

# Lesson 21

“In a multitude of words there will certainly be error.”

Chinese proverb

## Words To Learn This Week

plea  
weary  
collide  
confirm  
verify  
anticipate  
dilemma  
detour  
merit  
transmit  
relieve  
baffle

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1. **plea** (plē) request; appeal; that which is asked of another
  - a. The employees\* turned in a **plea** to their boss for higher pay.
  - b. The President's **plea** to release the captives\* was denied by the enemy.
  - c. In court today, the judge consented\* to the lawyer's **plea** for a light sentence.
2. **weary** (wēr' ē) tired
  - a. I am **weary** of debating\* the same topic\* all day.
  - b. The farmer grew **weary** of bringing in the harvest\* every year for the past forty summers.
  - c. Let me rest my **weary** bones here before the march commences.\*
3. **collide** (kə līd') come together with force
  - a. When the two autos **collided**, the people in the fragile\* smaller car perished.\*
  - b. Committees are exploring\* ways of keeping cars from **colliding**.
  - c. In my estimate\* the two bicycles **collided** at five o'clock.
4. **confirm** (kən fērm') prove to be true or correct; make certain
  - a. The way Victor talked back to his mother **confirmed** that he was defiant.\*
  - b. A probe\* of the criminal's background **confirmed** that he had been in jail numerous\* times.
  - c. Years of research **confirmed** the theory\* that smoking is harmful.
5. **verify** (ver' ə fī) prove to be true; confirm\*
  - a. A "yes man" is an employee\* who will **verify** everything the boss says.
  - b. I was there as a witness to **verify** the charges against the bus driver.
  - c. The data\* I turned in were **verified** by the clerks in our office.
6. **anticipate** (an tis' ə pāt) look forward to; expect
  - a. We **anticipate** a panic\* if the news is revealed\* to the public.
  - b. Harriet **anticipated** the approach\* of the mailman with fright.
  - c. With his weird\* powers, Lonnie was able to **anticipate** the ringing of the telephone.
7. **dilemma** (də lem' ə) situation requiring a choice between two evils; a difficult choice
  - a. It is sensible not to panic\* in the face of a **dilemma**.
  - b. Lottie faced the **dilemma** of whether to approve of the operation or not.
  - c. In "The Lady or the Tiger," the hero had the **dilemma** of which door to open.
8. **detour** (dē' tōr) a roundabout way
  - a. Pop was uneasy\* about taking the **detour** in this strange town.
  - b. In order to evade\* city traffic, Anthony took a **detour**.
  - c. The **detour** took us ten miles off our course.
9. **merit** (mer' it) goodness; worth; value
  - a. There is little **merit** in lying to those you love.
  - b. My brother was promoted because of **merit**, not because of friendship.
  - c. Do you think the tradition\* of marriage has any **merit**?
10. **transmit** (trans mit') send over; pass on; pass along; let through
  - a. Garcia's message was **transmitted** to the appropriate\* people.
  - b. Scientists can now **transmit** messages from space vessels\* to earth.
  - c. Our local radio station does not **transmit** broadcasts after midnight.



11. **relieve** (ri lēv') make less; make easier; reduce the pain of; replace; release; free
- The pills **relieved** the pain from the wound I received in the conflict.\*
  - A majority\* of the population\* wanted to **relieve** the mayor of his duty.
  - The peace agreement **relieved** us of the threat\* of an attack.
12. **baffle** (baf'əl) be too hard to understand or solve
- How so mediocre\* a player earned so much money **baffled** me.
  - The topic\* of relativity is a **baffling** one.
  - Sherlock Holmes would undoubtedly\* have been **baffled** by the way the crime was committed.

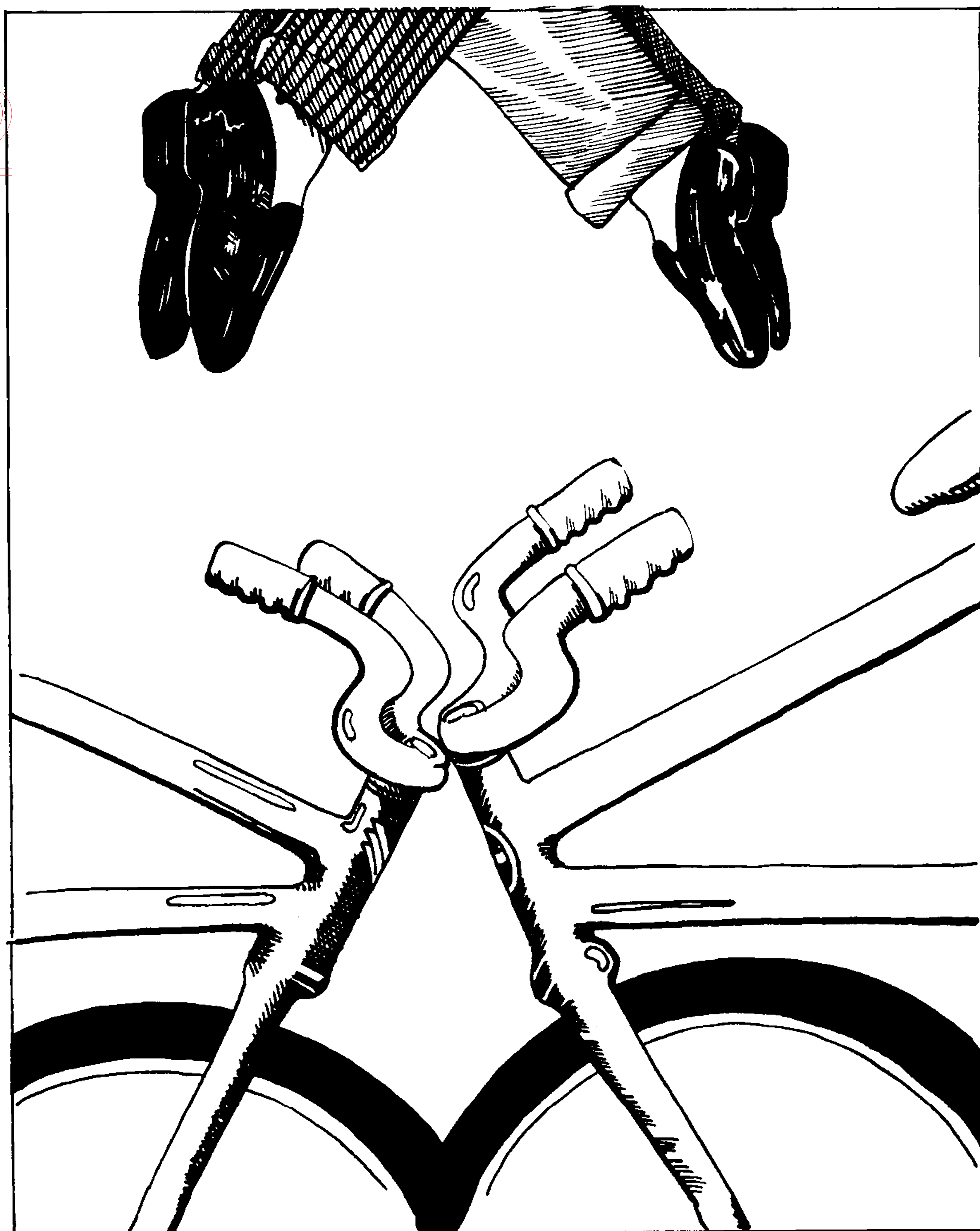
Read the following story to see how the new words are used in it.

### Safety in the Air

The most persistent\* **plea** of **weary** pilots has always been for a machine that would warn them that they were about to **collide** with an oncoming airplane. Records **confirm** that the number of collisions is increasing each year, and pilots **verify** hundreds of reports of near misses. Recently a system that would electronically **anticipate** oncoming airplanes was devised,\* and the

pilot's **dilemma** to dive or to climb, to **detour** to left or right, may be solved. The system has **merit**, though, only if every plane is equipped to **transmit** and receive a signal to and from an oncoming plane. But most aviation experts feel that only a system that watches every airplane in the sky will **relieve** a problem that tends to **baffle** every one who attempts to find a solution.

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?





# Lesson 22

"Words are like leaves, and where they most abound  
Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found."

Alexander Pope, *Essay on Criticism*

## Words To Learn This Week

warden  
acknowledge  
justice  
delinquent  
reject  
deprive  
spouse  
vocation  
unstable  
homicide  
penalize  
beneficiary

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1. **warden** (wôr' dən) keeper; guard; person in charge of a prison
  - a. The **warden** found himself facing two hundred defiant\* prisoners.
  - b. A cautious\* **warden** always has to anticipate\* the possibility of an escape.
  - c. When the journalists\* asked to meet with **Warden** Thomas, he sent word that he was sick.
2. **acknowledge** (ak näl' ij) admit to be true
  - a. The experts reluctantly\* **acknowledged** that their estimate\* of food costs was not accurate.\*
  - b. District Attorney Hogan got the man to **acknowledge** that he had lied in court.
  - c. "I hate living alone," the bachelor\* **acknowledged**.
3. **justice** (jus' tis) just conduct; fair dealing
  - a. Daniel Webster abandoned\* any hope for **justice** once he saw the jury.
  - b. Our pledge\* to the flag refers to "liberty and **justice** for all."
  - c. The warden\* acknowledged\* that **justice** had not been served in my case.
4. **delinquent** (di ling' kwənt) an offender; criminal; behind time
  - a. The youthful **delinquent** tried to avoid\* going to jail.
  - b. All **delinquents** are banned\* from the Student Council at school.
  - c. If you are **delinquent** in paying your dues, you will be dropped from membership in the club.
5. **reject** (ri jekt') refuse to take, use, believe, consider, grant, etc.
  - a. Sylvester didn't try to evade\* the draft because he knew the doctors would **reject** him once they saw the X-rays of his back.
  - b. The reform\* bill was unanimously\* **rejected** by Congress.
  - c. When his promotion was **rejected** by the newspaper owner, the editor\* was thoroughly\* bewildered.\*
6. **deprive** (di prīv') take away from by force
  - a. The poor man was **deprived** of a variety\* of things that money could buy.
  - b. We were **deprived** of a good harvest\* because of the lack\* of rain.
  - c. Living in a rural\* area, Betsy was **deprived** of concerts and plays.
7. **spouse** (spous) husband or wife
  - a. When a husband prospers\* in his business, his **spouse** benefits also.
  - b. The woman and her **spouse** relieved\* each other throughout the night at their child's bedside.
  - c. "May I bring my **spouse** to the office party?" Dorinda asked.
8. **vocation** (vō kā' shən) occupation; business; profession; trade
  - a. Red Smith's **vocation** was as a journalist\* for the *Times*.
  - b. One should try to pick an appropriate\* **vocation** that is appropriate for him or her.
  - c. If you are uneasy\* in your **vocation**, you can never be happy.
9. **unstable** (un stā' bəl) not firmly fixed; easily moved or overthrown
  - a. An **unstable** person will panic\* when he or she is in trouble.
  - b. I could detect\* that the drinking glass was **unstable** and about to fall.
  - c. Cathy's balance became **unstable** because she was very weary.\*
10. **homicide** (häm' ə sīd) a killing of one human being by another; murder
  - a. The police were baffled\* as to who was responsible for the **homicide**.
  - b. It took a crafty\* person to get away with that **homicide**.
  - c. News of the **homicide** quickly circulated\* through our vicinity.\*



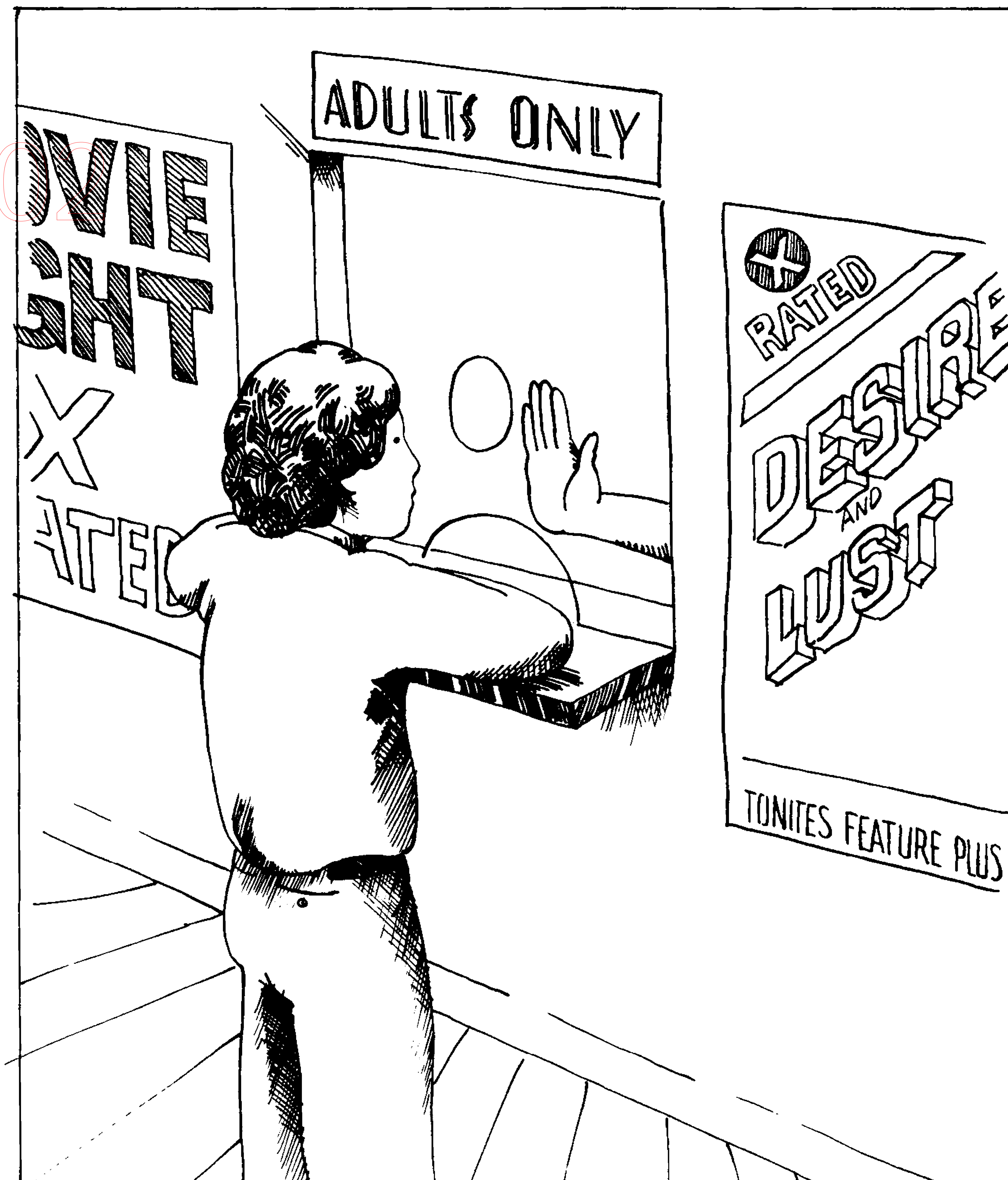
11. **penalize** (pē' nā līz) declare punishable by law or rule; set a penalty for
  - a. The Detroit Lions were **penalized** fifteen yards for their rough play.
  - b. We were **penalized** for not following tradition.\*
  - c. Mrs. Robins **penalized** us for doing the math problem in ink.
12. **beneficiary** (ben ə fish' ē ēr ē or ben ə fish' ə ē) person who receives benefit
  - a. I was the **beneficiary** of \$8,000 when my grandfather died.
  - b. When the paintings were sold, the millionaire's niece was the **beneficiary**.
  - c. My brother was the **beneficiary** of excellent advice from his guidance counselor.

### A New Way to Treat Prisoners

The **warden** of a prison today will readily **acknowledge** the new trend in prison reform.\* In an attempt to provide a different brand of **justice** for society's **delinquents**, officials now **reject** the idea that prison should completely **deprive** the convict of freedom. Thus, in some prisons inmates are allowed to leave the prison grounds to visit

their **spouses** or to pursue\* their **vocation**. Even the more **unstable** convict who may have committed **homicide** is not **penalized** as harshly\* as before. The hope is that if persons emerge\* from prison less defiant\* than they do now, society will be the **beneficiary**.

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?





# Lesson 23

“In words as fashions the same rule will hold,  
Alike fantastic if too new or old;  
Be not the first by whom the new are tried,  
Nor yet the last to lay the old aside.”

Alexander Pope, *Essay on Criticism*

## Words To Learn This Week

reptile  
rarely  
forbid  
logical  
exhibit  
proceed  
precaution  
extract  
prior  
embrace  
valiant  
partial

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- reptile** (rep' təl) a cold blooded animal that creeps or crawls; snakes, lizards, turtles, alligators, and crocodiles
  - The lizard is a **reptile** with a very slender\* body.
  - Reptiles** are kept in the museum's large hall.
  - A crocodile is a **reptile** that is more nimble\* in the water than out of it.
- rarely** (rār' lē) seldom; not often
  - You **rarely** hear adults raving\* about a movie they just saw.
  - People are **rarely** frank\* with each other.
  - I **rarely** attend the annual\* meetings of our family circle.
- forbid** (fər bid') order someone not to do something; make a rule against
  - Spitting on the floor is **forbidden** in public places.
  - The law **forbids** drunken drivers to handle their autos.
  - I **forbid** you to enter the dense\* jungle because of the peril\* which awaits you there.
- logical** (loj' ə kəl) reasonable; reasonably expected
  - It is **logical** to spend a minimum\* on needless things.
  - In order to keep your car running well, it is only **logical** that you lubricate\* it regularly.
  - I used a **logical** argument to persuade\* Lester to leave.
- exhibit** (eg zib' it) display; show
  - A million dollar microscope\* is now on **exhibit** at our school.
  - The bride and groom **exhibited** their many expensive\* gifts.
  - Kim frequently\* **exhibited** her vast knowledge\* of baseball before complete strangers.
- proceed** (prə sēd') go on after having stopped; move forward
  - Only those with special cards can **proceed** into the pool area.
  - When the actor was late, the show **proceeded** without him.
  - The senator **proceeded** to denounce\* those wholesalers\* who would deprive\* Americans of their quota\* of beef.
- precaution** (prə kô' shən) measures taken beforehand; foresight
  - Detectives used **precaution** before entering the bomb's vicinity.\*
  - We must take every **precaution** not to pollute\* the air.
  - Before igniting\* the fire, the hunters took unusual **precaution**.
- extract** (eks trakt') pull out or draw out, usually with some effort
  - Dr. Fogel **extracted** my tooth in an amateur\* fashion.
  - Chemists **extracted** the essential\* vitamins from the grain.
  - Spencer was ingenious\* in **extracting** information from witnesses.
- prior** (prī' ə) coming before; earlier
  - Prior** to choosing his life's vocation,\* Paul traveled to India.
  - Myrna was unhappy **prior** to meeting her beau.\*
  - Samson had been a strong man **prior** to having his hair cut.
- embrace** (em brās') hug one another; a hug
  - After having been rivals\* for years, the two men **embraced**.
  - When Ellen's spouse\* approached,\* she slipped out of Doug's **embrace**.
  - The young girl was bewildered\* when the stranger **embraced** her.
- valiant** (val' yənt) brave; courageous
  - Robin Hood was **valiant** and faced his opponents\* without fear.
  - The **valiant** paratroopers led the invasion.



- c. Grandma Joad had the ability\* to be **valiant** when the need arose.
12. **partial** (pär' shəl) not complete; not total
- a. We made a **partial** listing of the urgently\* needed supplies.
- b. Macy's had a sale on a **partial** selection of its winter clothes.
- c. Using only a **partial** amount of his great speed, Jim Ryun surpassed\* all the other runners.

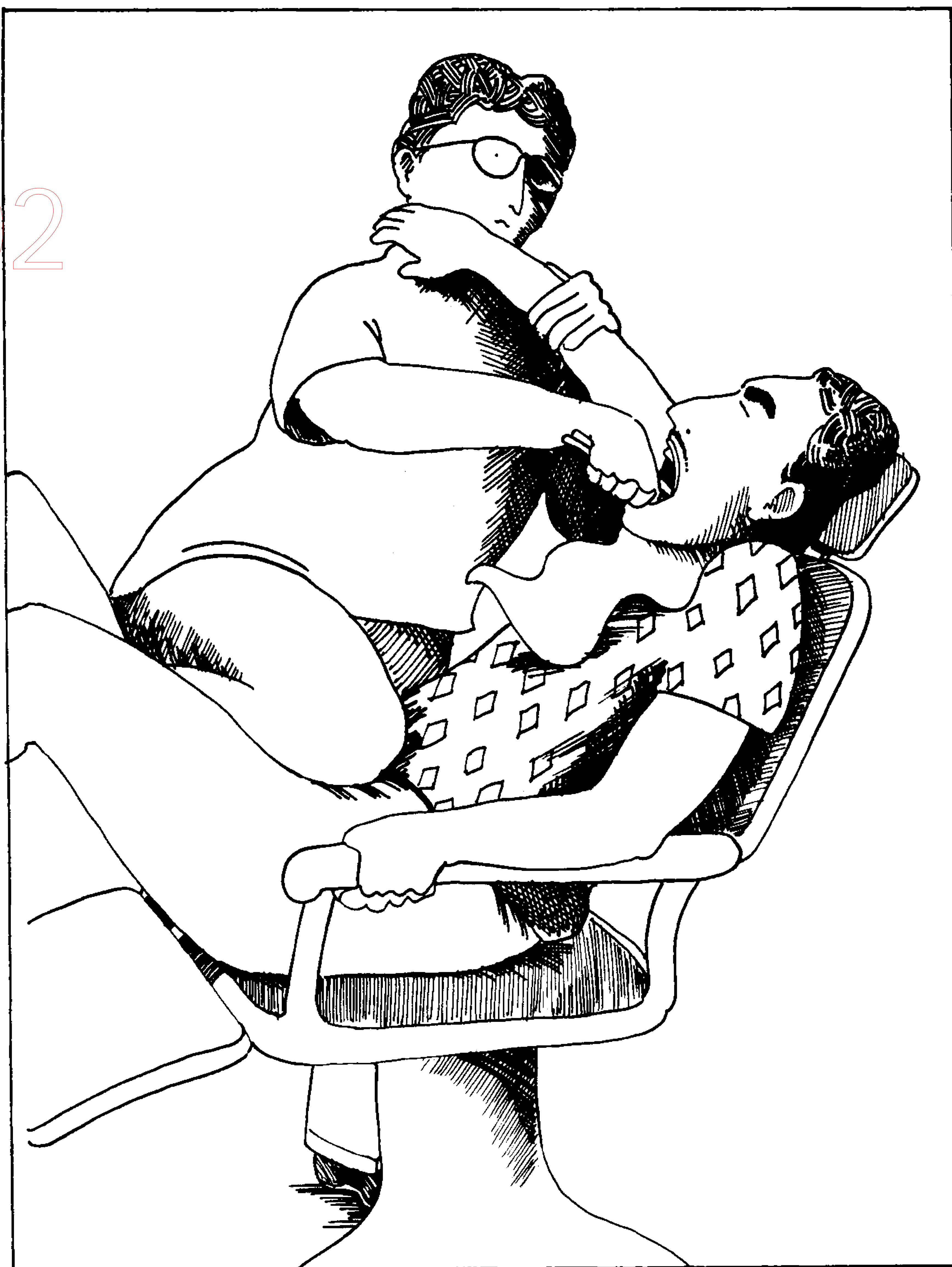
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### Handling Poisonous Snakes

How do the Indian snake charmers handle those live poisonous **reptiles** without being poisoned? Visitors to the Hopi Indians **rarely** leave the reservation without asking. Because Indians **forbid** any white person from taking part in such a ceremony, scientists could come to one **logical** answer: before the Indians **exhibit** the snakes, they **proceed** to remove the fangs. Yet some scientists

**verify\*** the fact that all the snakes have fangs. They have a different theory.\* The Indians take an important **precaution**: they **extract** most of the poison **prior** to the snake dance. Now the Indian can **embrace** the snake without being poisoned. He will appear **valiant** because he knows that the snake has only a **partial** supply of its deadly poison.

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?



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# Lesson 24

"Words are the physicians of a mind diseased."

Aeschylus, *Prometheus Bound*

## Words To Learn This Week

fierce  
detest  
sneer  
scowl  
encourage  
consider  
vermin  
wail  
symbol  
authority  
neutral  
trifle

- fierce** (fērs) savage; wild
  - Barry was so **fiercely** angry that he thrust\* his hand through the glass.
  - One must take appropriate\* precautions\* when approaching\* **fierce** dogs.
  - He took one look at his **fierce** opponent\* and ran.
- detest** (di test') dislike very much; hate
  - The world **detests** people who aren't valiant.\*
  - Wally was certain that his girlfriend's parents would **detest** him because he had been a delinquent.\*
  - I **detest** Chinese food but I won't deprive\* you of the chance to eat it.
- sneer** (snēr) show scorn or contempt by looks or words; a scornful look or remark
  - The journalists\* were cautious\* about **sneering** at the Secretary of Defense.
  - "Wipe that **sneer** off your face!" the dean told the delinquent.\*
  - When offered a dime as a tip, the taxi driver **sneered** at his rider.
- scowl** (skoul) look angry by lowering the eyebrows; frown
  - Laverne **scowled** at her mother when she was prohibited\* from going out.
  - I dread\* seeing my father **scowl** when he gets my report card.
  - Because of a defect\* in her vision,\* it always appeared that Polly was **scowling**.
- encourage** (en kər' ij) give courage to; increase the confidence of
  - We **encouraged** the coach to devise\* a plan for beating Jefferson High.
  - Some unstable\* persons need to be **encouraged** to find a vocation.\*
  - A valiant\* person rarely\* needs to be **encouraged**.
- consider** (kən sid' ə) think about in order to decide
  - Jon **considered** whether a comprehensive\* report was necessary.
  - Do you **consider** that dress to be a bargain at the wholesale\* price?
  - The wrestler was always **considered** to be the underdog\* in every match.
- vermin** (ver' mən) small animals that are troublesome or destructive; fleas, bedbugs, lice, rats, and mice are vermin
  - One should try to eliminate\* all **vermin** from his or her house.
  - Some reptiles\* eat **vermin** as their food.
  - Although **vermin** are not always visible,\* they probably inhabit\* every house in the city.
- wail** (wāl) cry loud and long because of grief or pain
  - When tragedy\* struck, the old people began to **wail**.
  - In some countries the women are expected to **wail** loudly after their husbands die.
  - When the Yankees lost the World Series, there was much **wailing** in New York.
- symbol** (sim' bəl) something that stands for or represents something else
  - The statue outside the court building is considered\* a **symbol** of justice.\*
  - Symbols** for God are prohibited\* in the Jewish religion.
  - An olive branch is a **symbol** of peace.
- authority** (e thōr' e tē, e thär' e tē) the right to command or enforce obedience; power delegated to another; an author or volume that may be appealed to in support of an action or belief
  - No one should have the **authority** to dictate our career choice.
  - Today a monarch\* does not have the **authority** he once enjoyed.
  - The Supreme Court is entrusted with the **authority** to interpret our Constitution.

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11. **neutral** (nōō' trəl) on neither side of a quarrel or war
  - a. It is logical\* to remain **neutral** in a violent\* argument between spouses.\*
  - b. Switzerland was a **neutral** country in World War II.
  - c. Adolph did not reject\* the idea but remained **neutral** about it.
12. **trifle** (tri' fəl) a small amount; little bit; something of little value
  - a. I ate a **trifle** for dinner rather than a vast\* meal.
  - b. Walter spends only a **trifle** of his time in studying French.
  - c. At our meetings Alex always raises **trifling** objections to any new plan.

### Punishment for Drug Abuse

A recent\* attempt by New Jersey's attorney general to lessen the penalties\* for use of marijuana has caused **fierce** arguments around the country. Those who **detest** the drug users **sneer** and **scowl** at the light treatment of offenders. They reject\* the attorney general's recommendation as lacking a morsel\* of sense, claiming it would only **encourage** more drug abuse. They **consider** the drug addict much like **vermin** that must be stamped out.

Such citizens continually **wail** for stiffer penalties. Those in favor of a milder approach\* to the drug problem point to the poor results achieved by prison terms. They feel addicts\* should be given medical help. Also, in enforcing harsh\* drug laws, police tend to be viewed as a **symbol** of unwelcome **authority**. The problem demands a solution. We cannot remain **neutral** or unconcerned, nor can we afford to muddle through with ineffective measures, for this is not a **trifling** matter.

Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?

