Vocabulary Cartoons: Lessons 26-27

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**QUIRK**

(kwurk) *n.*
a peculiarity of behavior; an unaccountable act or event

Link: **JERK**

“People have the strangest QUIRKS; some can be real JERKS.”
QUIXOTIC
(kwik SAHT ik) adj.
totally or foolishly impractical

Link: IDIOTIC

“Jim, the messenger, is not IDIOTIC, he’s just QUIXOTIC.”
RAMIFICATION
(ram uh fuh KAY shun) n.
a development growing out of and often complicating a problem or pain; a consequence

Link: RAMS ON VACATION

“A possible RAMIFICATION of encountering RAMS while ON VACATION”
RELINQUISH
(rah LING kwish) v.
to give up doing, professing, or intending; to surrender, give in

Link: REEL IN FISH

“Captain Ahab would never RELINQUISH REELING IN his FISH.”
REMINISCE
(rem uh NISS) v.
the act or practice of recalling the past

Link: RIM MISS

"Jim never got over his RIM MISS and tortured himself for years REMINISCING about it."
REMORSE
(re MORS) n.
a strong feeling of sadness or guilt for having done something wrong

Link: HORSE

“The HORSE felt REMORSE.”
RESURGENT (re SUR jent) adj.
rising after defeat
REVERE
(ruh VEER) v.
to regard with great devotion or respect, to honor

Link:  PAUL REVERE

“Hero of the American Revolution, PAUL REVERE is greatly REVERED.”
**RIVET**
(RIV it) v./n.
to hold the attention of; something that fastens two parts together

Link: RIVET

"The audience was RIVETED to their seats watching the RIVETER."
ROSTER
(RAW ster) n.
a list of names; especially of personnel available for duty

Link: ROOSTER

“A ROOSTER on the ROSTER”
RUDIMENTARY
(roe duh MEN tuh ree) adj.
basic, crude, undeveloped;
fundamental principles or skills

Link: RUDE ELEMENTARY

“RUDE children in ELEMENTARY school are often RUDIMENTARY by nature.”
SCAPEGOAT
(SCAPE goht) n.
one that bears the blame for others
SCRUTINIZE
(SKROOT uhn nize) v.
to look very carefully; to examine

Link: SCREW EYES

"U.S. Customs officials have SCREW EYES when they SCRUTINIZE baggage."
SEGREGATE
(SEG ruh gate) v.
to separate or keep apart from others

Link: SEPARATE GATE

“At the track, race horses are SEGREGATED into SEPARATE GATES to begin the race.”
SERPENTINE
(sur pun TEEN) adj.
snakelike in shape or movement; winding as a snake

Link: SERPENT TEEN

“A SERPENT TEEN hot-rodding on a SERPENTINE road”
SOMBER
(SOM bur) adj.
depressing, gloomy, dark

Link: SOME BEARS

"SOME BEARS endure winter hibernation in a SOMBER state of mind."
SONOROUS
(SON uh russ) adj.
producing sound, especially
deep and rich, resonant

Link: **SNORERS**

"The not-so-S**ONOROUS**
**SNORERS** of old Santa Fe"
SPUR
(spur) v.
to move to action

Link:  SPURS

"SPURS are called SPURS because they SPUR a horse to action."
**SPURN**
(spurn) v.
to reject with disdain

Link: **BURN**

“Robert was **BURNED** when Rebecca **SPURNED** him.”
STUPEFY
(STOO puh fie) v.
to make numb with amazement;
to stun into helplessness

Link: SUPER FLY

“The kids were STUPEFIED when SUPER FLY stole the cake.”