ATONE (ah TONE) *v.* to make amends

## Link: **ALONE**

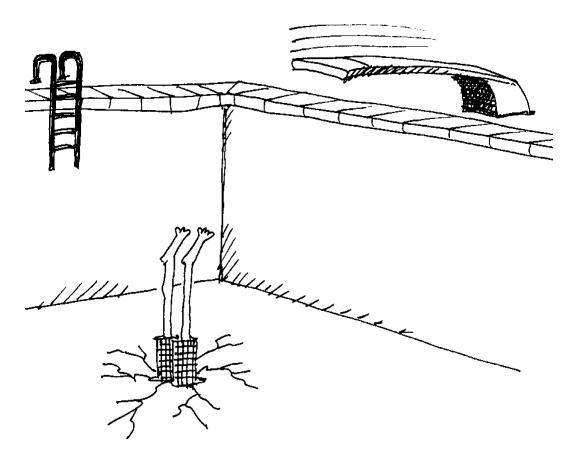


"He who does not ATONE, ends up ALONE."

- Rachel ATONED for skipping school by getting straight As on her next report card.
- Nothing the convicted murderer said could ATONE for his crime.
- After ATONING for his past indiscretions, the President quickly won back the support of the nation.

#### **DEVOID** (dih VOYD) *adj.* entirely without; lacking

## Link: AVOID



"AVOID diving into a pool DEVOID of water."

- It was apparent that Bill was **DEVOID** of table manners as we watched him eat his entire meal with his fingers.
- □ The island was **DEVOID** of drinking water.
- Our football team is totally **DEVOID** of an offense; we haven't scored a touchdown in the last four games.

#### **REPLETE** (rih PLEET) *adj.* full or supplied to the utmost; gorge

## Link: **PETE**

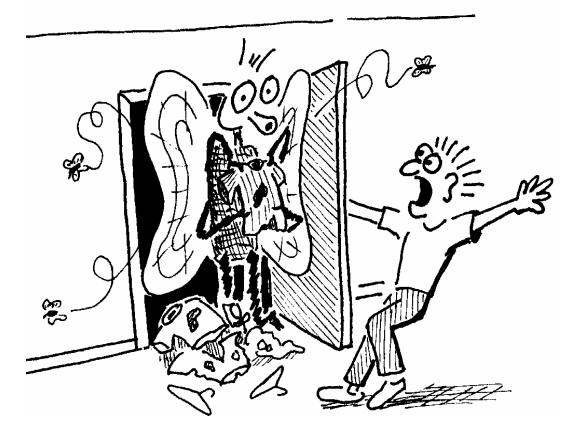


"PETE was REPLETE with supplies for his camping trip."

- We ordered our pizza with "the works"; it was **REPLETE** with sausage, ham, pepperoni, olives, onions, and anchovies.
- The students love the novel because it is **REPLETE** with adventures.
- □ The buffet was **REPLETE** with many tantalizing dishes.

**MAMMOTH** (MAM uth) *adj.* huge; gigantic

Link: MOTH

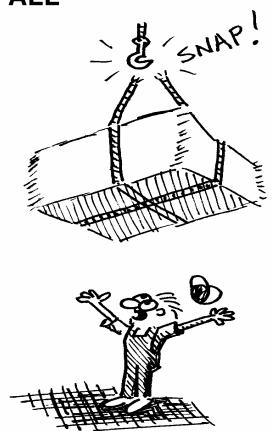


"A MAMMOTH MOTH"

- Until I visited Manhattan, I could not imagine the MAMMOTH size of the Empire State Building.
- Herman Melville's title character, Moby Dick, is a MAMMOTH whale.
- When Jane returned from vacation, she found a
  MAMMOTH amount of work piled on her desk.

#### **BALEFUL** (BAYL ful) *adj.* threatening; hurtful; malignant; ominous

## Link: BAIL FALL



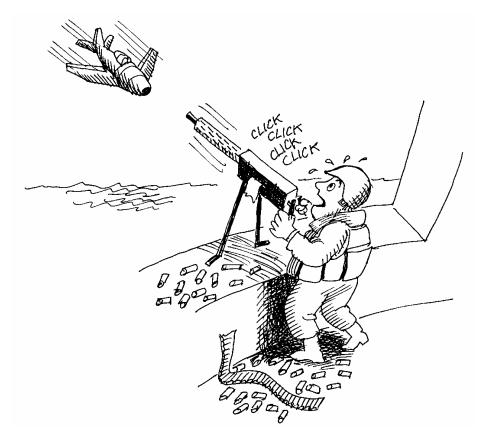
"A BALEFUL BAIL FALLING"

- The prisoner sat in **BALEFUL** silence while the judge read his jail sentence.
- Gertrude cast a BALEFUL glance at her boyfriend when he said she had gained a lot of weight.
- The sky was **BALEFULLY** thick with clouds.

## DIMINUTION

(dih muh NYOO shun) *n.* the act or process of diminishing; reduction

## Link: **AMMUNITION**

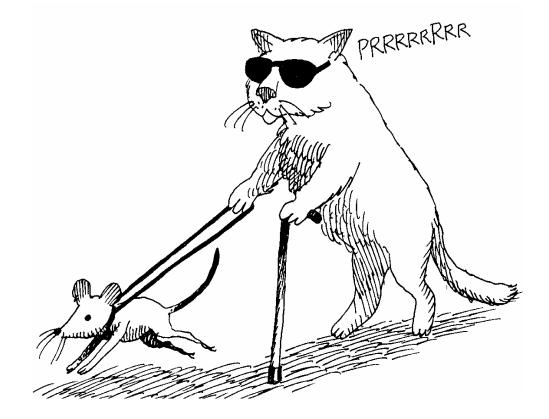


"A DIMINUTION of AMMUNITION"

- □ The crew of the crippled research submarine were concerned with the **DIMINUTION** of their air supply.
- There was an obvious **DIMINUTION** of the temperature as the sun began to set.
- Due to the higher cost of living, Drew noticed a DIMINUTION of his checking account.

#### **PURBLIND** (PER blind) *adj.* having poor vision; nearly or partly blind

## Link: PURR BLIND



"The **PURBLIND** cat **PURRED** as it was led by its seeing-eye mouse."

- I am afraid that when it comes to mathematics, I am PURBLIND.
- The **PURBLIND** man was undergoing surgery to restore his sight.
- One of the most famous of **PURBLIND** people, who was able to overcome her handicap, was Helen Keller.

## ETHEREAL

(i THEER ee ul) *adj.* very light; airy; delicate; heavenly

Link: CEREAL



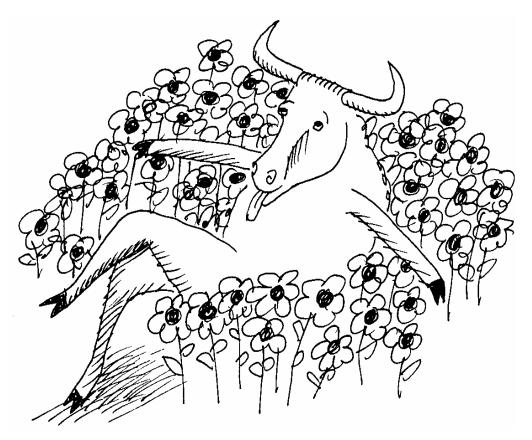
"ETHEREAL CEREAL"

- □ An ETHEREAL mist covered the hill in the morning.
- The ETHEREAL scent of freshly baked apple pie permeated the kitchen.
- □ Elizabeth had the singing voice of an ETHEREAL angel.

# LACKADAISICAL

(lak ah DAY zi kul) *adj.* showing lack of interest; listless

## Link: YAK IN THE DAISIES



"A LACKADAISICAL YAK IN THE DAISIES"

- Margaret's LACKADAISICAL attitude will hurt her chances of getting into college.
- He just stood there LACKADAISICALLY staring into space.
- I would not want to go to a doctor who had a LACKADAISICAL approach to his practice.

**BLAND** (bland) *adj.* lacking flavor or zest; dull

## Link: LAND



"After months at sea Columbus kissed the **LAND**, but found it **BLAND**."

- □ The pudding was smooth though **BLAND**.
- The doctor put Edgar on a BLAND diet to soothe his stomach problems.
- Christopher's BLAND sense of humor was often misunderstood.