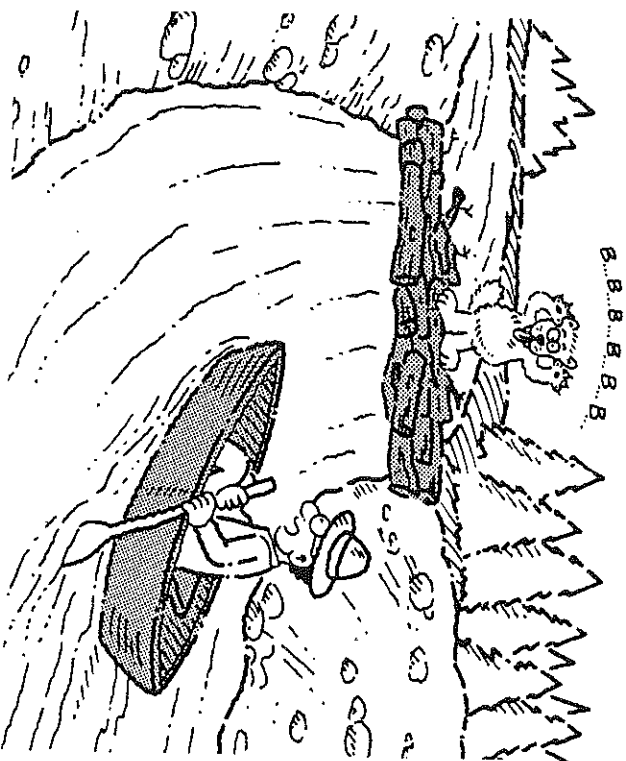


BADGER

(BAJ ur)

to tease, annoy, harass persistently

Link: BADGER



"A BADGERING BADGER."

- ❑ "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.
- ❑ BADGERING is not the most admirable quality to possess; however, it is common among teenagers who constantly BADGER their younger siblings.

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DENOUNCE

(di NOWNS)

to condemn; to expose critically

Link: BOUNCE



"The other kangaroos DENOUNCED poor Roger when he was unable to BOUNCE."

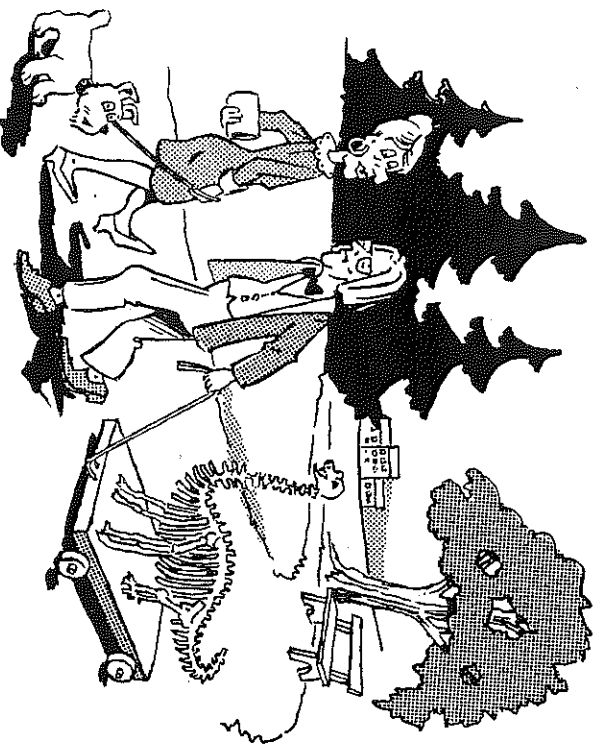
- ❑ As an act of conscience, the young terrorist DENOUNCED his fellow terrorists and confessed their criminal acts to the police.
- ❑ The captured soldiers were asked to DENOUNCE their government and join in the revolution of the people.
- ❑ The world was flabbergasted with the Russian government's DENUNCIATION of Stalin so soon after he died.

DOCILE

(DAHHS uI)

easily taught or controlled;
obedient, easy to handle

Link: FOSSIL



“A DOCILE FOSSIL.”

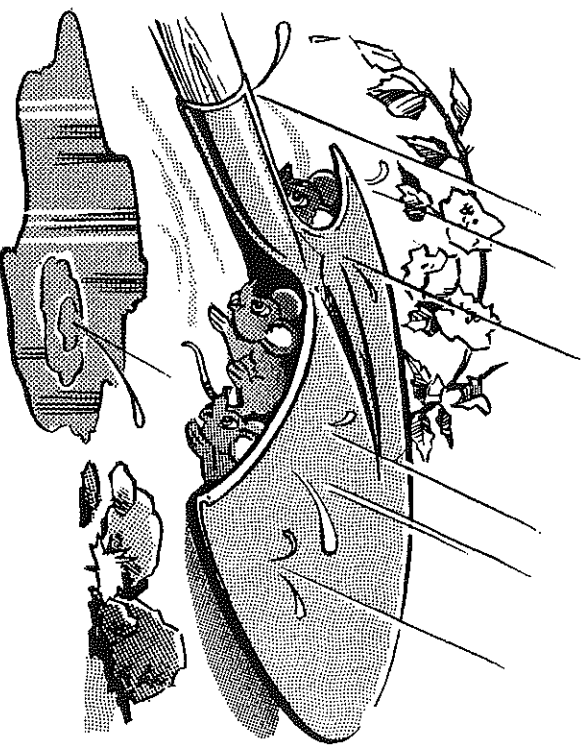
- ❑ A desirable quality of basset hounds is that they are DOCILE, and that is why they are sought as house pets.
- ❑ Cameron was a fierce competitor on the football field, but his wife said he was a sweet, DOCILE husband.
- ❑ The baby lion’s DOCILITY fooled the zoo handler into believing she wouldn’t scratch or bite until she proved otherwise by chewing off part of his ear.

HOVEL

(HUV uI)

a small, miserable dwelling;
an open, low shed

Link: SHOVEL



“The mice’s HOVEL was an old, rusted SHOVEL.”

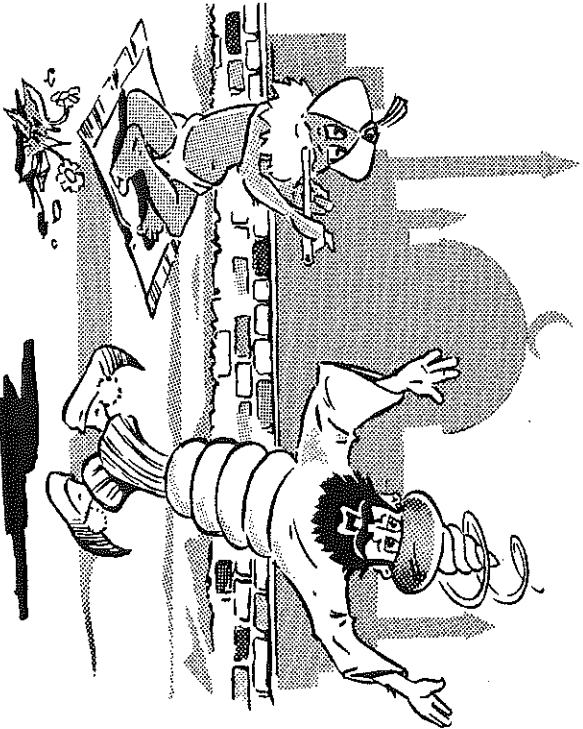
- ❑ In the famous play, *Tobacco Road*, the characters were poor tobacco farmers who live in HOVELS, shacks made of cardboard and discarded wooden boxes.
- ❑ Compared to the Summerrons’ palatial estate on Long Island, Jane said her apartment in the Bronx was a HOVEL.
- ❑ The HOVELS where the homeless live consist of the most squalid structures.

TORQUE

(tork)

a turning or twisting force

Link: TURK



"Tommy the TURK doing his famous TORQUE TURK dance."

- ❑ We all took our turn, but none of my brothers or I could apply enough TORQUE to open the jar of strawberry jam.
- ❑ When the propeller broke off one side, this created a TORQUE so great it tore the engine right out of its mount.
- ❑ The wrench handle was too short to generate the TORQUE required to loosen the bolt.

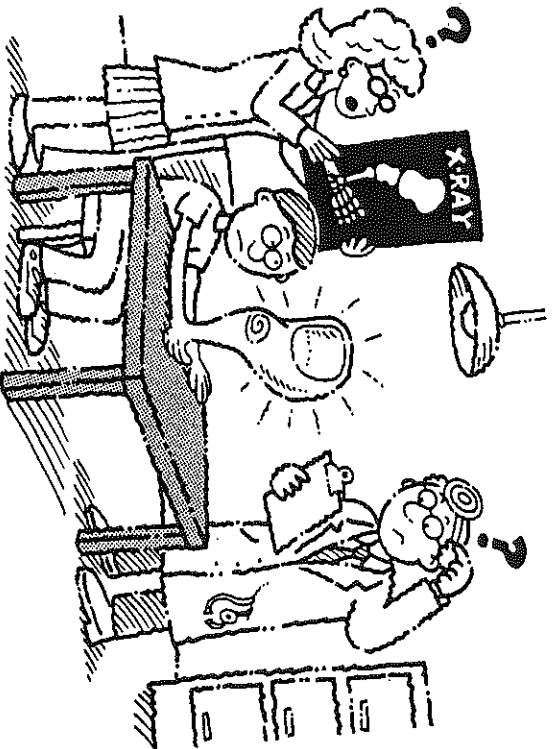
FATHOM

(fa THUM)

to understand fully;

to penetrate the meaning of

Link: FAT THUMB



"Doctors could never FATHOM the reason for Larry's FAT THUMB."

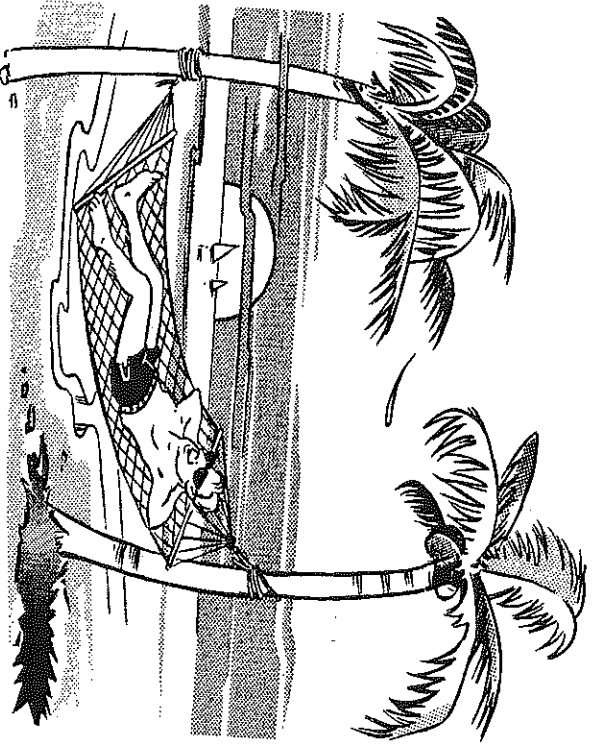
- ❑ Her friends thought they had FATHOMED the reason Estelle applied for entrance in an all-boys college: She never had any dates.
- ❑ The jury found it hard to FATHOM how the defendant could commit such a terrible crime.
- ❑ (In nautical terms, FATHOM is six feet of water depth.) We dropped anchor in four FATHOMS of water and made plans to stay for the night.

BALM

(balm)

something that soothes, heals or comforts; an oil or ointment

Link: PALM



*"There's nothing like a BALMY breeze
whispering through PALM trees."*

- ❑ The nurse gave me some kind of white BALM to put on my insect bites to soothe the pain.
- ❑ It was a BALMY day, perfect for a game of golf or a tip to the beach.
- ❑ After sweating through his final exams, the sound of the bell at the end of class was a BALM to Pete's nerves.

DIVINE

(di VYNE)

to foretell a prophecy;
to infer, to guess

Link: VINE



*"How was Tarzan to DIVINE this was
the time his VINE would break?"*

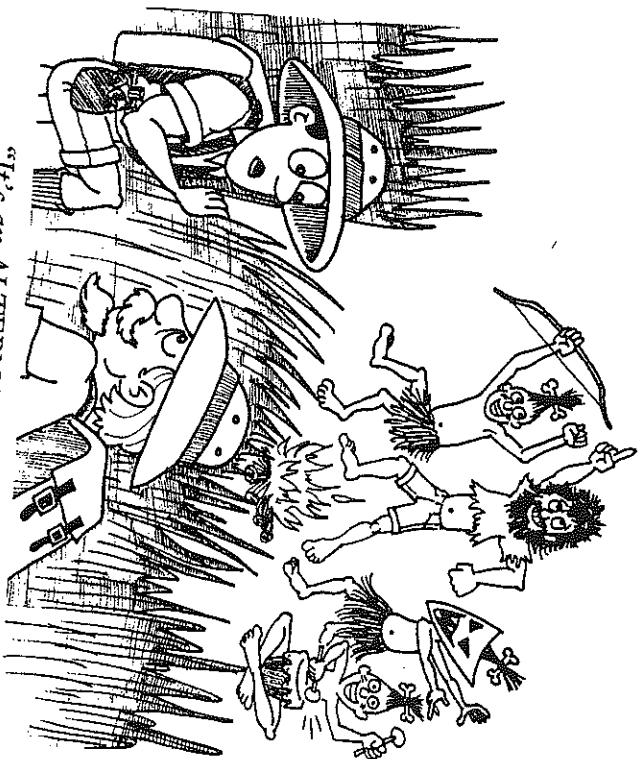
- ❑ Stockbrokers make their living helping their clients DIVINE when to buy and when to sell stocks.
- ❑ When you have been a policeman for years, you can almost DIVINE when your prisoner is telling the truth as opposed to when he is lying.
- ❑ (DIVINE also means supremely pleasing.) It was a DIVINE party, and a great time was had by all.

ALTERNATIVE

(all ter na tive)

the choice between two mutually exclusive possibilities; a situation presenting such a choice

Link: TURN NATIVE



"It's an ALTERNATIVE lifestyle, he TURNED NATIVE."

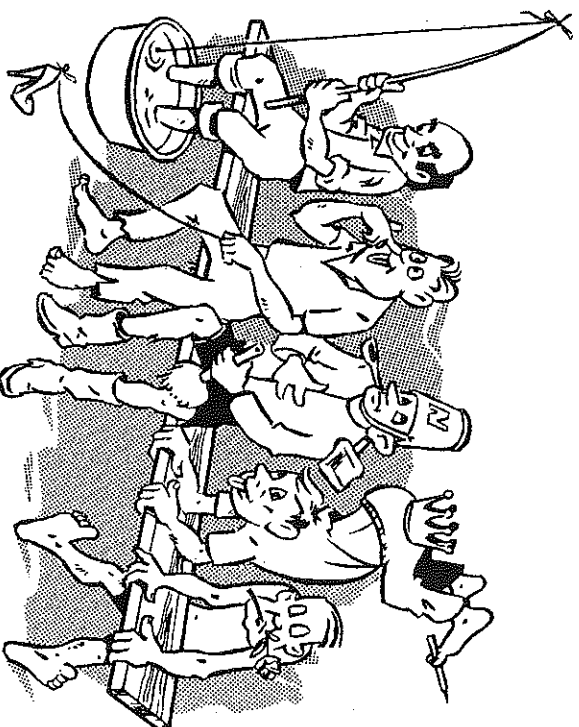
- "I've had six by-pass operations," said Harry. "It's no fun, but better than the ALTERNATIVE."
- The ALTERNATIVE to playing in the band was to go out for the football team.
- The hikers decided there was no ALTERNATIVE; they had to get through the pass before the rains came.

COUNTENANCE

(KOWNT uh nanz)

a person's face, especially the expression

Link: COUNT THE NUTS



"By their facial COUNTENANCE alone it was easy to COUNT THE NUTS."

- The submarine commander's COUNTENANCE belied his true feelings of anxiety and fear.
- John Barrymore had a magnificent series of COUNTENANCES, one for every part he played.
- (To COUNTENANCE something is to tolerate or approve of it.) The coach COUNTENANCED the players' horseplay, even though he didn't approve of it.

