

COURIER

(KUR ee ur) *n.*
a messenger

Link: **CARRY HER**



*“The **CARRY HER COURIER** Service”*

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- ❑ The **COURIER** delivered an important letter from the general.
 - ❑ Frederick works as a **COURIER** for United Parcel Service.
 - ❑ The spy acted as a **COURIER**, carrying secret information between the United States and Europe.

COVERT

(KOH vert) *adj.*

secret; hidden; concealed

Link: **COVER**



*“Secret agents **COVERTLY**
COVER their true identities.”*

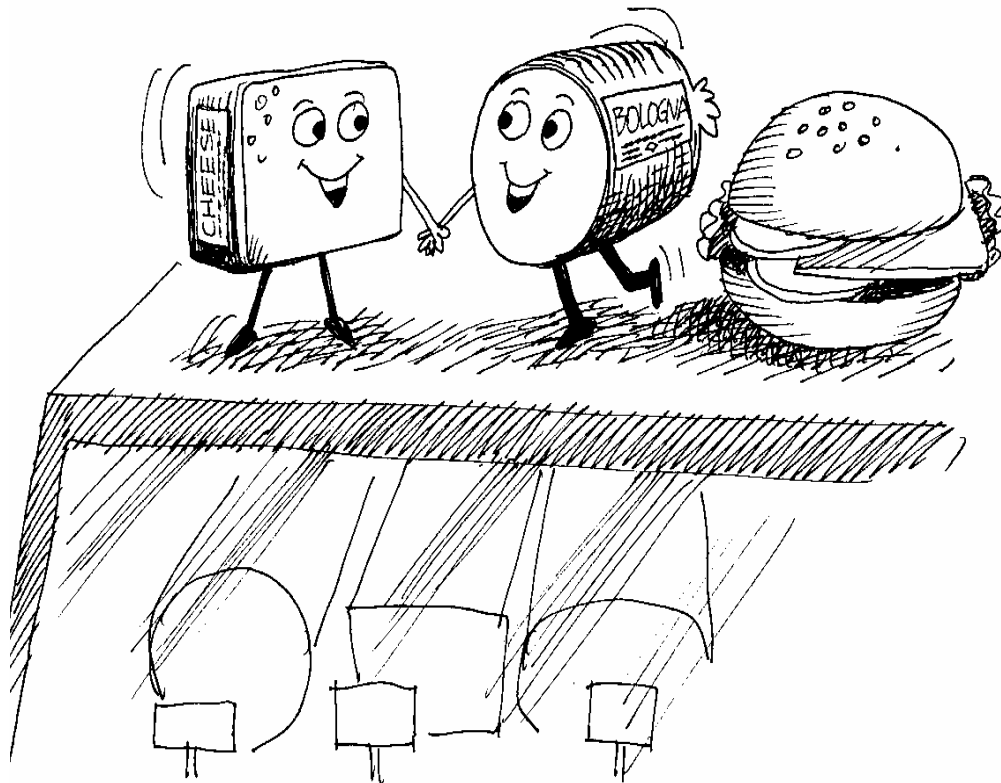
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- ❑ Sam carried out **COVERT** missions for the CIA in China during the Korean War.
 - ❑ Spies usually operate **COVERTLY**.
 - ❑ **OVERT** is the opposite of **COVERT**. **OVERT** means open or unconcealed.

CRONY

(KROH nee) *n.*

a close friend or companion

Link: **BOLOGNA**



*“A **BOLOGNA** and his **CRONY**”*

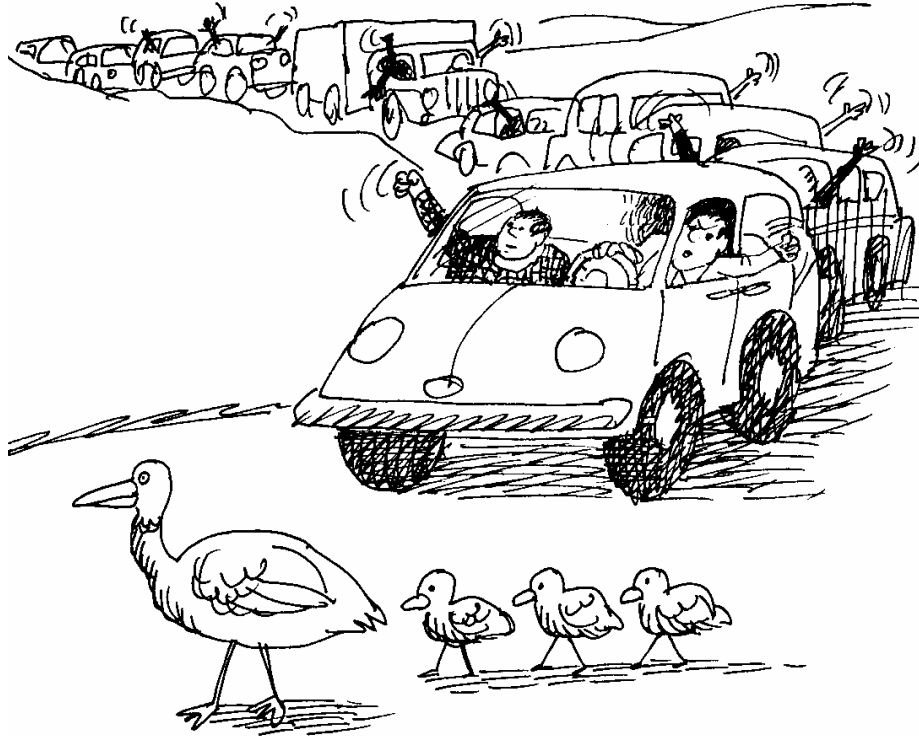
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- ❑ Jim and his **CRONIES** go to the football games on Friday nights.
 - ❑ John Dillinger and his **CRONIES** robbed the First National Bank.
 - ❑ Edward is honored to be considered one of his boss’s **CRONIES**.
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CRUX

(KRUKS) *n.*

main point; the heart of the matter

Link: **DUCKS**



*“The **DUCKS** were the **CRUX** of the traffic jam.”*

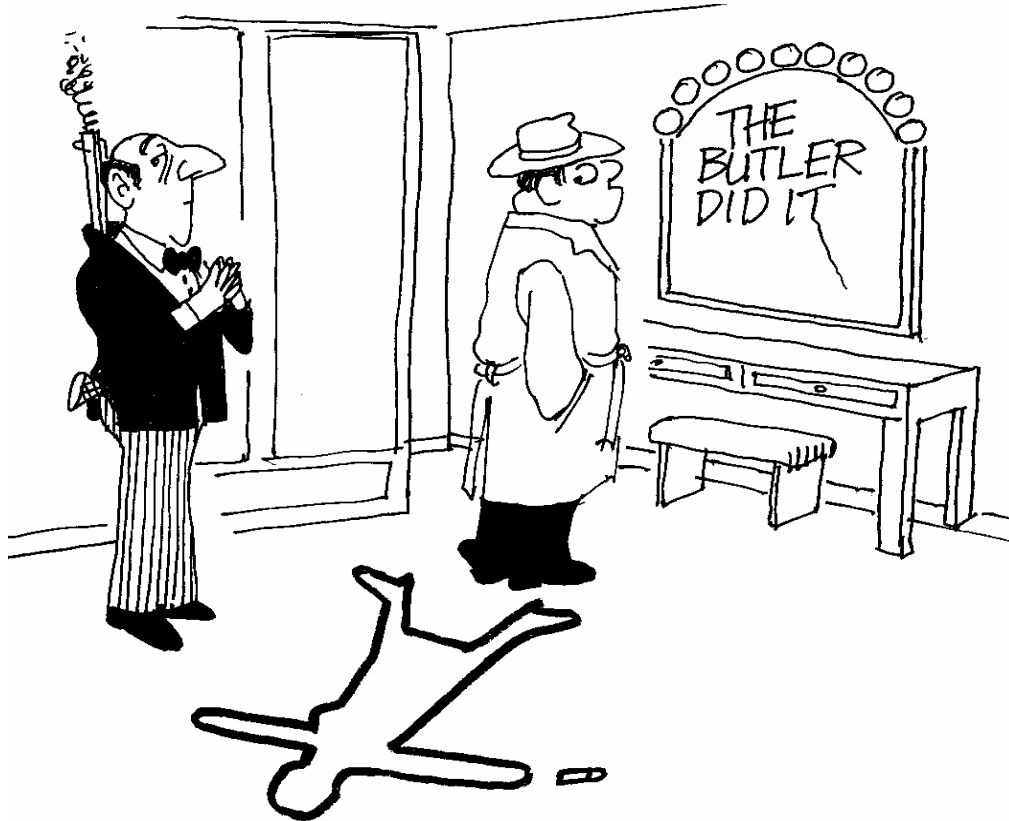
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- ❑ After Harry rambled on for hours, it was difficult to understand the **CRUX** of his speech.
 - ❑ The mechanic thought the **CRUX** of the car’s problem was a bad water pump.
 - ❑ The **CRUX** of the plot happened just when the suspense was unbearable.

CRYPTIC

(KRIP tik) *adj.*

having an ambiguous or hidden meaning

Link: **LIPSTICK**



*“A **CRYPTIC** note in **LIPSTICK**”*

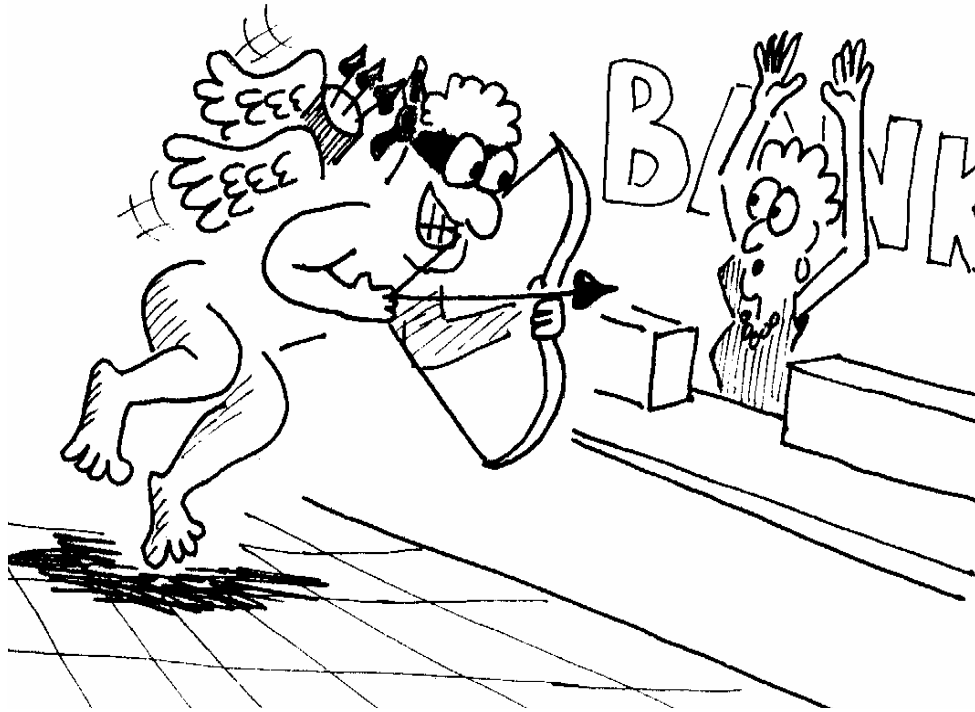
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- ❑ Jim’s messages were so **CRYPTIC**; I was baffled by their meaning.
 - ❑ Breaking Germany’s **CRYPTIC** codes during World War II helped the Allies win the war.
 - ❑ While exploring the cave, we stumbled across a **CRYPTIC** message written on the wall.

CUPIDITY

(kyoo PID ih tee) *n.*

excessive greed, especially for money

Link: **CUPID**



“CUPID’S CUPIDITY”

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- ❑ The thief’s **CUPIDITY** was exceeded only by his ignorance.
 - ❑ Bob’s obsessive **CUPIDITY** alienated him from his family and friends, because all he could think about is making money.
 - ❑ The **CUPIDITY** of the Roman upper-class led to the demise of the Roman Empire.

CURB

(kurb) v.

to control or check



*“HERB could not **CURB** his love of flying.”*

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- Weight Watchers’ mission is to help corpulent people **CURB** their appetites.
 - She wore a nicotine patch to try to **CURB** her addiction to smoking.
 - By making them raise their hands, the new teacher **CURBED** her students’ tendency to shout out the answers.

CURSORY

(KUR suh ree) *adj.*

rapid and superficial; performed with haste and scant attention to detail

Link: **CURSE**



*“A **CURSORY** glance by the prince told him Cinderella’s foot had been **CURSED**.”*

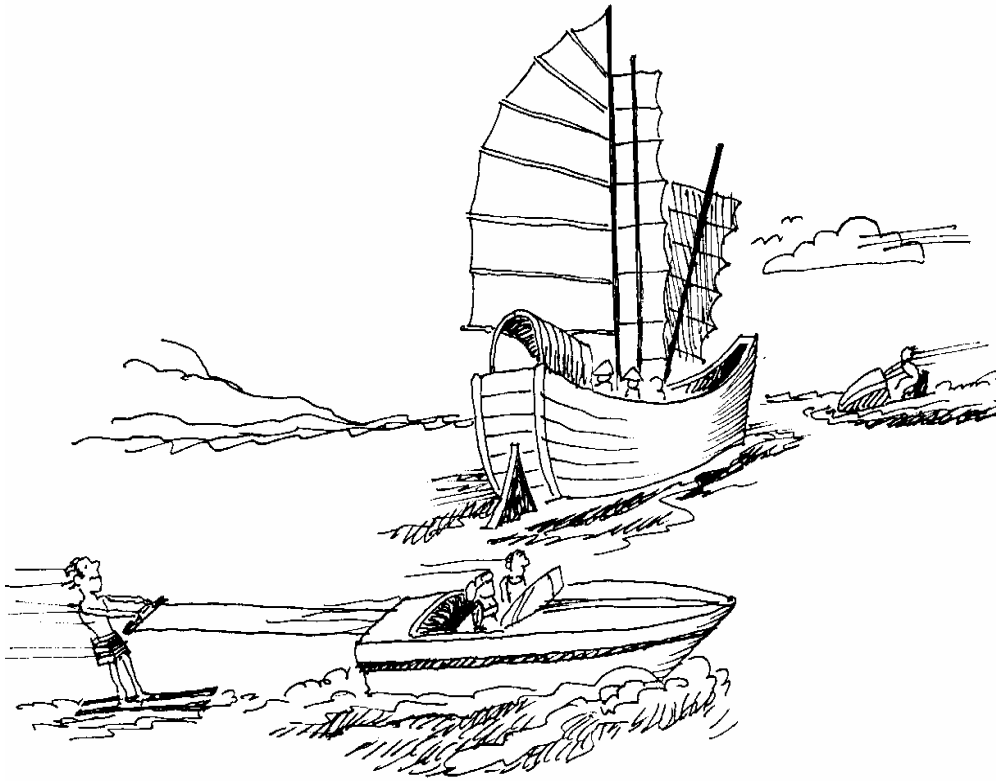
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- ❑ Dad’s **CURSORY** effort to repair the roof made it leak even more.
 - ❑ The general berated the private for his **CURSORY** attempt to clean his locker.
 - ❑ The general contractor was so **CURSORY** in the construction of our home that he forgot to lay the plumbing lines.

DEFUNCT

(dee FUNGKT) *adj.*

dead or inactive; having ceased to exist

Link: **JUNK**



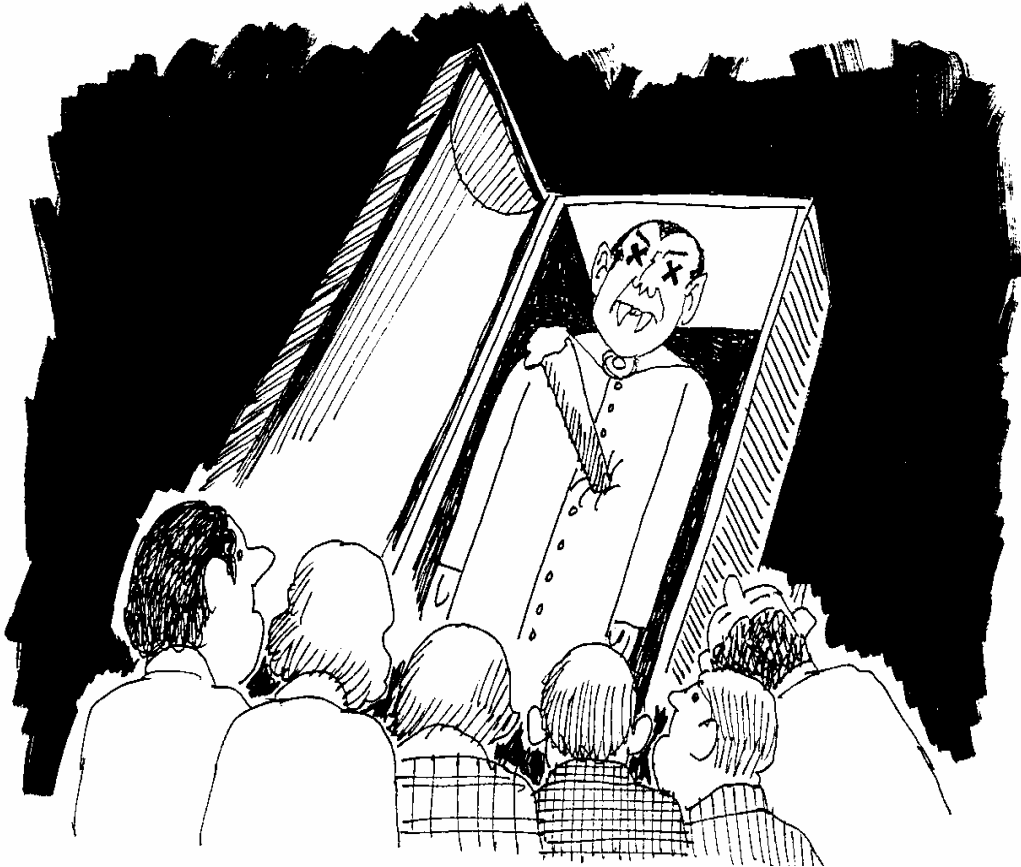
*“Chinese **JUNKS** are now **DEFUNCT**.”*

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- ❑ The invention of the automobile made riding a horse and carriage a **DEFUNCT** mode of transportation.
 - ❑ Although Shakespeare has been dead for centuries, his plays will never be **DEFUNCT**.
 - ❑ In *Moby Dick*, Ishmael tells the story of a **DEFUNCT** whaling ship, the *Pequod*.

DEMISE

(di MIZE) *n.*
death; the end

Link: **EYES**



*“The **EYES** told of Dracula’s **DEMISE**.”*

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- ❑ Chuck was devastated by the **DEMISE** of his pet turtle.
 - ❑ General George Custer met his **DEMISE** at Little Big Horn.
 - ❑ Joe’s broken leg led to the **DEMISE** of his football career.

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS II: Review #8.1

Match the word with its definition.

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| ___ 1. courier | a. the main point |
| ___ 2. covert | b. excessive greed |
| ___ 3. crony | c. having ceased to exist |
| ___ 4. crux | d. secret; hidden; concealed |
| ___ 5. cryptic | e. death; the end |
| ___ 6. cupidity | f. a close friend |
| ___ 7. curb | g. performed with haste |
| ___ 8. cursor | h. a messenger |
| ___ 9. defunct | i. to control or check |
| ___ 10. demise | j. having a hidden meaning |

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

1. She wore a nicotine patch to try to _____ her addiction to smoking.
2. Bob's obsessive _____ alienated him from his family and friends, because all he could think about is making money.
3. Dad's _____ effort to repair the roof made it leak even more.
4. After Harry rambled on for hours, it was difficult to understand the _____ of his speech.
5. Chuck was devastated by the _____ of his pet turtle.
6. Sam carried out _____ missions for the CIA in China during the Korean War.
7. John Dillinger and his _____ robbed the First National Bank.
8. The invention of the automobile made riding a horse and carriage a _____ mode of transportation.
9. The _____ delivered an important letter from the general.
10. Breaking Germany's _____ codes during World War II helped the Allies win the war.

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS II: Review #8.2

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

1. to control or check; to restrain
 - a.) covert
 - b.) crux
 - c.) coerce
 - d.) curb
2. main point; the heart of the matter
 - a.) crony
 - b.) crux
 - c.) conundrum
 - d.) circumspect
3. secret; hidden; concealed
 - a.) covert
 - b.) crux
 - c.) cryptic
 - d.) courier
4. a messenger
 - a.) crony
 - b.) cursory
 - c.) clone
 - d.) courier
5. excessive greed, especially for money
 - a.) cupidity
 - b.) corpulent
 - c.) defunct
 - d.) copious
6. fat; obese
 - a.) cupidity
 - b.) corpulent
 - c.) defunct
 - d.) copious
7. death; the end
 - a.) choleric
 - b.) carrion
 - c.) demise
 - d.) defunct
8. dead or inactive; having ceased to exist
 - a.) cryptic
 - b.) cursory
 - c.) demise
 - d.) defunct
9. rapid and superficial; performed with haste and scant attention to detail
 - a.) cryptic
 - b.) cursory
 - c.) cupidity
 - d.) defunct
10. abundant; plentiful
 - a.) corpulent
 - b.) conundrum
 - c.) carrion
 - d.) copious
11. to force someone by threatening or physical overpowering them
 - a.) corpulent
 - b.) coerce
 - c.) curb
 - d.) cupidity
12. a dilemma; any problem or puzzle
 - a.) cupidity
 - b.) circumspect
 - c.) continuum
 - d.) conundrum
13. a friend or companion
 - a.) corpulent
 - b.) clone
 - c.) crony
 - d.) courier
14. to surround; enclose; bypass
 - a.) circumvent
 - b.) circumspect
 - c.) continuum
 - d.) cryptic
15. having an ambiguous or hidden meaning
 - a.) cupidity
 - b.) cursory
 - c.) conundrum
 - d.) cryptic

Name _____ Date _____

VOCABULARY CARTOONS II: Review 5 thru 8

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

1. abundant; plentiful
 - a.) boon
 - b.) copious
 - c.) carrion
 - d.) booty
2. to discipline; to criticize severely
 - a.) chastise
 - b.) brouhaha
 - c.) bombastic
 - d.) capitulate
3. secret; hidden; concealed
 - a.) curb
 - b.) covert
 - c.) corpulent
 - d.) cavalier
4. bold, shameless; impudent; brass-like
 - a.) corpulent
 - b.) bolster
 - c.) brazen
 - d.) bovine
5. dead or inactive; having ceased to exist
 - a.) cryptic
 - b.) corpulent
 - c.) carrion
 - d.) defunct
6. dead and rotting flesh
 - a.) bovine
 - b.) carnivore
 - c.) carrion
 - d.) defunct
7. to surround; enclose; bypass
 - a.) circumvent
 - b.) circumspect
 - c.) capitulate
 - d.) camaraderie
8. a dilemma; any problem or puzzle
 - a.) brouhaha
 - b.) conundrum
 - c.) cupidity
 - d.) bombastic
9. casual; carefree and nonchalant; arrogant disregard; a gallant gentleman
 - a.) camaraderie
 - b.) circumspect
 - c.) cupidity
 - d.) cavalier
10. to support, as in a group; to give a boost
 - a.) bolster
 - b.) boon
 - c.) capitulate
 - d.) camaraderie
11. a timely benefit; a blessing
 - a.) cupidity
 - b.) boor
 - c.) boon
 - d.) booty
12. to surrender under certain conditions; to give in
 - a.) defunct
 - b.) capitulate
 - c.) chastise
 - d.) circumspect
13. having an ambiguous or hidden meaning
 - a.) cryptic
 - b.) covert
 - c.) conundrum
 - d.) circumspect
14. high sounding; use of language without much real meaning
 - a.) brouhaha
 - b.) bolster
 - c.) bombastic
 - d.) corpulent
15. to force someone by threatening or physically overpowering them
 - a.) coerce
 - b.) bolster
 - c.) brazen
 - d.) chastise

VOCABULARY CARTOONS II, SAT Word Power

Review Answers

Review #8.1

Matching:

1. h
2. d
3. f
4. a
5. j
6. b
7. i
8. g
9. c
10. e

Fill in the Blank:

1. curb
2. cupidity
3. cursory
4. crux
5. demise
6. covert
7. cronies
8. defunct
9. courier
10. cryptic

Review #8.2

Multiple Choice:

1. d.) curb
2. b.) crux
3. a.) covert
4. d.) courier
5. a.) cupidity
6. b.) corpulent
7. c.) demise
8. d.) defunct
9. b.) cursory
10. d.) copious
11. b.) coerce
12. d.) conundrum
13. c.) crony
14. a.) circumvent
15. d.) cryptic

Review 5-8

Multiple Choice:

1. b.) copious
2. a.) chastise
3. b.) covert
4. c.) brazen
5. d.) defunct
6. c.) carrion
7. a.) circumvent
8. b.) conundrum
9. d.) cavalier
10. a.) bolster
11. c.) boon
12. b.) capitulate
13. a.) cryptic
14. c.) bombastic
15. a.) coerce