

ABDUCT

(ab DUKT) v.

to kidnap or carry off by force

Sounds like: **DUCK**



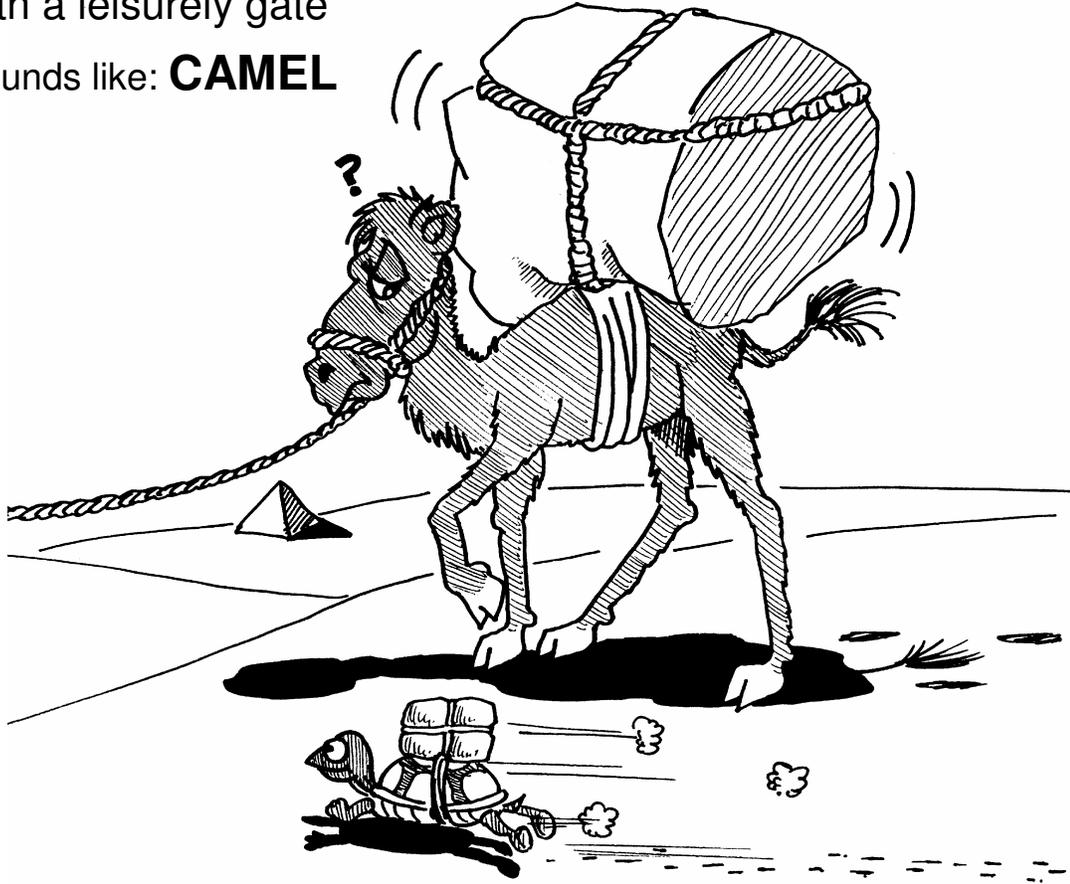
"ABDUCTED DUCKS"

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- The Evil Knight planned to **ABDUCT** the queen when she came alone to the village.
 - Our basketball team was **ABDUCTED** by aliens who carried them off to the planet Mars.
 - The neighbor's boy **ABDUCTED** our pet pig, and we paid a ransom of a box of cookies to get him back.

AMBLE

(AM ble) v.
to walk slowly; walk
with a leisurely gate

Sounds like: **CAMEL**



*“Caravan **CAMELS** on long journeys rarely run; they **AMBLE**.”*

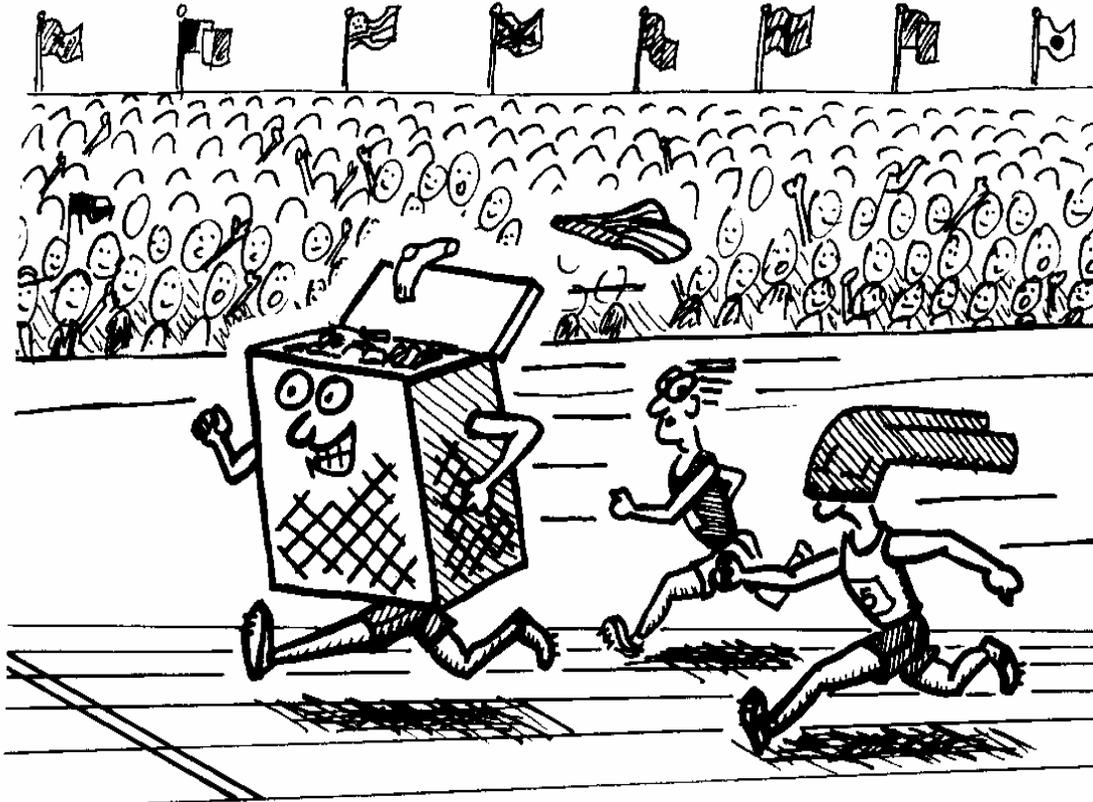
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- After school, Alexander and Tom **AMBLED** down the road to the fishing hole to catch their dinner.
 - “**AMBLE** on out here,” the dance instructor said to the new student. “Let’s see some of your moves.”
 - Jack walked with an **AMBLING** quality, as if he hadn’t a care in the world.

SCAMPER

(SCAM pur) v.

to run; to go hastily or lightly

Sounds like: **HAMPER**



*“The laundry **HAMPER SCAMPERED**
to the finish line.”*

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- The dogs **SCAMPERED** across the lawn to the house.
 - The cat **SCAMPERED** after the rolling ball.
 - We planned to **SCAMPER** past the guards when their backs were turned.

IMPALE

(im PALE) v.
to pierce through with any sharp
pointed object

Sounds like: **PAIL**



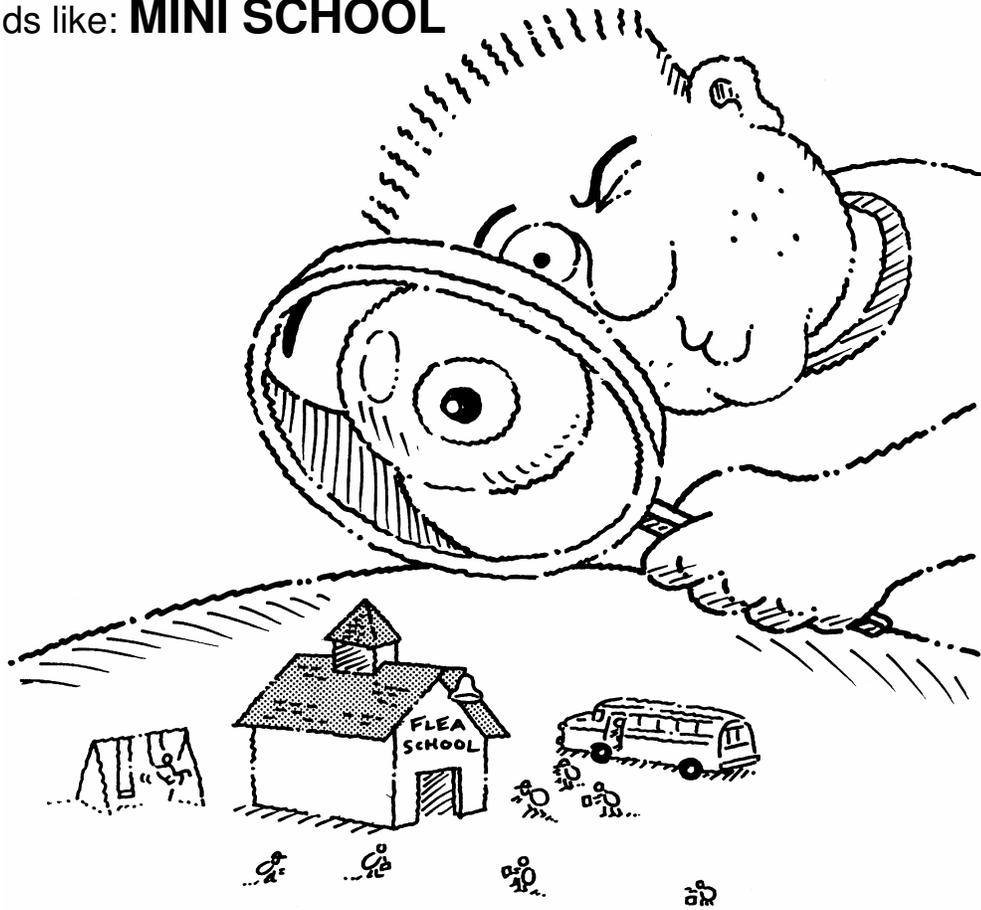
"An IMPALED PAIL"

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- The sales clerk **IMPALED** his sales order on a nail.
 - Roger fell on a stick and **IMPALED** his hand.
 - Butterfly collections usually consist of dead butterflies that have been **IMPALED** and placed in display cases.

MINISCULE

(MI nus kyool) *adj.*
very small

Sounds like: **MINI SCHOOL**



*“Roger’s **MINISCULE** MINI SCHOOL.”*

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- It only takes a **MINISCULE** crack in a dam to start a flood.
 - Jane explained she had turned her back only for a **MINISCULE** moment, but it was long enough for her baby sister to stick her entire face into the lemon pie.

ENCROACH

(in KROHCH) v.

to intrude gradually upon the rights of another; to trespass

Sounds like: **ROACH**



“ROACHES will ENCROACH wherever there is food.”

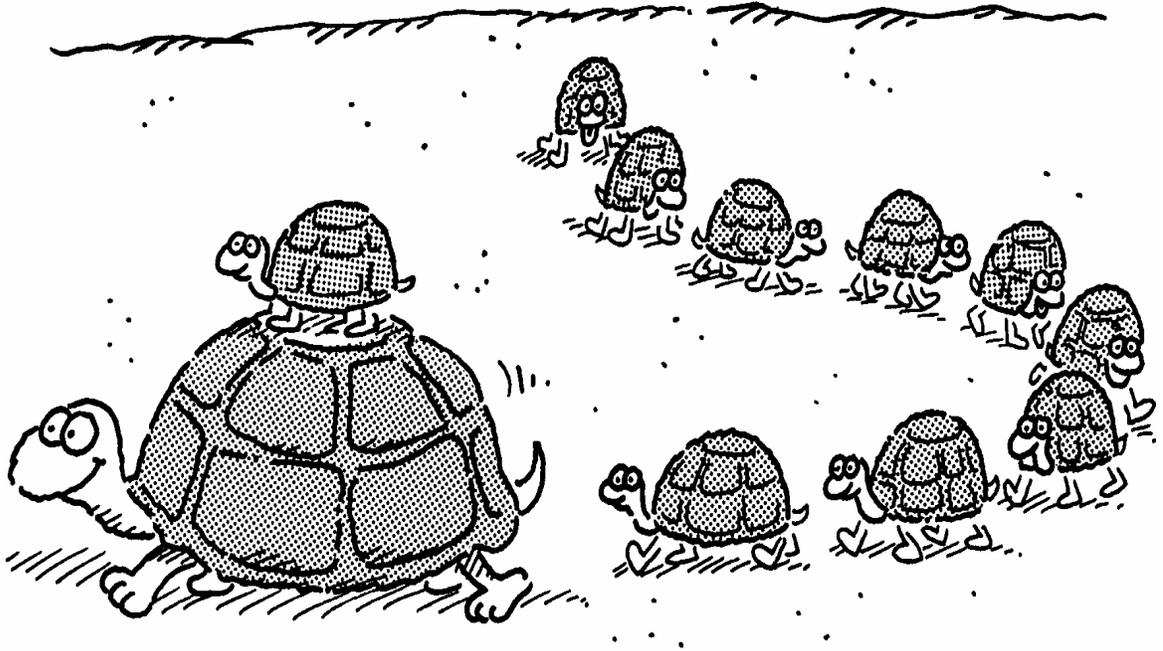
- With an **ENCROACHING** anxiety, I made my way to where the crashed car lay on its side.
- The weeds from the adjacent vacant lot continued spreading with each rain until they **ENCROACHED** into our vegetable garden.

FERTILE

(FUR tul) *adj.*

able to reproduce children, seeds,
or fruits; highly productive

Sounds like: **TURTLE**



“A FERTILE TURTLE”

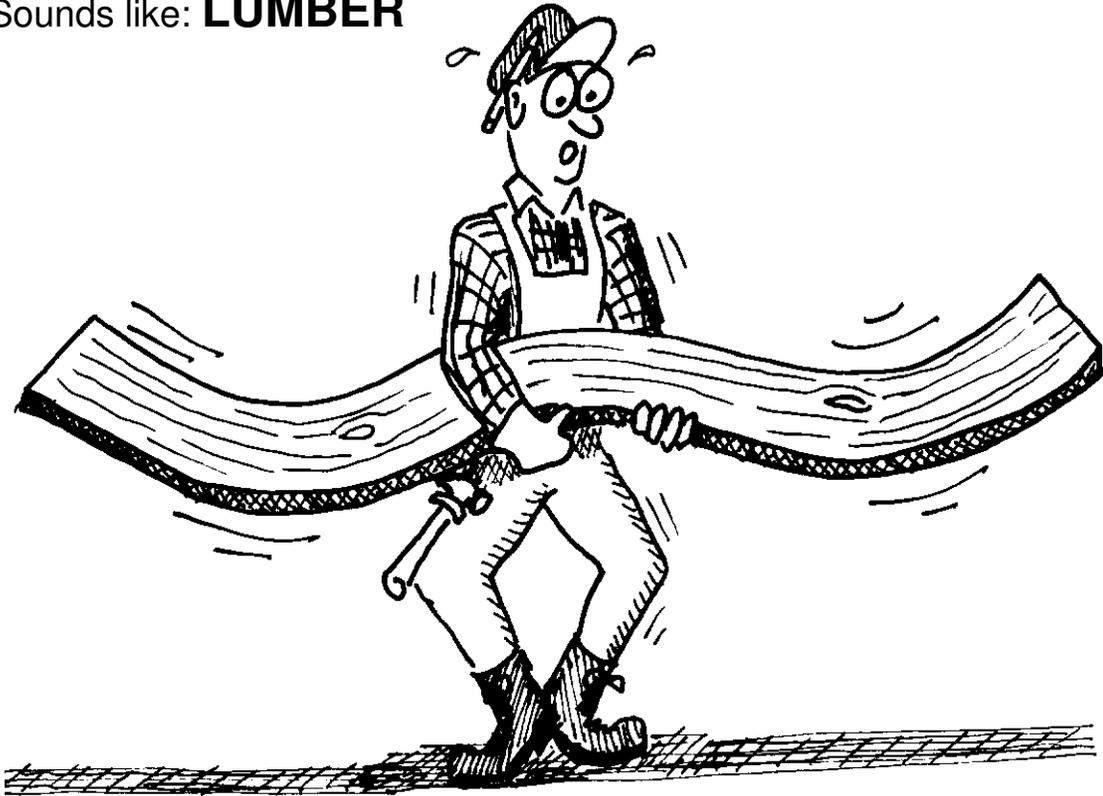
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- Mabel is our **FERTILE** cow and has a calf every spring.
 - The village was located in a **FERTILE** valley where many farms grow vegetables.
 - Most fiction writers have **FERTILE** imaginations.

LIMBER

(LIM bur) *adj.*

flexible; exercise so as to become limber

Sounds like: **LUMBER**



*“**LUMBER** from the rubber tree
is very **LIMBER**.”*

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- Ballet dancers have **LIMBER** muscles.
 - The team **LIMBERED** up by doing stretching exercises before the game.
 - Diane was a **LIMBER** athlete, but she is no longer as flexible as she once was.

TIMID

(TIM id) *adj.*

shy, hesitant, fearful

Sounds like: **TIM HID**



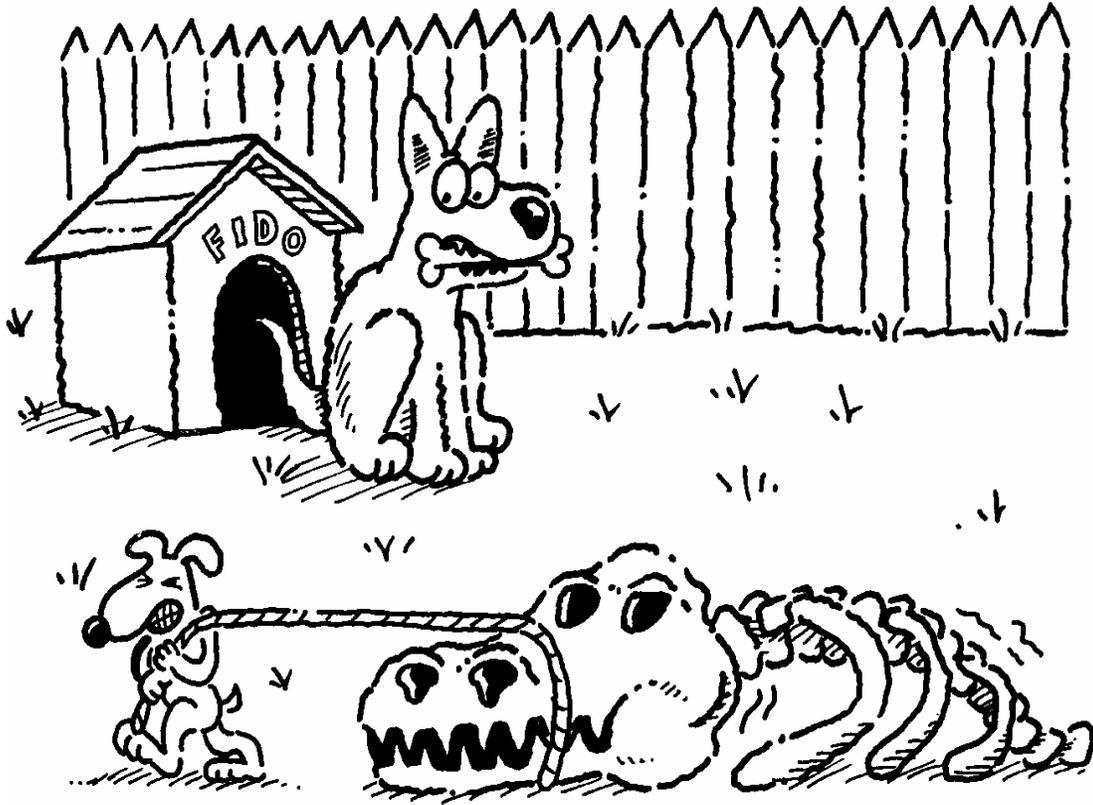
*"TIM HID at his own birthday party because he was **TIMID**."*

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- ❑ Our dog **TIMIDLY** approached the dinner table because he knew he was not allowed to beg for food.
 - ❑ **TIMID** salespeople usually do not do well.
 - ❑ The **TIMIDITY** of the welcoming committee was due to the fact they were not sure who they were supposed to be welcoming.

COLOSSAL

(kuh LOS ul) *adj.*
enormous, gigantic; huge in
size, extent or degree

Sounds like: **FOSSIL**



"A COLOSSAL FOSSIL."

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- The navy's aircraft carriers are **COLOSSAL** ships that carry as many as three thousand sailors.
 - Borrowing my father's car without his permission was a **COLOSSAL** mistake.
 - Jerry had a **COLOSSAL** ego and thought he was the most handsome guy in school.