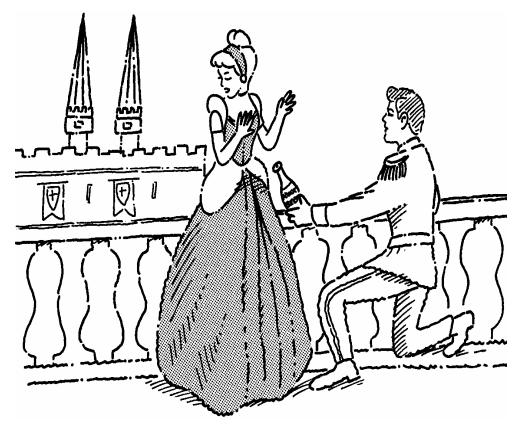
DEMUR

(dih MYOOR) *v.* to object, to make exception

Link: PURE



"Cinderella was so **PURE** she **DEMURRED** from drinking even a root beer."

- Billy **DEMURRED** when his friends wanted him to run for class president.
- The mayor said he would **DEMUR** if asked to speak at the town rally.
- Nancy **DEMURRED** when Henry suggested she should share her lunch with him and his six friends.

DENOUNCE

(dih NOWNS) v.

to condemn; to expose critically

Link: **BOUNCE**



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

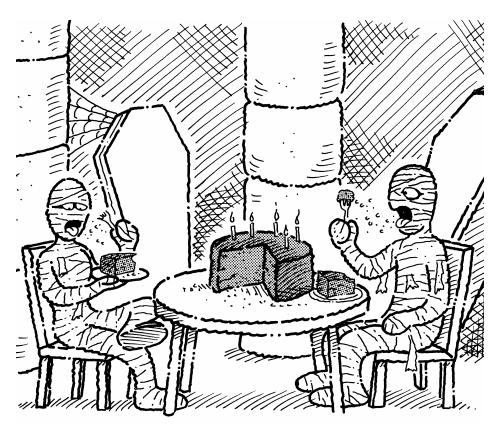
- At the press conference, the irate coach **DENOUNCED** the referees for all the bad calls he thought he had received.
- □ The captured soldiers were asked to **DENOUNCE** their government and join in the revolution of the people.
- The world was flabbergasted with the Russian government's **DENUNCIATION** of Stalin so soon after he died.

DESICCATE

(DES ih kayt) v.

to dry out completely; dehydrate

Link: THIS DRY CAKE



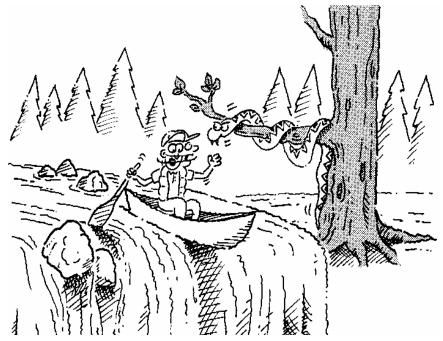
"THIS DRY CAKE has DESICCATED."

- □ The drought was the worst in fifty years, and the oranges on the trees were **DESICCATED**.
- The whale carcasses cast upon the beach had begun to **DESICCATE** by the time the marine biologist arrived at the scene.
- Raisins are grapes that have been shrunk and dried through a process of **DESICCATION**.

DILEMMA

(dih LEM uh) *n.* a difficult situation where one must choose between two or more choices that seem unfavorable; any problem or predicament

Link: LIMB



"The **DILEMMA** facing Jake was to go over the waterfall or to grab the **LIMB**."

- John faced the **DILEMMA** of either taking a cut in pay or losing his job.
- Helen was on "the horns of a **DILEMMA**." She had to move with her family to another town and lose a semester in school or stay by herself until summer.
- It was a small **DILEMMA**, but Bill couldn't choose between pecan or cherry pie for dessert.

DISPARAGE

(dis PEAR ij) *v.* to belittle, say uncomplimentary things; to put down

Link: CARRIAGE



"The mean stepmother **DISPARAGED**Cinderella's **CARRIAGE**."

- Pete was told his behavior would **DISPARAGE** the whole team's efforts.
- Robert **DISPARAGES** the accomplishments of his fellow students.
- Jealousy made Ellen make many **DISPARAGING** remarks about Rachel's prom dress.

DISPEL

(dis PELL) v.

to drive away; to dissipate

Link: SPELL



"The princess kissed many toads before she could **DISPEL** the witch's **SPELL** on the prince."

- After the crowd had been **DISPELLED** from the scene of the accident, the wreckers hauled away the tangled, wrecked automobiles.
- The professor told his student he wanted to **DISPEL** any thoughts she might have of receiving a better grade than she deserved just because he was a good friend of the family.
- My parents told us to **DISPLEL** any notions of inviting a bunch of friends over to the house and having a wild party while they were gone for the weekend.

DISPERSE

(dis PURS) *v.* 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 advancing Austrian Army.
- □ The police arrived to **DISPERSED** the raging crowd with threats of arrest if they did not leave the parade grounds.
- The investors expected that the funds would be DISPERSED the same day of the closing.

DISSOLUTION

(dis uh LOO shun) *n.* the breaking up into parts; termination of a legal bond or contract

Link: SOLUTION



"When the heirs to the estate were unable to agree on **DISSOLUTION** of their parents' home, the judge's **SOLUTION** was to divide it into equal parts."

- □ The **DISSOLUTION** of their marriage was caused by Stan's infidelity.
- □ The **DISSOLUTION** of the committee for fine arts left the matter of payment to the artists undecided.
- □ The bank's **DISSOLUTION** was caused by a series of bad loans.

DIVINE

(di VYNE) v.

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.

DOCILE

(DAHS ul) *adj*. 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 after as house pets.
- Cameron was a fierce competitor on the football field, but his wife said he was a sweet, **DOCILE** husband.
- □ The **DOCILE** dolphin was easily approached by its new trainer.