

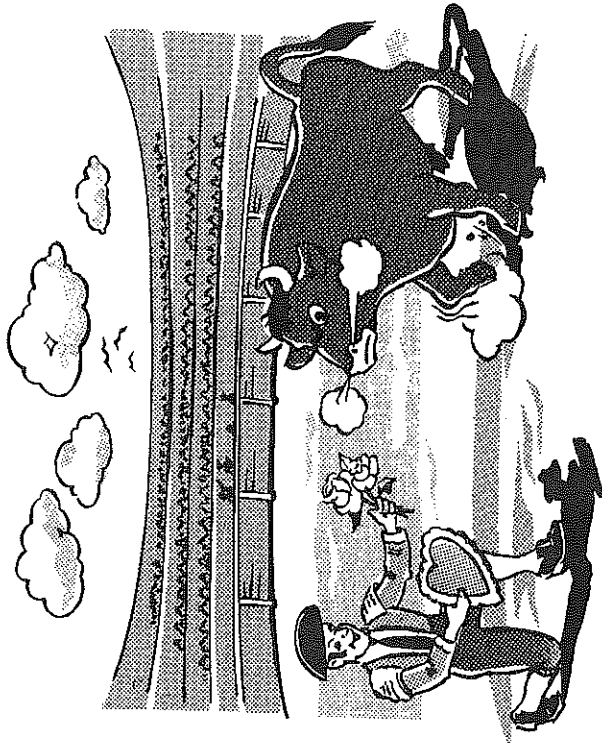
Unit 10

AMENABLE

(ah MEE nuh bul)

agreeable, responsible to authority, pleasant, willing to give in to the wishes of another

Link: MEAN BULL



“The matador tried to be AMENABLE to the MEAN BULL.”

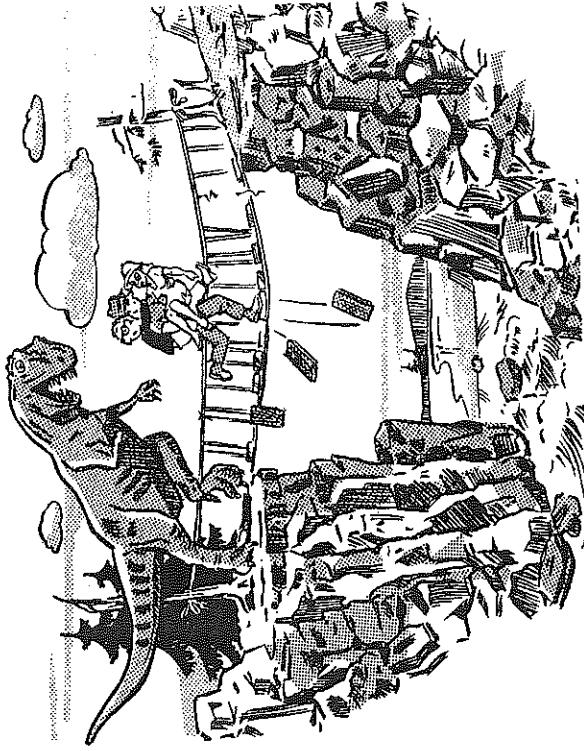
- ❑ Jack was such a classy guy, always AMENABLE to any reasonable solution to a problem.
- ❑ The Seminole Indians were AMENABLE to our sharing revenue from the games at their bingo hall.
- ❑ Jane was AMENABLE to calling back tomorrow when the main office would be open.

PRECARIOUS

(pruh KA REE us)

unsafe, unsteady, unstable

Link: CARRY US



“To escape the dinosaur, Mississippi Jones CARRIED US to safety across a PRECARIOUS bridge.”

- ❑ It was a PRECARIOUS moment; we were out of town, without any money and without any gas.
- ❑ The PRECARIOUSNESS of their situation did not fully strike the fishermen until their small boat arrived at the dock only moments before the storm struck.
- ❑ Isabel’s habit of arriving at work late almost every morning made her job future PRECARIOUSLY uncertain.

CRITERION

(kry TEER ee un)

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."

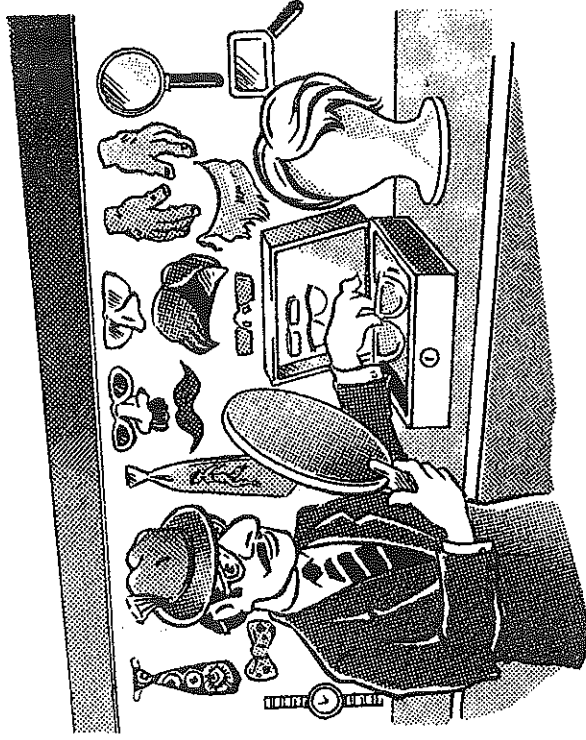
- ❑ There is no special CRITERION for making a fortune, but some say the fastest way is to marry rich.
- ❑ (CRITERION is singular. CRITERIA is plural.) The physical CRITERIA for a good basketball player are to be seven feet tall and jump like a kangaroo.

GUISE

(gyze)

appearance, semblance

Link: DISGUISE



"A master of DISGUISE, Sherlock Holmes concealed his real GUISE."

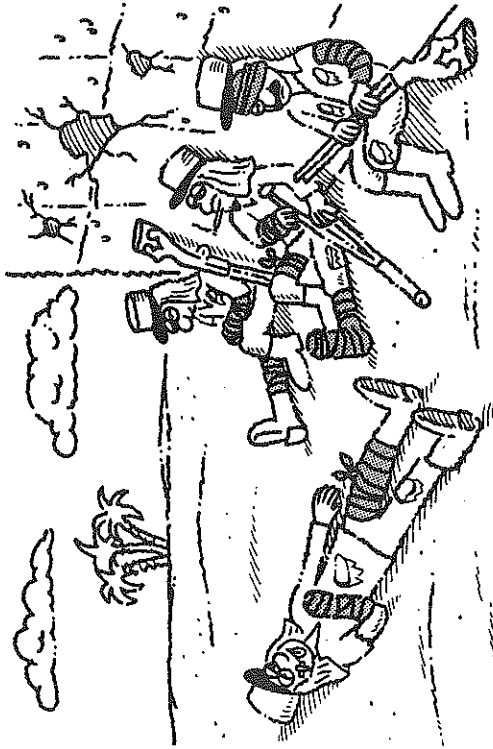
- ❑ Every night the undercover detective would enter the toughest part of town in the GUISE of a junkie, uncovering the identity of many drug pushers.
- ❑ (A false appearance can also be a GUISE.) Amy was extremely cautious of advances made toward her by Harold because, as she put it, he had the GUISE of an angel, but the intentions of a devil.

LESION

(LEE zhun)

wound, injury; especially one created by a disease

Link: LESION



"Soldiers of the French Foreign LEGION suffering from their LESIONS."

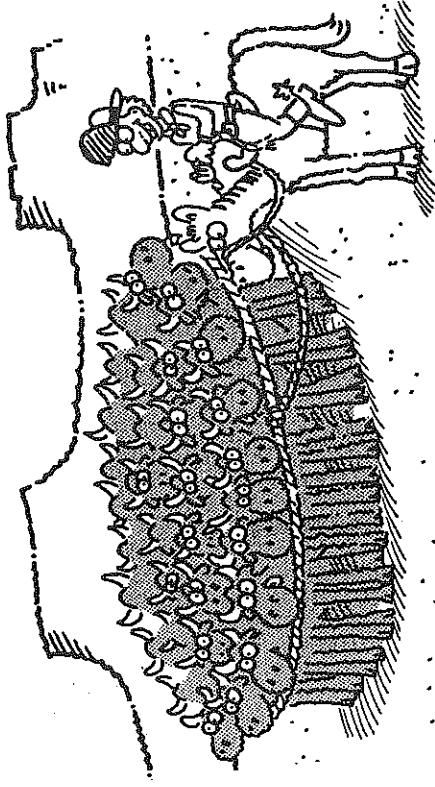
- ❑ The nurses told Crystal to keep the bandage on her knee until the LESION healed; otherwise the open sore would be prone to infection by air-borne bacteria.
- ❑ When a person has a LESION, even a small one that will not heal, it is time to see a doctor.
- ❑ Ebola is an infectious disease characterized by open LESIONS of the skin.

GIRD

(gyrd)

to encircle as with a belt; to prepare as for action

Link: HERD



"Curly GIRDED the HERD with his trusty lasso."

- ❑ Johnny's job each week of the soccer season was to GIRD the field with a line of white chalk to mark the boundaries of the playing field.
- ❑ Jack hoped he could stop the invasion of weeds from his neighbor's yard by GIRDING his lawn with a pre-emergent herbicide.
- ❑ GIRDED for action, the tanks moved forward into battle formation.

FETISH

(FET ish)

an object of unreasonable obsessive reverence or attention

Link: BRITISH



“The BRITISH, they say, have an absolute FETISH for tea.”

- ❑ Her psychologist said the reason Darlene had a FETISH of washing her hands a dozen times a day was because she had a guilt complex about something in her past life, and she was trying to wash the guilt away.
- ❑ Chocolate was more than a FETISH with Mary; she had to have a chocolate fix several times a day.

DISPERSE

(dis PURS)

to scatter in various directions; distribute widely

Link: PURSE



“When the thug grabbed Dee’s PURSE, all its contents were DISPERSED.”

- ❑ Bonaparte DISPERSED his troops strategically all along the mountain’s ridge where they could fire down upon the Austrian Army as it advanced up the hill.
- ❑ The police arrived and DISPERSED the crowd with threats of arrest if they did not leave the parade grounds.

