ELAPSE

(ee LAPS) *v.* to pass or go by (said of time)

Link: COLLAPSE

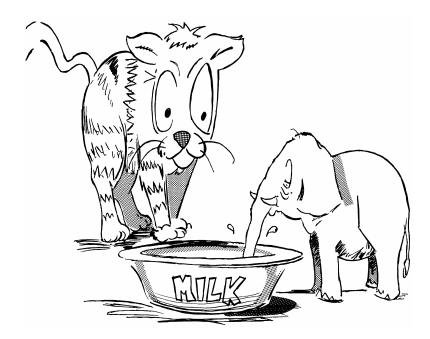


"Ted ran the mile in the **ELAPSED** time of three minutes, forty-seven seconds, and then **COLLAPSED**."

- Time ELAPSES slowly when someone is waiting for important news.
- Two years ELAPSED before they were to meet again, but all the time Jonathan knew Annette was the girl he was going to marry.
- Only six seconds ELAPSED after that play because an incomplete pass stops the clock.

ELFIN (EL fin) *adj.* small and sprightly; mischievous, fairylike

Link: **ELEPHANT**



"An ELFIN ELEPHANT is a strange sight to see."

- Jane is very small and has a magical ELFIN charm about her until she starts to sing. Then she sounds like a bullfrog in a pond.
- The entire family had an ELFIN quality, like little people who belonged in the Land of Lilliputians.
- The ELFIN character of Tinkerbell in the Walt Disney movie Peter Pan will always be remembered by generations of Disney fans.

EMBELLISH

(im BEL ish) *v.* to beautify by adding ornaments; to add fanciful or fictitious details to

Link: **BELLY**



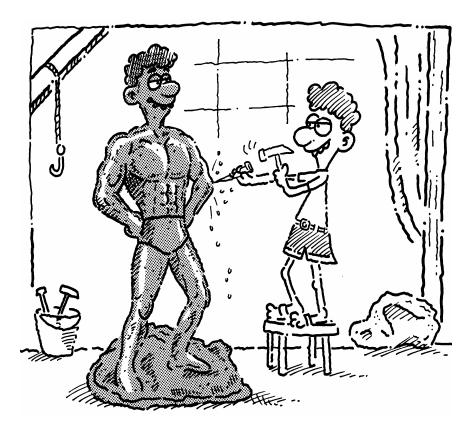
"BELLY dancers EMBELLISH their BELLY buttons with jewels."

- Eric EMBELLISHED his fishing stories; you would think his catches were as big as whales.
- □ A little **EMBELLISHMENT** to a story rarely hurts, and makes the telling more engaging. *(n.)*
- Rod was eliminated as a job prospect when the prospective employer learned he EMBELLISHED his educational background to include a college degree he did not possess.

EMBODY

(em BAH dee) *v.* to give bodily form to; to personify; to make part of a system

Link: **BODY**



"Jimmy sculpted a statue with the likeness of his face, but which **EMBODIED** *a* **BODY** *he'd never possess."*

- George Washington was elected president because he EMBODIED all the true values of an American.
- □ The legislature **EMBODIED** their ideas in the new law.
- Michael Jordan EMBODIED all the attributes of being a hall of fame basketball player and sports legend.

EMIT

(ee MIT) *v.* to send or give out; to express, utter

Link: SPIT



"Uncle Otto sure could **EMIT** a lot of chewing tobacco **SPIT**."

- The new federal laws on automobile EMISSIONS are directed at reducing pollution on our nation's highways.
- □ The sleeping dog **EMITTED** a groan which startled us.
- David told the mechanic that the car EMITTED a strange sound when he started the engine.

EMULATE

(EM yuh late) *v.* to attempt to equal or surpass; especially through imitation

Link: IMITATE



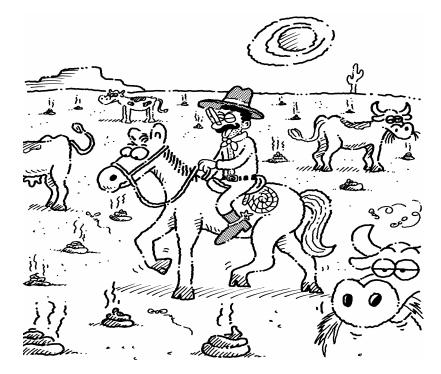
"Jimmy EMULATES his dad by IMITATING him."

- □ Most people **EMULATE** those they most admire.
- Tiger Woods has a golf swing that many golfers try to EMULATE.
- Pete EMULATED his older brother but was too small to make the baseball team.

ENDURE

(in DYOOR) *v.* to carry on through despite hardships; to put up with

Link: MANURE



"Cowboys ENDURE a lot of MANURE."

- Settlers in the 1800s ENDURED many hardships on their way to California.
- "I can't ENDURE the solitude," Jimbo Marks told his lawyer, as the sheriff placed him in an isolation cell awaiting trial.
- The ENDURING quality I recall most with loving memory about my Aunt Emma was that she never had a bad word to say about anyone.

(in GULF) *v.* to surround or enclose completely

Link: GULF



"The **GULF** of Mexico **ENGULFS** many deserted islands."

- The movie stars were ENGULFED by a swarm of paparazzi as they arrived at the Academy Awards ceremony.
- An ENGULFING movement by the Union troops cut off the Confederate retreat.
- The hurricane completely ENGULFED the town in a surge of wind and water.

ENRAGE

(in RAYJ) *v.* to put in a rage; infuriate, anger

Link: HEN CAGE



"An **ENRAGED** farmer discovering a fox in the **HEN CAGE**"

- What ENRAGES my wife is when I forget to wipe my feet before coming into the house.
- Muriel's boss was ENRAGED when he found out she had gone on her vacation to the Caribbean and left a lot of unfinished work on her desk.
- The crowd became ENRAGED when it was announced that the concert had been cancelled.

ENRAPTURE

(en RAP chur) *v.* to delight, to thrill or give pleasure

Link: CAPTURE



"The head-hunters were **ENRAPTURED** when they **CAPTURED** Mr. and Mrs. Cranium."

- John and Mary were ENRAPTURED when they heard they had won a new car in the YMCA fund- raising lottery.
- It was an ENRAPTURING performance. Everyone was thrilled to attend the revival of Tennessee Williams' play, A Streetcar Named Desire.
- The kids were ENRAPTURED with the idea of taking the day off from school and going to Disney World.