

## Week 2

### TRENCHANT

(TREN chunt)

cutting, incisive, having a sharp point; caustic, sarcastic

Link: **TRENCH ANT**



*"A TRENCHANT mouth is characteristic of the famous Madagascar TRENCH ANT."*

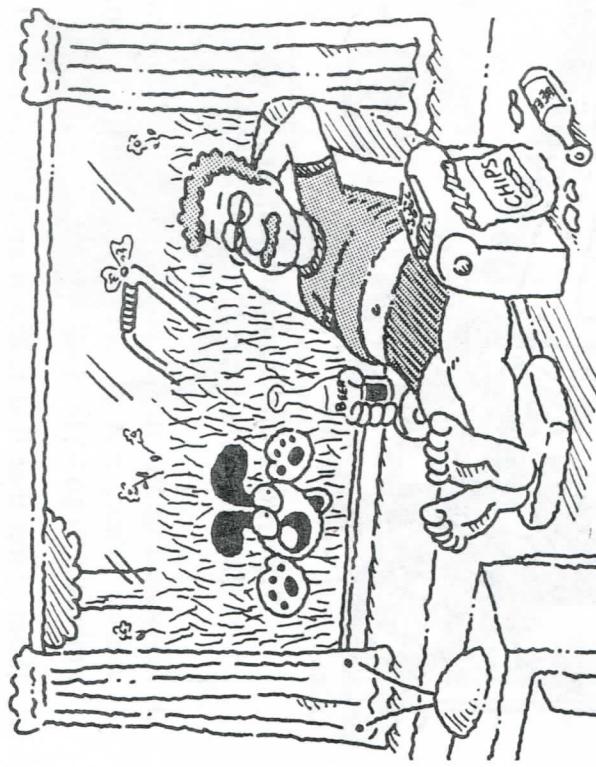
- Roger's TRENCHANT remarks at the budget meeting could be explained by the fact that he knew precisely where the financial problems lay.
- The music teacher made numerous TRENCHANT comments about the band's performance; clearly she thought the band stunk.
- Julia had a TRENCHANT tongue and was always putting her friends down behind their backs.

### PROCRASTINATE

(PRO cras tuh nate)

to put off until a later time

Link: **GRASS HATE**



*"Larry HATED to cut the GRASS and would PROCRASTINATE about it for weeks."*

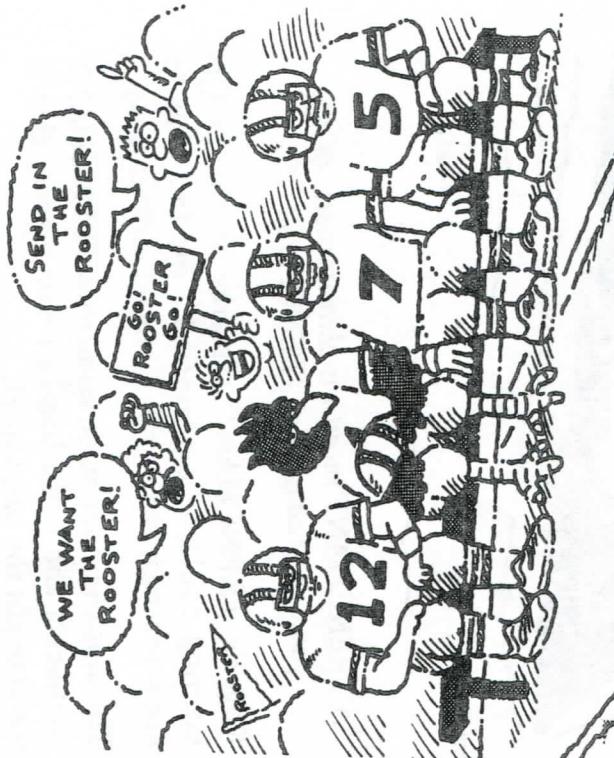
- Never do today what you can PROCRASTINATE until tomorrow, a famous husband once said.
- Tom would PROCRASTINATE until the last minute to do his homework.
- Wilcox had a PROCRASTINATING personality; whatever he started, you felt he was probably not going to finish.

## **ROSTER**

(raw ster)

a list of names; especially of personnel available for duty

**Link: ROOSTER**



*“A ROOSTER on the ROSTER.”*

- The football program has a ROSTER for both teams.
- Tom saw his name on the duty ROSTER.
- The military is full of all types of ROSTERS; there is a duty ROSTER, a leave ROSTER and even a ROSTER for standing guard.

**IMPEDDE**  
(im PEED)  
to obstruct or interfere with;  
to delay  
**Link: SPEED**



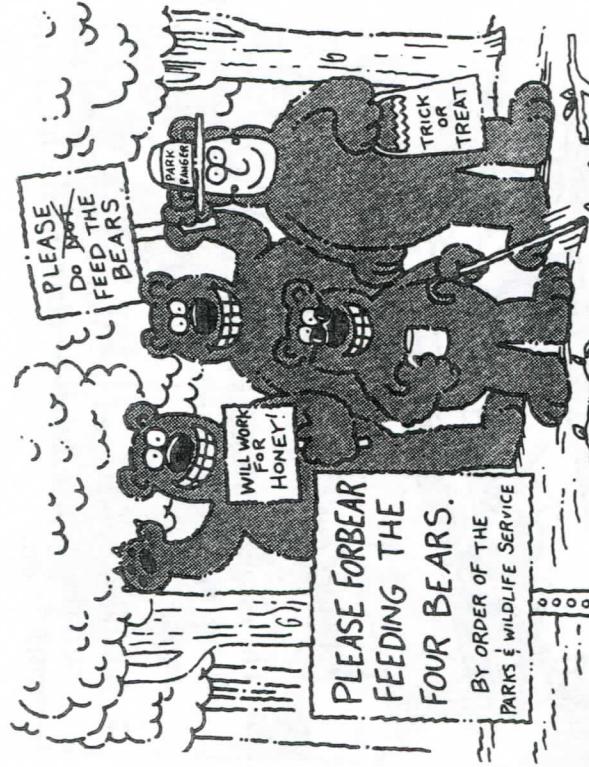
*“The job of highway patrolmen is to IMPEDDE SPEEDING motorists.”*

- He was only my uncle, but he always told me no matter what, not to let anyone IMPEDDE my ambition to go to medical school.
- (Something that IMPEDES is an IMPEDIMENT.) As a hopeful runner on the school track team, James Carver's biggest IMPEDIMENT to his foot speed was his short legs.

## FORBEAR

(for BAYR)

to refrain from; to abstain;  
to be patient or tolerant  
Link: FOUR BEARS

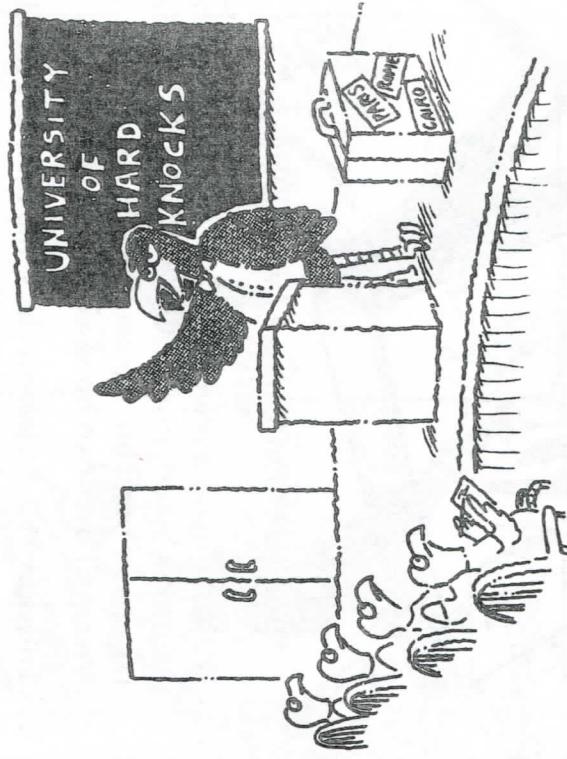


"Please FORBEAR feeding the FOUR BEARS."

- To FORBEAR your opinion on any controversial matter until you have first heard all the facts is generally the wisest course of action.
- Jonathan said his motto was to never FORBEAR a good party for another time when you can have one today.
- Henry FORBORE his decision to close the store, deciding to wait until after the Christmas season.

MIGRATORY\*

(MIE gra tory)  
roving, wandering, nomadic  
Link: MY STORY



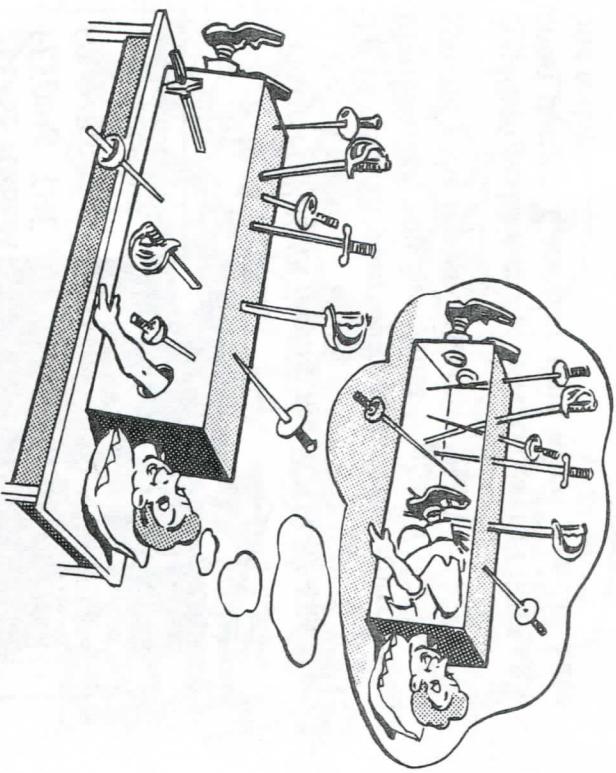
"MY STORY is one of many MIGRATORY movements."

- Wild geese MIGRATE to Canada in the summers and Mexico in the winters.
- Most American Indian tribes in the old west were MIGRATORY and followed the movements of the buffalo.
- Fruit pickers are MIGRATORY workers who move from place to place at harvesting time.

**EVADE**  
(ee VADE)

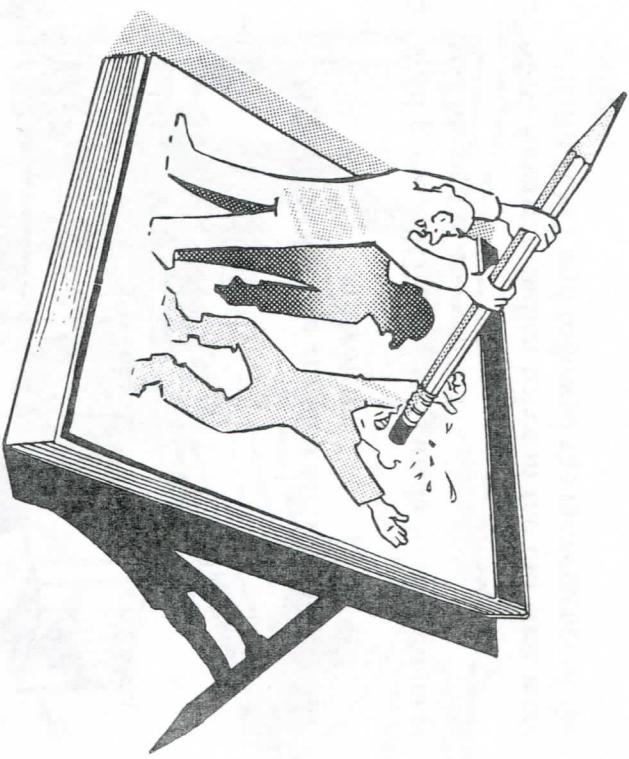
to elude or avoid by cunning; to  
flee from a pursuer

Link: **BLADE**



*"A magician's secret for EVADING BLADES."*

- The escaped prisoners EVADED the authorities by breaking into a church and disguising themselves as nuns.
- Jane always managed to EVADE helping her sister wash the dinner dishes by claiming she had home-work to do.
- Their romance never really blossomed as their friends expected, because Sarah was the pursuer, but Bill was the EVADE.



*"How to EFFACE a face by ERASING it."*

- We came upon a cemetery by the sea. Many of the headstone inscriptions had been EFFACED by the ravages of time, but we could make out many that were well over two hundred years old.
- To assure that he left no clues, the thief EFFACED his fingerprints from the stolen car.
- Someone vandalized the museum paintings by EFFACING each one with red spray paint.

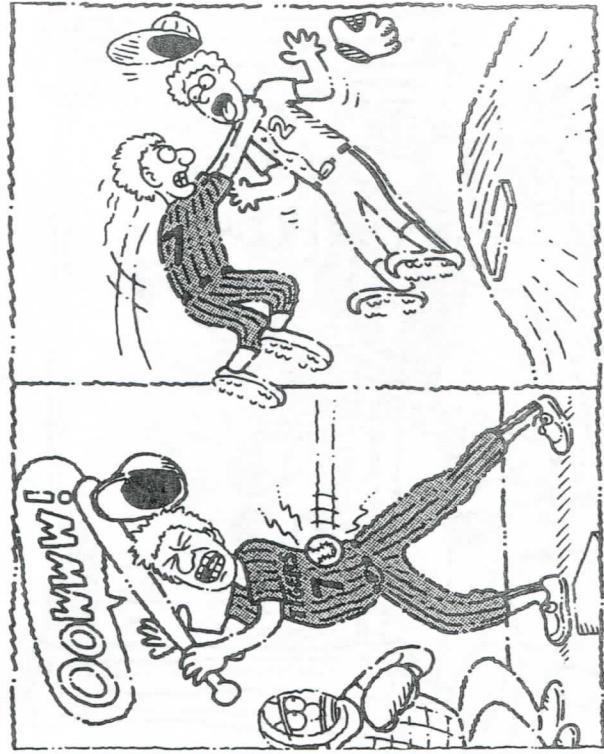
**EFFACE**  
(uh FACE)

to rub away

Link: **ERASE**

**erase**

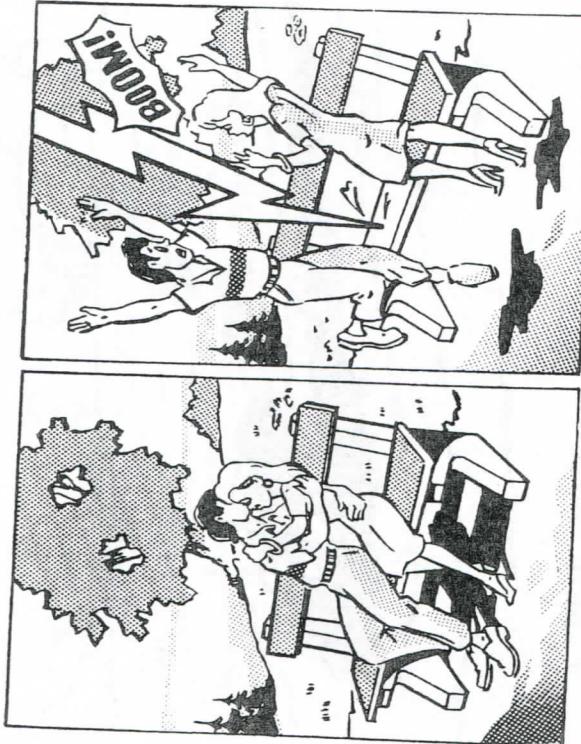
**INCITE**  
(en SIGHT)  
to arouse to action  
Link: FIGHT



*"The pitcher's bean ball INCITED  
the batter to FIGHT."*

- The mob was INCITED to riot when the police arrived and began hitting people with their nightsticks.
- When Rodney decided that his case was hopeless, nothing the doctors could say would INCITE him to fight his illness.
- Waving a stick at Jerry's dog only INCITES him and increases the chance he will bite you.

**ASUNDER**  
(uh SUN dur)  
in separate parts; apart from each  
other in position  
Link: THUNDER



*"The THUNDER tore the young  
lovers ASUNDER."*

- When the earthquake stopped, and we came up from our shelter, we found the city had been torn ASUNDER and not one single building was left standing.
- Our team lost its unity and became a group of individuals who played entirely for themselves, ASUNDER from each other.