge was found to be ASKEW of the road which connected to it.
- The tire wouldn’t fit on the car because in the accident the axle had been bent ASKEW.
- The speaker looked ASKEW at the heckler at every interruption.

## CUBISM

(KYOO biz um)

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.”*

- ❑ 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 the CUBISM style of painting, but he is credited with popularizing it.

## CRANNY

(KRAN ee)

a small opening as in a wall or rock face

Link: GRANNY



*“GRANNY found a CRANNY.”*

- ❑ 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.

## ENRAGE

(in RAGE)

to put in a rage;  
infuriate, anger

Link: HEN CAGE



*"An ENRAGED farmer discovering  
a fox in the HEN CAGE."*

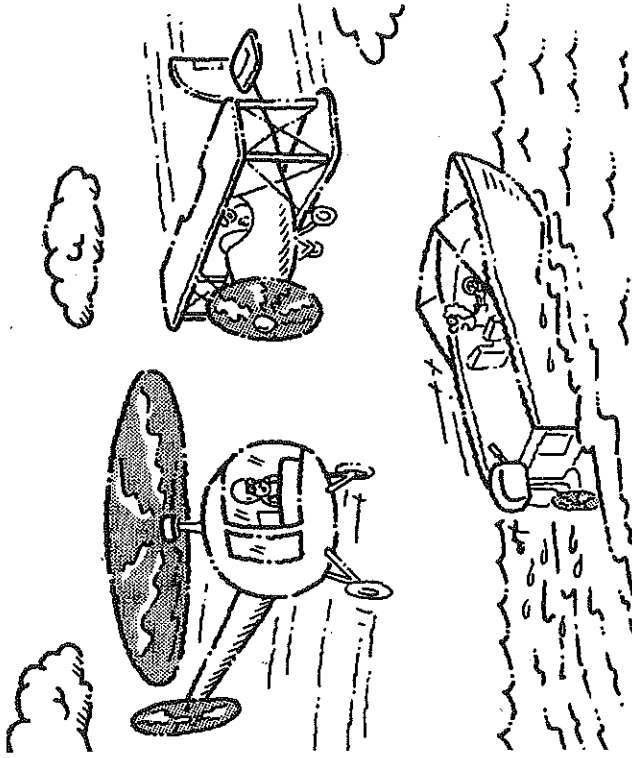
- ❑ What ENRAGES my wife is when I forget to wipe my feet before coming into the house.
- ❑ Muriel's boss was ENRAGED when he found out she had gone on her vacation to the Caribbean and left a lot of unfinished work on her desk.

## PROPULSIVE

(PROH pul siv)

the act or process of propelling;  
a propelling force

Link: PROPELLER



*"PROPELLERS provide the PROPULSIVE force that  
PROPEL many transportation vehicles."*

- ❑ The first ship PROPELLED by a PROPELLER was invented by Isambard Brunel in 1844.
- ❑ The champion hit his opponent, Ray Jackson, with a terrific right cross that PROPELLED him right into the second row.
- ❑ Modern submarines are PROPELLED by nuclear energy.

