BOLSTER

(BOHL ster) *v.* to support, as in a group; to give a boost; *n*. a large pillow

Link: HOLSTER



"Members BOLSTERED each other by wearing their HOLSTERS."

- The coach saw it was time to BOLSTER his team, so he gave them a pep talk.
- Jane knew she had to BOLSTER the support of the underclassmen if she hoped to win the election.
- Since Jackie's surgery, she has had to use a back
 BOLSTER when she sits.

BOMBASTIC

(bom BAS tik) *adj.* high sounding; use of language without much real meaning

Link: BOMBS IN A BASKET



"The President's speech was so **BOMBASTIC**, he was spitting **BOMBS IN A BASKET**."

- The candidate's BOMBASTIC speech was hard to understand because it made no sense.
- The **BOMBASTIC** article was obviously written by a reporter who didn't do his research.
- Some people debate by shouting down their opponents with **BOMBASTIC** language.

BOON (boon) *n.* a timely benefit; a blessing

Link: BABOON



"A BOON for BABOONS"

- Construction of the new residential development was a BOON to the community.
- The week-long rain was a **BOON** to the farmers whose crops were withering from the drought.
- The decline of interest rates proved a **BOON** to the real estate market; more families could afford to buy homes.

BOOR (BOO er) *n.* a rude person; someone that is unrefined

Link: **BOAR**



"Dan was a real BOOR at parties."

- Bob's BOORISH manners at the restaurant made everyone uncomfortable.
- She BOORISHLY asked for a take home bag at the wedding reception.
- Jake's BOORISHNESS was apparent as soon as he started slurping soup and eating salad with his fingers.

BOOTLEG

(BOOT leg) *v.* to smuggle; to make, sell, or transport for sale illegally

Link: BOOTS AND LEGS



"Stan was caught with **BOOTLEG BOOTS AND LEGS**."

- Scott was arrested when he attempted to sell a BOOTLEG CD.
- During Prohibition, all liquor in the United States was BOOTLEG.
- On the streets of some cities BOOTLEGGERS sell just about anything.

BOOTY

(BOO tee) *n.* loot; the spoils of war; goods or property seized by force; a valuable prize

Link: **BOOTS**



"Tex keeps his BOOTY in his BOOTS."

- Some servicemen during World War II felt they were entitled to all the **BOOTY** they could capture.
- Pirates kept their **BOOTY** in chests which they sometimes buried.
- The burglars were apprehended before they could make off with the **BOOTY**.

BOVINE

(BOH vyne) *adj.* of, relating to, or resembling an animal such as an ox, cow or buffalo; solid; dull

Link: VINE



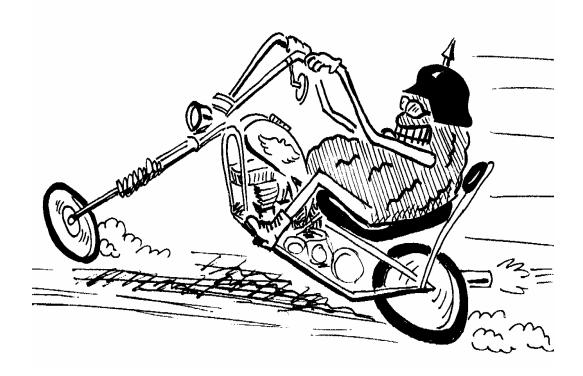
"A BOVINE on a VINE"

- □ The **BOVINE** features of the man scared the children.
- Sue came to the party and sat in the corner reading a book as she **BOVINELY** ignored all the guests.
- The BOVINITY of Michael's personality changed to that of zestful enthusiasm only when the subject of beetles and cockroaches came up.

BRAZEN

(BRAY zun) *adj.* bold, shameless; impudent; brass-like

Link: RAISIN

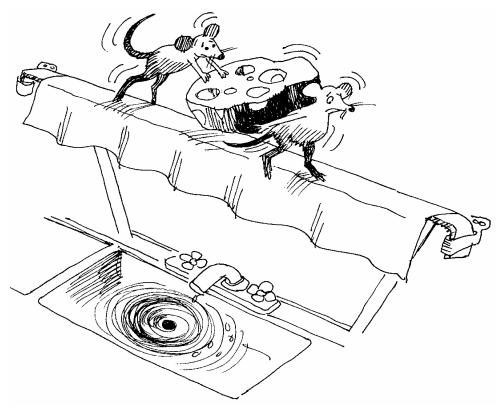


"A BRAZEN RAISIN"

- Robert's BRAZEN presumption that he would be elected class president because of his good looks proved wrong when the votes were counted.
- Tiger Woods' BRAZEN attempt to reach the green in two strokes paid off with a birdie.
- □ The **BRAZEN** of the cymbals worn by the dancers made metallic, melodious sounds.

BRINK (bringk) *n.* edge

Link: SINK



"The mice were on the **BRINK** of falling in the **SINK**."

- "My nerves are on the BRINK!" shouted Mom, after our rock band rehearsed in the basement all night.
- On the **BRINK** of disaster, Mike finally regained control of the skidding car.
- Grandpa Ed was on the BRINK of death when the paramedics arrived and saved his life.

BROUHAHA (BROO hah hah) *n.*

an uproar; hubbub

Link: BREW HA HA



"The witches created a real BROUHAHA while stirring their BREW."

- What began as a quiet party, suddenly turned into a BROUHAHA.
- A BROUHAHA started in the government offices when a threatening e-mail was received.
- My mother warned me that if the sleep-over turned into a BROUHAHA, she would send all my friends home.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS II: Review #5.1

Match the word with its definition.

- 1. bolster
- 2. bombastic
- ____ 3. **boon**
- ____ 4. boor
- ____ 5. bootleg
- 6. **booty**
- ____ 7. **bovine**
- 8. brazen
- 9. **brink**
- 10. **brouhaha**

- a. property seized by force
- b. bold, shameless
- c. relating to or resembling a cow
- d. high sounding
- e. an uproar; hubbub
- f. to smuggle
- g. a rude and unrefined person
- h. to support, as in a group
- i. edge
- j. a timely benefit; a blessing

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

- 1. Scott was arrested when he attempted to sell a CD.
- 2. The week-long rain was a to the farmers whose crops were withering from the drought.
- 3. Jane knew she had to ______ the support of the underclassmen if she hoped to win the election.
- 4. Bob's _____ manners at the restaurant made everyone uncomfortable.
- 5. Tiger Woods' attempt to reach the green in two strokes paid off with a birdie.
- 6. The candidate's speech was hard to understand because it made no sense.
- 7. On the of disaster, Mike finally regained control of the skidding car.
- 8. Pirates kept their in chests which they sometimes buried.
- 9. What began as a quiet party, suddenly turned into a
- 10. The features of the man scared the children.

VOCABULARY CARTOONS II: Review #5.2

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

- 1. a rude person; someone unrefined
 - a.) brazen
 - b.) bovine
 - c.) bootleg
 - d.) boor
- 2. bold, shameless; impudent; brass-like
 - a.) brazen
 - b.) bovine
 - c.) benighted
 - d.) boor
- 3. a group of animals; an assemblage
 - a.) bovine
 - b.) barrage
 - c.) bevy
 - d.) booty
- 4. edge
 - a.) battery
 - b.) brink
 - c.) barrage
 - d.) bovine
- 5. something left to someone in a will
 - a.) booty
 - b.) bereave
 - c.) bequest
 - d.) bovine
- 6. an uproar; hubbub
 - a.) boon
 - b.) barrage
 - c.) bevy
 - d.) brouhaha
- 7. a timely benefit; a blessing
 - a.) benighted
 - b.) bolster
 - c.) boon
 - d.) boor
- 8. to stop short and refuse to proceed
 - a.) bovine
 - b.) bandy
 - c.) barrage
 - d.) balk

- 9. of, relating to, or resembling an animal such as an ox, cow or buffalo; solid; dull
 - a.) boorish
 - b.) boon
 - c.) bovine
 - d.) bevy
- 10. to support, as in a group; to give a boost
 - a.) bevy
 - b.) bolster
 - c.) boon
 - d.) balk
- 11. to trade; to give back and forth; to bat to and fro
 - a.) bandy
 - b.) battery
 - c.) brink
 - d.) booty
- 12. to smuggle; to make, sell, or transport for sale illegally
 - a.) bolster
 - b.) booty
 - c.) bovine
 - d.) bootleg
- 13. loot; the spoils of war; goods or property seized by force; a valuable prize
 - a.) bequest
 - b.) booty
 - c.) bovine
 - d.) bootleg
- 14. high sounding; use of language without much real meaning
 - a.) bombastic
 - b.) brazen
 - c.) brouhaha
 - d.) bauble
- 15. a curtain of artillery fire; any over
 - whelming attack, as of words or blows
 - a.) battery
 - b.) bombastic
 - c.) barrage
 - d.) boon

VOCABULARY CARTOONS II, SAT Word Power

Review Answers

Review #5.1

Review #5.2

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