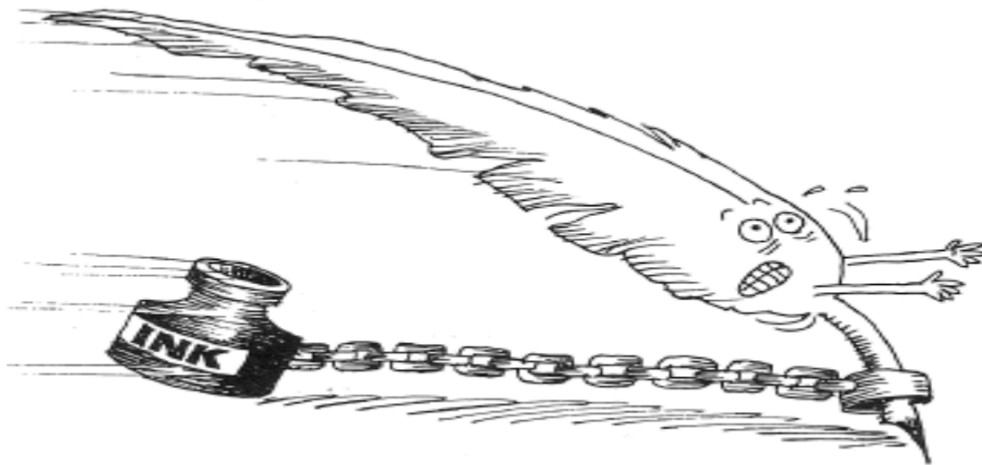


# ***English 10***

## ***Vocab 19***

**FETTER**  
(FET ur) *v.*  
to restrain; to hamper  
Link: **FEATHER**



*"A FETTERED FEATHER."*

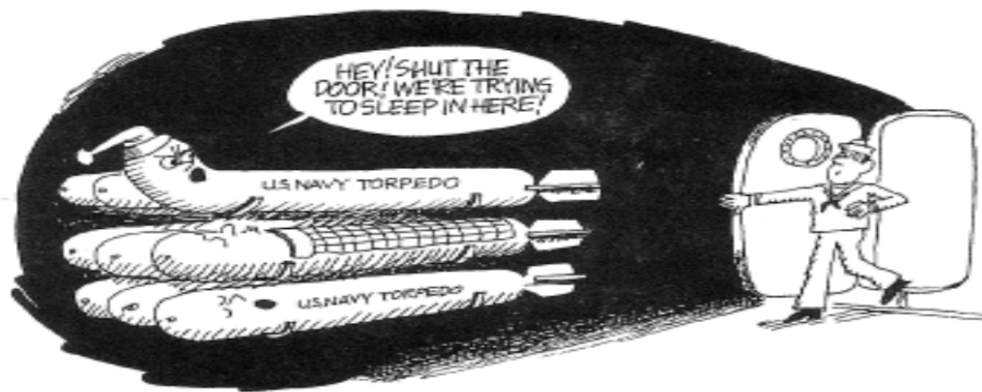
- The prisoners were **FETTERED** by shackles around their ankles.
- The cowboy **FETTERED** his horse so it would be there when he wanted to go home.
- Since Joe's parents were out of town, he invited his friends over for some **UNFETTERED** fun.

## TORPID

(TOR pid) *adj.*

dormant; inactive; lethargic

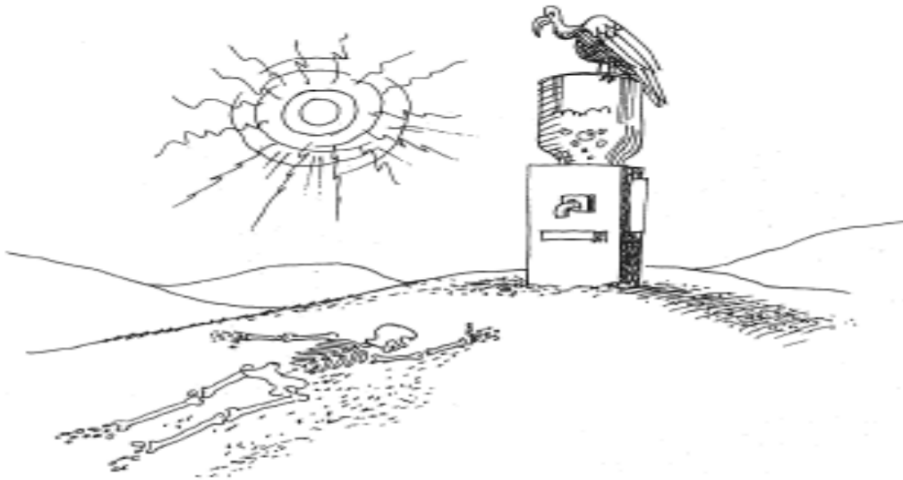
Link: TORPEDO



“TORPID TORPEDOES.”

- ❑ The teacher could not understand the boy’s TORPID reactions until she learned that he could not understand English.
- ❑ During winter, bears sleep TORPIDLY in caves.
- ❑ Volcanoes may be TORPID for centuries and one day suddenly erupt.

**TORRID**  
(TOR id) *adj.*  
intensely hot; burning;  
passionate; rapid  
Link: **POOR ED**



*“POOR ED never survived the TORRID desert.”*

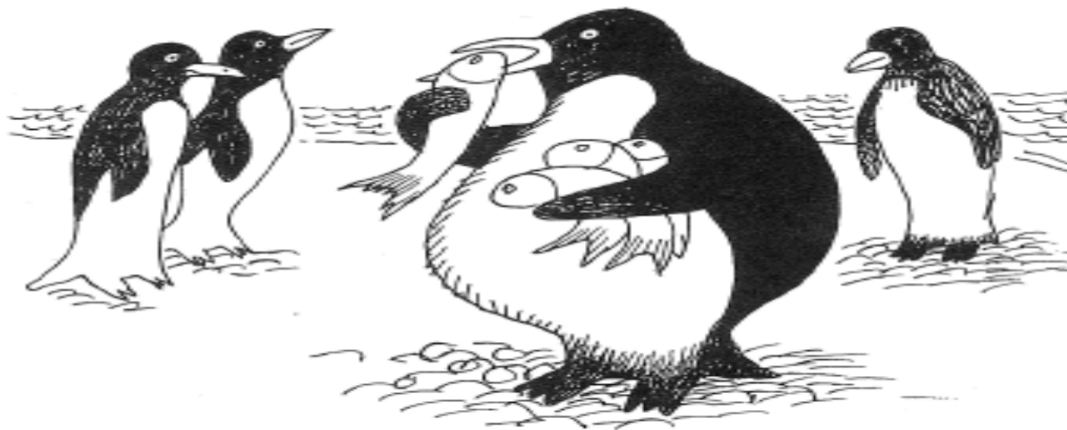
- ❑ The TORRID heat and wind are what led to the Dust Bowl of the 1930's.
- ❑ Many romance novels contain TORRID love affairs.
- ❑ The salesman TORRIDLY spoke to the group hoping to sell them a time share in paradise.

## **PINGUID**

(pen gwed) *adj.*

fat

Link: **PENGUIN**



“A PINGUID PENGUIN.”

- The PINGUID egg roll left a greasy stain on the paper plate.
- The PINGUID roast splattered all over the oven.
- The PINGUIDITY of British food tends to put me off.

**DISHEVEL**  
(di SHEV ul) *v.*  
to make untidy; to disarrange  
the hair or clothing of  
Link: **SHOVEL**



*“Tommy DISHEVELED his aunt  
with his SHOVEL.”*

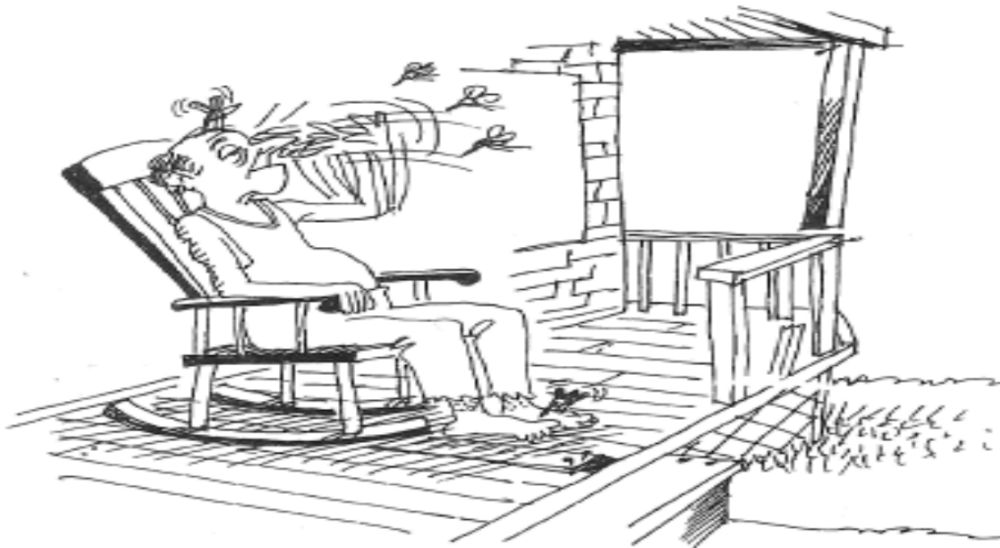
- Andrea’s hair became DISHEVELED in the strong breeze.
- After the hurricane, our yard was DISHEVELED with broken branches and debris.
- From the looks of Bryan’s DISHEVELED desk, one would think he is a disorganized person.

## NETTLE

(NET 1) *v.*

to irritate; vex

Link: SETTLE



*“Mosquitoes NETTLE when they SETTLE.”*

- My little brother always seems to NETTLE me.
- Hip Hop music NETTLES my parents.
- The noise NETTLED its way from the room next door.

## **MOTTLE**

(MOT el) *v.*

to mark with spots or blotches of  
different shades or colors

Link: **BOTTLE**



*“The rare MOTTLED mouse caught  
in a BOTTLE.”*

- The Dalmatian’s MOTTLED fur is its salient trait.
- After years of sunbathing, Jean’s skin became MOTTLED.
- The soldier’s MOTTLED uniform was designed for camouflage.

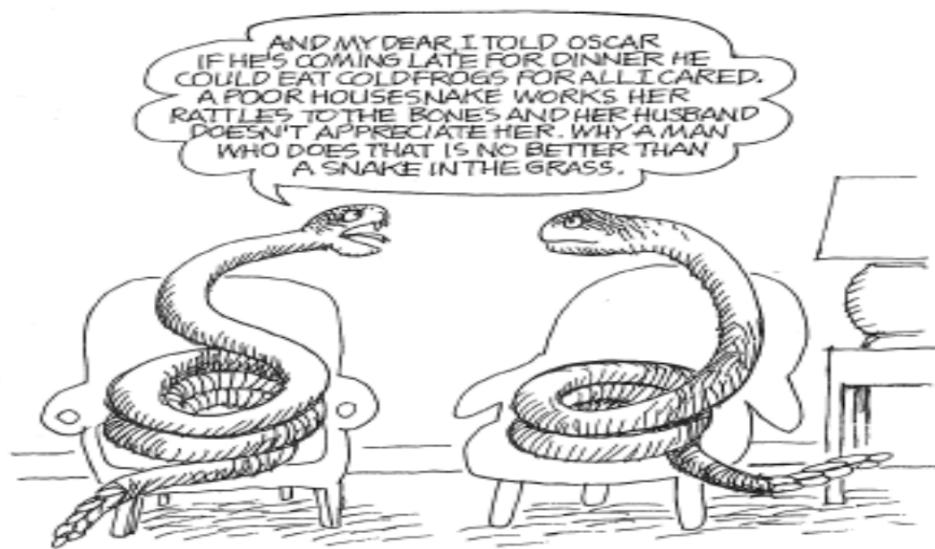


## PRATTLE

(PRAT 1) *v.*

to babble; to talk meaninglessly

Link: **RATTLE**



*"PRATTLING RATTLEsnakes."*

- Mary and Leslie PRATTLE on about everyone in the neighborhood.
- The three year old PRATTLED for hours although no one understood what she was saying.
- My mother PRATTLES so endlessly I barely can understand what she is talking about.

**BALK**  
(bawk) *v.*  
to stop short and refuse to proceed  
Link: **WALK**



*“The pirate **BALKED** at **WALKING** the plank.”*

- Marcie was injured when her horse **BALKED** at the last jump in the steeplechase.
- The judge **BALKED** the hearing until order was restored in his court.
- The warden took efforts to **BALK** the escape attempt of the prisoners.

## **CURB**

(kurb) *v.*

to control or check

Link: **HERB**



*"HERB could not CURB his love of flying."*

- Weight Watchers' mission is to help corpulent people CURB their appetites.
- She wore a patch to try to CURB her addiction to nicotine.
- By making them raise their hands, the new teacher CURBED her students' tendency to shout out the answers.

***Quiz Today  
Study Now!***

**REVIEW #19: Match the word with its definition.**

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. fetter – (feather)  | a. fat                   |
| 2. torpid – (torpedo)  | b. to irritate; vex      |
| 3. torrid – (poor Ed)  | c. to restrain; hamper   |
| 4. pinguid – (penguin) | d. to control or check   |
| 5. dishevel – (shovel) | e. to talk meaninglessly |
| 6. nettle – (settle)   | f. intensely hot         |
| 7. mottle – (bottle)   | g. to make untidy        |
| 8. prattle – (rattle)  | h. dormant; lethargic    |
| 9. balk – (walk)       | i. to stop short         |
| 10. curb – (Herb)      | j. to mark with spots    |

**Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word. The word form may need changing.**

1. Volcanoes may be \_\_\_\_\_ for centuries and one day suddenly erupt.
2. Weight Watcher's mission is to help corpulent people \_\_\_\_\_ their appetites.
3. Marcie was injured when her horse \_\_\_\_\_ at the last jump in the steeplechase.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ heat and wind are what led to the Dust Bowl of the 1930's.
5. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ by shackles around their ankles.
6. The soldier's \_\_\_\_\_ uniform was designed for camouflage.
7. Andrea's hair became \_\_\_\_\_ in the strong breeze.
8. My little brother always seems to \_\_\_\_\_ me.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ roast was too big to fit in the oven.
10. The three year old \_\_\_\_\_ for hours although no one understood what she was saying.