

# ATTRITION

- The war became a battle of ATTRITION, each side wearing down the other.
- Washed ashore, the once jagged piece of glass had become a smoothed gem due to the ATTRITION of the sea and sand.



*"Over-FISHIN' can lead to ATTRITION."*

# **ATTRITION**

gradual reduction or  
weakening; a wearing away

# EDIFICATION

- Etiquette is an important part of a person's social EDIFICATION.
- We would have been lost at the art show had not programs been provided to EDIFY us about the art movements.



*“ED getting some EDIFICATION while on VACATION.”*

# **EDIFICATION**

enlightenment;  
instruction

# ABLUTION

- The witch doctor uses ABLUTIONS of clear water to cleanse the stricken of his illness.
- The ABLUTIONARY oil was part of the funeral ritual.



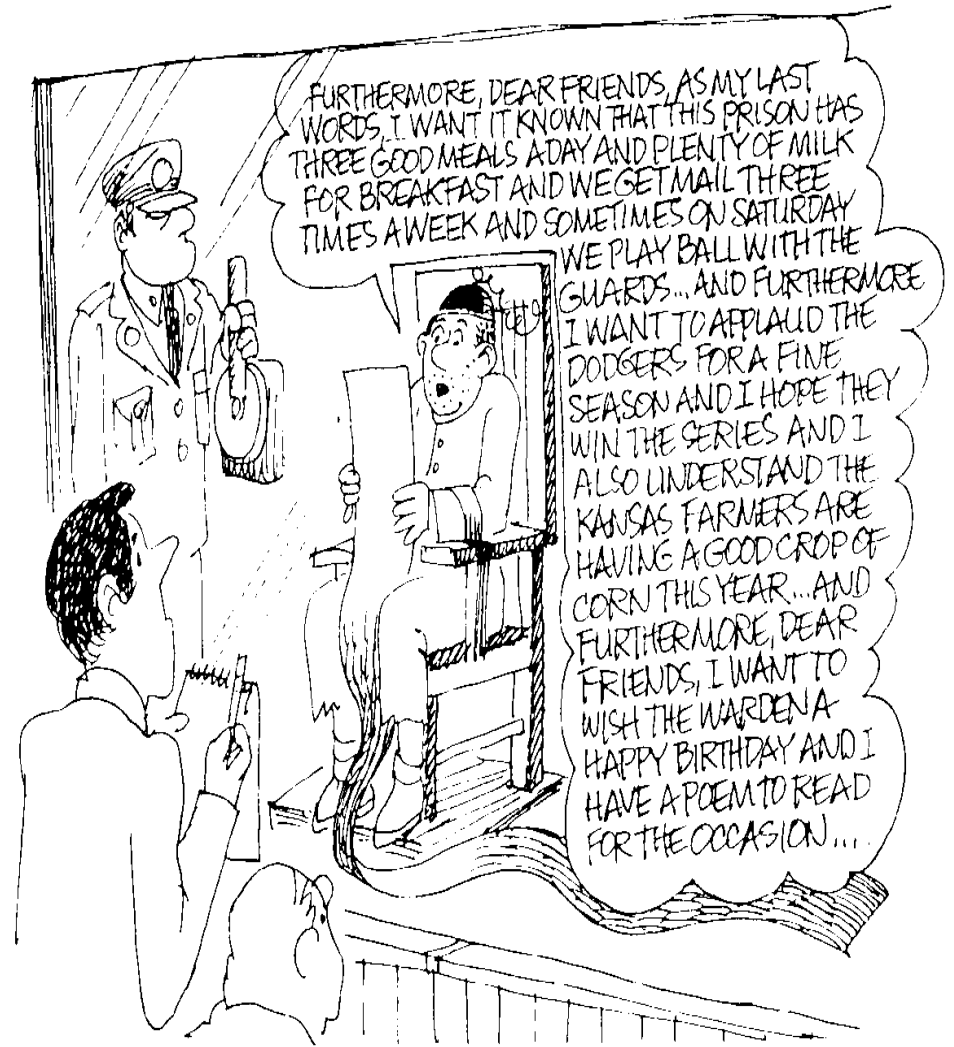
*"The SOLUTION to baby's ABLUTION."*

# **ABLUTION**

cleansing with  
water or liquid,  
especially in ritual

# ELOCUTION

- Classes in ELOCUTION are helpful to those who seek a career in politics.
- The Greek orator Demosthenes had a speech impediment, but he taught himself proper ELOCUTION by reciting poetry.



*“ELOCUTION is a good way to postpone an EXECUTION.”*

# **ELOCUTION**

art of public  
speaking



# WRITHE

- The fished WRITHED free of the hook and escaped back into the sea.
- Some forms of dancing make it look as though the dancer is WRITHING in pain.



*“Wild horses WRITHE when cowboys RIDE.”*

# **WRITHE**

to twist or bend;

to suffer acutely, as in  
pain or embarrassment

# PEDESTRIAN

- Most of the villages in the Andes Mountains have PEDESTRIAN traffic.
- The right frame can make a PEDESTRIAN painting look like a million bucks.



*“PEDESTRIAN PEDESTRIANS.”*

**PEDESTRIAN**

ordinary;

moving on foot

# CARRION

- After mauling its prey, the lion left the CARRION to the hyenas.
- Days after the battle, the battlefield was littered with the CARRION of brave soldiers.



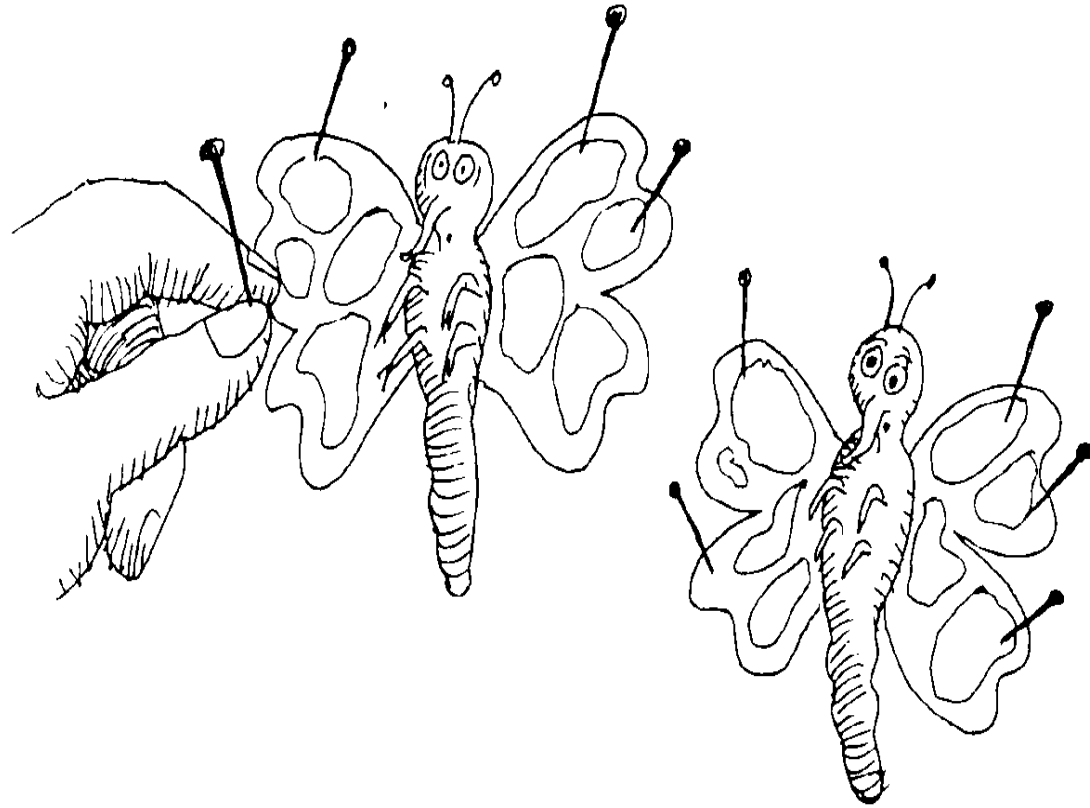
"CARRION CARRY ON *luggage.*"

**CARRION**

dead and rotting  
flesh

# PINION

- The police officer PINIONED the suspect's arms with handcuffs.
- Jake decided to stop the altercation by PINIONING John to the wall.



*“The PINS PINIONED the wings.”*

**PINION**

to bind or restrain



# KISMET

- The blissful couple attributed the success of their relationship not to KISMET but to communication.
- It was KISMET that they both returned to their high school on the same day twenty years after graduation.



*“KISS ME baby, it’s KISMET.”*

**KISMET**

fate

# AMBIVALENCE

- Farmer Brown was **AMBIVALENT** about whether to plant tomatoes or corn.
- Jim's **AMBIVALENCE** toward his boss made him regret the day he accepted the job.



*"AMBIVALENCE between two AMBULANCES."*

# **AMBIVALENCE**

indecision; experiencing  
contradictory emotions