DOLDRUMS

(DOHL drums) *n.* 
a period or condition of depression or inactivity; a part of the ocean near the equator abounding in calms and squalls

Link: **DOLL DRUMS**

“All covered with dust, the DOLL DRUMS were in the DOLDRUMS.”

- Ever since Jackie’s dog died, he hasn’t touched his toys and he mopes around day after day in the DOLDRUMS.

- Ever since the company sales have been in the DOLDRUMS the boss has had to layoff three salesmen.

- For thirteen days we were becalmed in the Horse Latitudes near the equator, our ship drifting in the DOLDRUMS without the faintest breeze to fill the sails of our vessel.
When Minnesota Fats entered a pool hall, all the other players respectfully stopped their own games to watch him, for they knew this was his **DOMAIN**.

The **DOMAIN** of the native Florida panther is in the Everglades and South Central Florida.

The courtroom is the **DOMAIN** of attorneys and judges.

“Lions have **DOMAIN** over the **PLAINS** of Africa.”
DORMANT
(DOR munt) adj.
asleep or inactive

Link: DOOR MAT

“Boys! Boys! Fido may be DORMANT, but he is not a DOOR MAT.”

- Bears hibernate in caves and remain DORMANT throughout the winter.
- Jim’s talent for playing the French horn had been DORMANT for so long he lost his ability to play.
- The rain fell steadily over the DORMANT village as nightfall approached.
**DRACONIAN**

(drah KOH nee un) *adj.*

hard, severe, cruel

**Link:** DRACULA

“Count **DRACULA** often behaved *in a **DRACONIAN** manner.*”

- Our **DRACONIAN** professor always gives us at least three hours of homework a night and term papers to write over every holiday.

- Judge McNamara handed down a **DRACONIAN** sentence to the defendant: sixty days for littering.

- The word **DRACONIAN** did not originate with the fictional character, Count Dracula, but with an ancient Greek official named Draco who created a harsh code of laws.
DROMEDARY
(DROM ih der ee) n.
a one-humped domesticated camel

Link: ROAMING DAIRY

“On the Arabian deserts,
a mother DROMEDARY is
a ROAMING DAIRY.”

- The DROMEDARY is widely used as a beast of burden in Northern Africa and Western Asia.
- A DROMEDARY is also known as an Arabian camel.
- The highlight of our trip to Egypt was riding DROMEDARIES around the Great Pyramids of Giza.
Senator Kramer was a political campaigner who could hypnotize an audience with sweet words and DULCET tones.

Jeff’s parents declared there was nothing DULCET about the rock-and-roll music that shook the house from his room every morning as he dressed for school.

The DULCET music in the elevator made the ride to the fifty-fifth floor pleasurable.
The judge ruled the defendant was under DURESS when the police got his confession, and therefore his confession could not be used as evidence.

It is only in recent years that social scientists have come to understand that many people laboring in competitive industries are under career DURESS.

The crew was under DURESS after drifting for three days in a rubber raft with no food or water.

“During interrogation, the suspect was under DURESS to CONFESS.”
EDIFICE
(ED uh fis) n.
a building, especially one of imposing appearance or size

Link: ATE A FACE

“The Great Kong ATE the north FACE of the EDIFICE.”

- The construction of one EDIFICE led to another, and New York City became a skyline of enormous skyscrapers.
- The Taj Mahal may not be the largest EDIFICE ever constructed, but surely it is one of the most imposing in the world.
- Spiderman easily scaled the EDIFICE.
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.

It was hard to make out the old coin’s date because it had been **EFFACED** over time.

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** Efface **
(uh FACE) v. to rub away

Link: **Erase**

“How to **EFFACE** a face by **ERASING** it”
EGALITARIAN
(ih gal uh TARE ee un) adj./n.
advocating the doctrine of equal rights for all citizens; a person who adheres egalitarian beliefs

Link: THE GAL I’M MARRYIN’

“THE GAL I’M MARRYIN’ is an EGALITARIAN.”

- The Communists preached an EGALITARIAN philosophy, but in the end they were the same old fascists the world has known through the ages. (adj.)
- Martin Luther King’s EGALITARIAN beliefs inspired many. (adj.)
- Martin Luther King was a true EGALITARIAN, he preached for equal rights for all citizens. (n.)
VOCABULARY CARTOONS: Review #12.1

Match the word with its definition.

___ 1. doldrums a. a one-humped domesticated camel
___ 2. domain b. a period of depression or inactivity
___ 3. dormant c. to rub away
___ 4. draconian d. advocating the doctrine of equal rights
___ 5. dromedary e. melodious, soft, soothing
___ 6. dulcet f. a territory over which one rules
___ 7. duress g. hard, severe, cruel
___ 8. edifice h. asleep or inactive
___ 9. efface i. an imposing building
___ 10. egalitarian j. hardship, restraint, confinement

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

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VOCABULARY CARTOONS:  Review 9 - 12

Multiple Choice: Circle the appropriate word for the provided definition.

1. hard, severe, cruel
   a.) craven
   b.) deft
   c.) draconian
   d.) egalitarian

2. a sudden downfall
   a.) denounce
   b.) doldrums
   c.) debase
   d.) debacle

3. easily taught or controlled; obedient
   a.) demur
   b.) docile
   c.) demonic
   d.) divine

4. to drive away; to dissipate
   a.) dispel
   b.) disperse
   c.) disparage
   d.) efface

5. skillful, dexterous
   a.) dulcet
   b.) deft
   c.) demonic
   d.) divine

6. to rub away
   a.) defame
   b.) dissolution
   c.) efface
   d.) curtail

7. to cringe in fear; to shrink away
   a.) cower
   b.) duress
   c.) demur
   d.) craven

8. advocating the doctrine of equal rights
   a.) dromedary
   b.) demagogue
   c.) draconian
   d.) egalitarian

9. to dry out completely; dehydrate
   a.) desiccate
   b.) dissolution
   c.) damper
   d.) dearth

10. hardship, restraint, confinement
    a.) draconian
    b.) doldrums
    c.) dearth
    d.) duress

11. lacking the least bit of courage; cowardly
    a.) draconian
    b.) craven
    c.) dauntless
    d.) demur

12. fearless; unintimidated
    a.) deft
    b.) dauntless
    c.) craven
    d.) egalitarian

13. having a persistent force or drive; fiendish
    a.) craven
    b.) demonic
    c.) draconian
    d.) demagogue

14. to lessen; to cut away from
    a.) curtail
    b.) efface
    c.) couture
    d.) chide

15. an evil leader
    a.) egalitarian
    b.) demonic
    c.) craven
    d.) demagogue
## VOCABULARY CARTOONS SAT Word Power

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