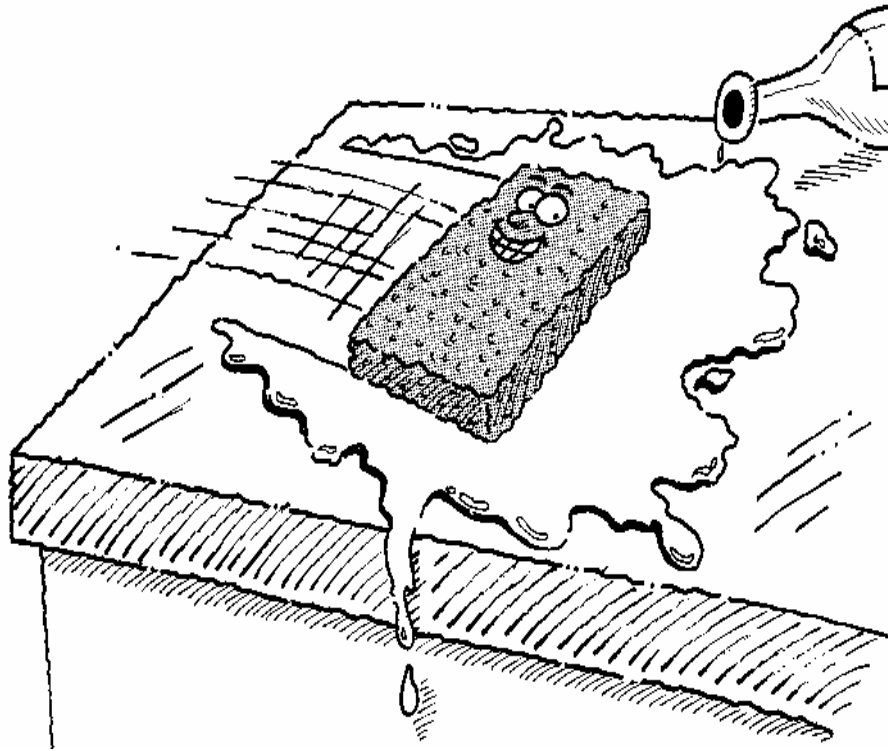


EXPUNGE

(iks PUNJ) v.

to remove; to delete; to erase

Link: **SPONGE**



*“A **SPONGE EXPUNGING** a spill”*

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- ❑ The judge ordered the clerk to **EXPUNGE** the lawyer’s statement from the record.
 - ❑ The wet and muddy footprints were **EXPUNGED** with soap and water.
 - ❑ The teacher told Justin that **EXPUNGING** the low grades from his record was not something she was willing to do.

FACILITATE

(fuh SIL uh tayt) v.

to make easier, to help bring about

Link: **CELL MATE**



*"You're lucky to have a **CELL MATE** who **FACILITATES** a homey atmosphere."*

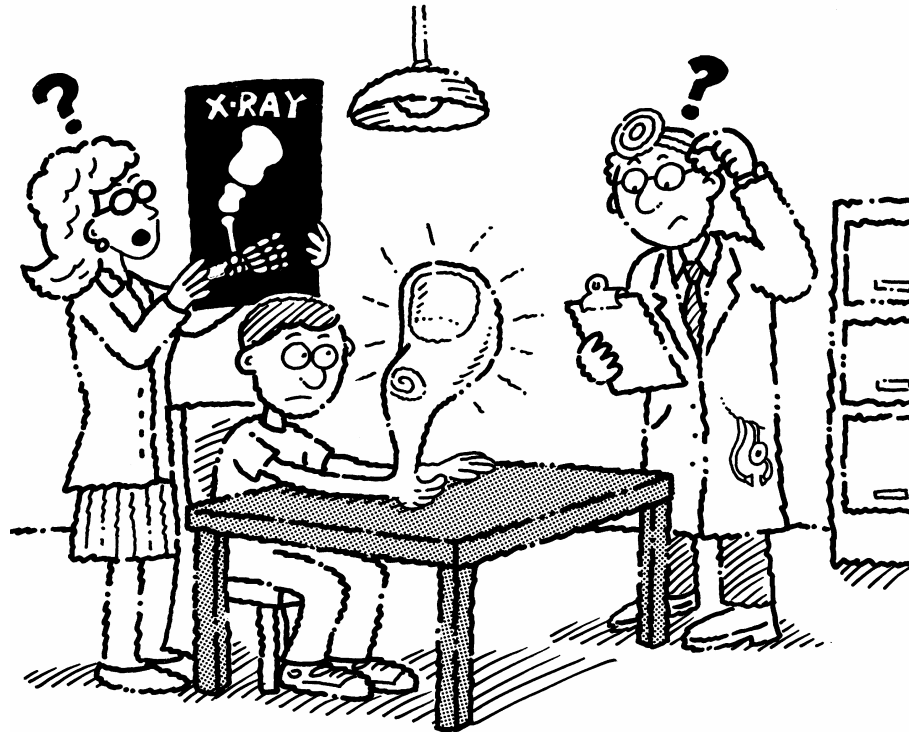
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- ❑ CDs **FACILITATE** learning a foreign language.
 - ❑ In order to **FACILITATE** the sale of their home, George came down on the price.
 - ❑ Jack's tools **FACILITATED** the repair of the sink.
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FATHOM

(FATH uhm) v.

to understand fully; to penetrate the meaning of

Link: **FAT THUMB**



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

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- ❑ 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.
 - ❑ I can't **FATHOM** the reason why Paul dropped out of college.
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FAWN

(fawn) v.
to show affection

Link: **FAWN**



*“A **FAWN FAWNING** over his mother.”*

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- ❑ The head of the movie studio didn't see through the **FAWNING** of all his underlings, believing they truly thought he was a genius.
 - ❑ Mr. Johnson was a professional at “sucking up” to everybody he thought could help him advance in his career, a professional **FAWNER** from the word go.
 - ❑ The grandmother **FAWNED** over her grandchild, tickling him and making goo-goo sounds.

FEIGN

(fayn) v.

to give a false appearance; to pretend

Link: **INSANE**



*“The prisoner **FEIGNED** INSANITY
as a defense to his crime.”*

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- ❑ Jeremy talked a good game but **FEIGNED** knowledge of space science he did not possess.
 - ❑ Elizabeth **FEIGNED** illness in order to stay home from school on the day of her final exam.
 - ❑ (Any **FEIGNED** action is a **FEINT**.) The boxer kept **FEINTING** with his left hand, waiting for an opening to hit a knockout punch with his right.

FESTER

(FES tur) v.

to generate pus; to become a source of resentment or irritation

Link: **UNCLE FESTER**



*“**UNCLE FESTER** likes to pick his scabs and watch them **FESTER**.”*

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- ❑ Diane’s **FESTERING** resentments toward her boss finally drove her to quit her job.
 - ❑ Private Sholley’s wounds had **FESTERED** for so long it was nearly impossible for the surgeons to save his leg.
 - ❑ Coach Jones’ resentments toward the complain-ing players on the team **FESTERED** until he finally told them to shut up or quit.

FETISH

(FET ish) *n.*

an object of unreasonable, obsessive
reverence or attention

Link: **BRITISH**



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

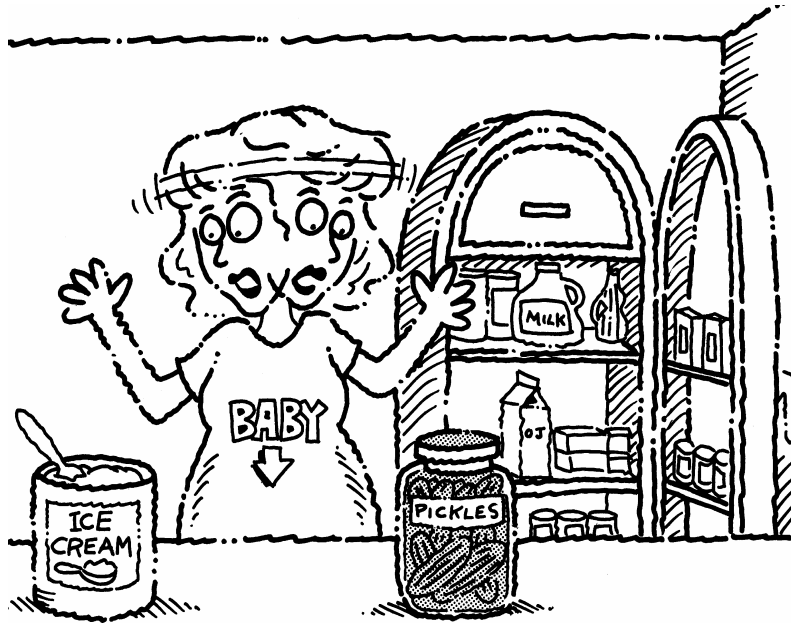
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- ❑ My mother has a shoe **FETISH**; she has more shoes in her closet than clothes.
 - ❑ Mary has a **FETISH** for chocolate, she hides a box under her bed, in her desk at the office, and in her purse.
 - ❑ Dora has a cat **FETISH**; she owns over 25 cats and still wants more.
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FICKLE

(FIK ul) *adj.*

often changing for no reason;
not loyal or consistent

Link: **PICKLE**



*“Pregnant women are very **FICKLE**; one moment they want ice cream, the next, **PICKLES**.”*

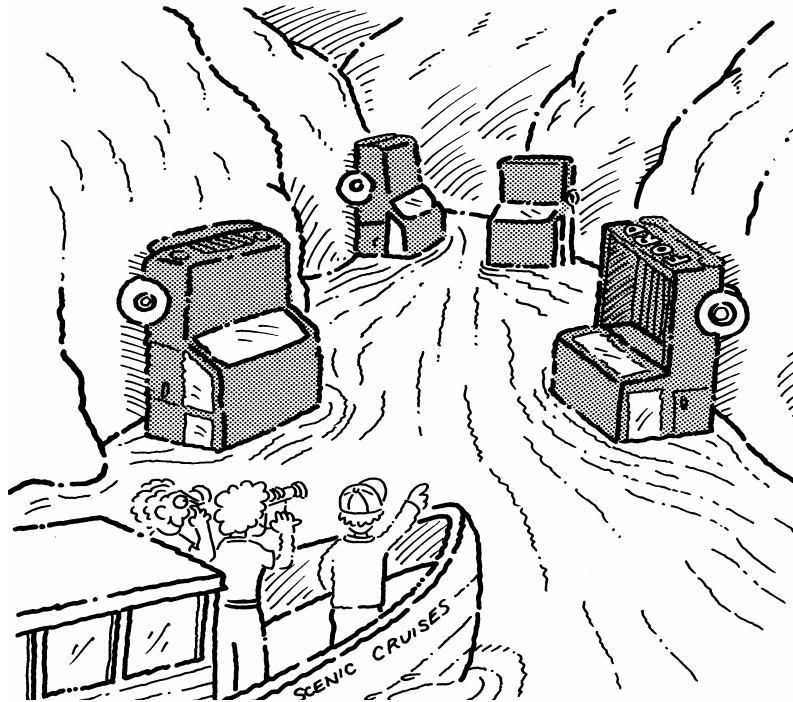
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- ❑ The summer weather is always very **FICKLE**, each morning the sun shines, but when you are ready to play golf, it starts to rain.
 - ❑ Brad is a **FICKLE** eater; it's hard to say what he likes to eat.
 - ❑ Coach Adams' **FICKLENESS** was known by all his players; he would say you were the best player on the team, but would replace you the first time you made a mistake.

FJORD

(fyord) *n.*

a long narrow inlet from the sea
between steep cliffs or hills

Link: **FORD**



“FORDS in a FJORD”

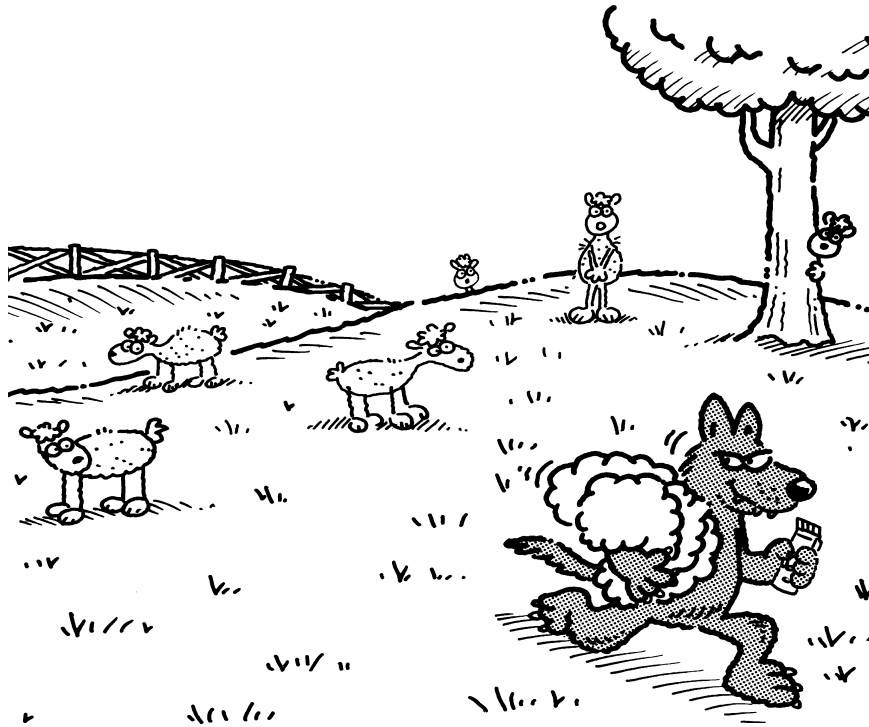
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- ❑ Norway and New Zealand are two countries noted for having the most scenic **FJORDS** in the world.
 - ❑ **FJORDS** are generally deep enough so that large cruise ships have more than enough water to navigate up their length.
 - ❑ The Grand Canyon could be the grandest **FJORD** of all, if only it were on the coast with an inlet from the sea.

FLEECE

(flees) v./n.

to defraud, swindle; also the wool of a sheep or similar animal

Link: **FLEEING**



***"FLEEING with the FLEECE"** (n.)*

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- ❑ It was spring on the Australian sheep farms, the time of year when the sheep are **FLEECE**d for their wool. (v.)
 - ❑ The housewives on our street were **FLEECE**d by a con man selling bogus magazine subscriptions. (v.)
 - ❑ Jim had larceny in his heart all his life and would sooner **FLEECE** a customer than make an honest deal. (v.)