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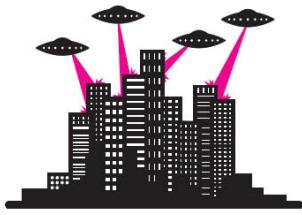
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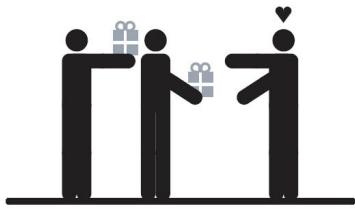
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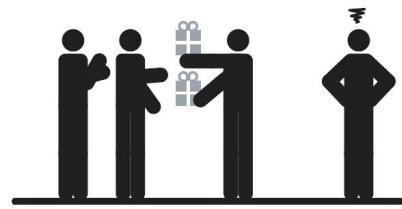
Foreword

I'll be the first to admit that I'm—shall we say—*sensitive* to misspellings. But I get it: Mistakes are made, nobody's perfect. And some words really can be confusing—especially homophones, those words that are pronounced the same but spelled differently. We could have a long, technical talk about how to escape such devious grammatical traps. But I'm an illustrator, not a linguist. So in 2011 I decided I'd rather see it all laid out in funny pictures and started a weekly blog called *Homophones, Weakly*. As it turns out, this approach resonated with a lot of people, from students to teachers, poets to graphic designers. This book represents a selection of my favorite drawings from the blog—with a few changes here and there to make them even better.

I recognize there are many diverse factors that determine how each person pronounces the same word. And language is not an exact science anyway. So it's important to me that this book not be taken as a call-to-arms for the grammar warriors among us, or as some comprehensive curriculum to study and memorize. Instead, this is simply meant to be a fun, visual guide to a cohort of confusing words, and I hope you enjoy it. The following pages speak for themselves better than I can anyway, so let's end this foreword and move forward.



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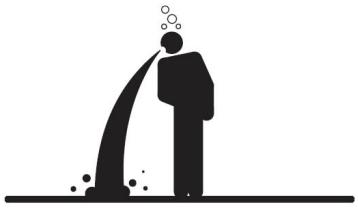
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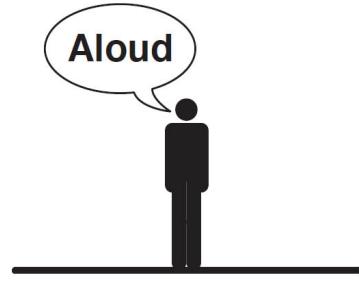
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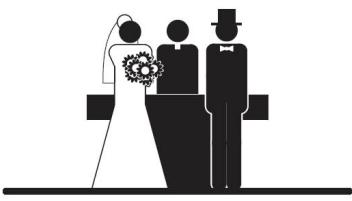


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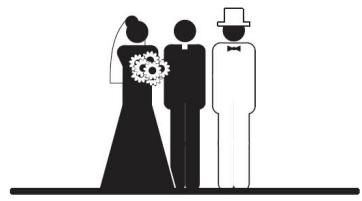


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Ate



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Aye



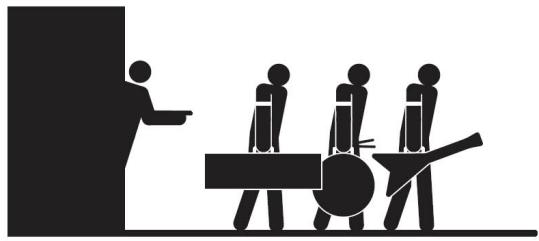
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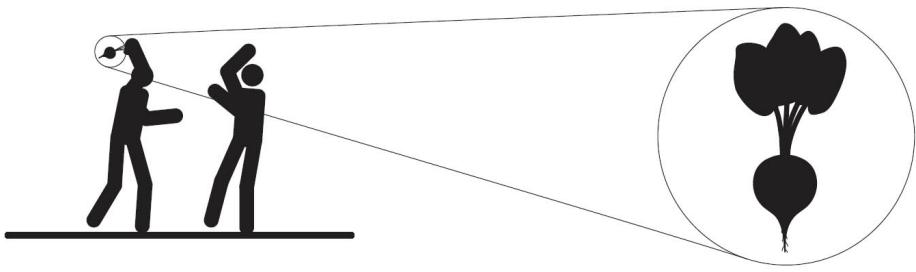
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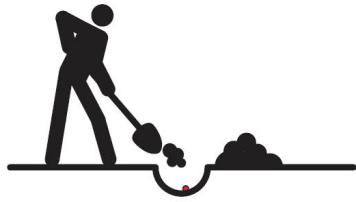


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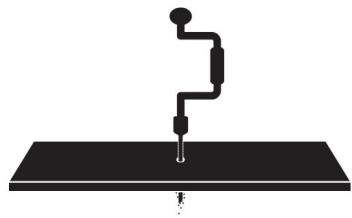
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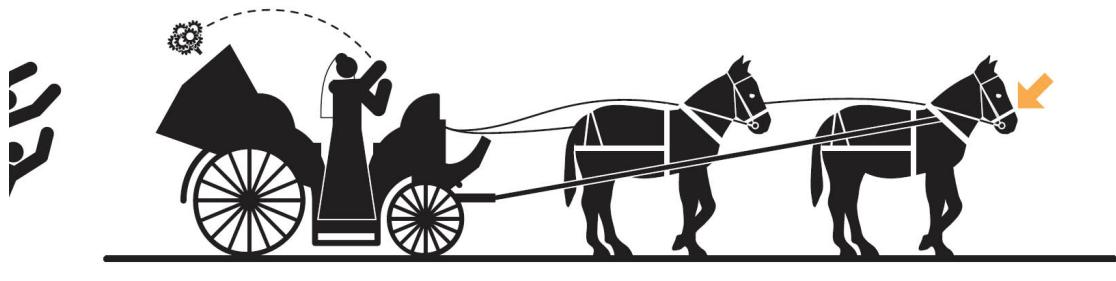
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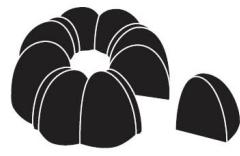


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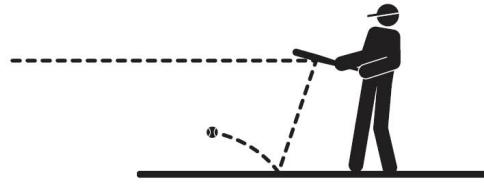


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Bridle



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Callous



Callus



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Capital



Capitol



Carat

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Caret



Carrot



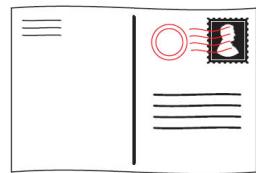
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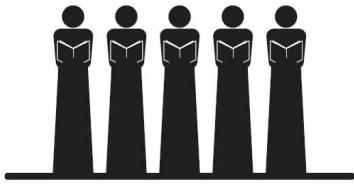
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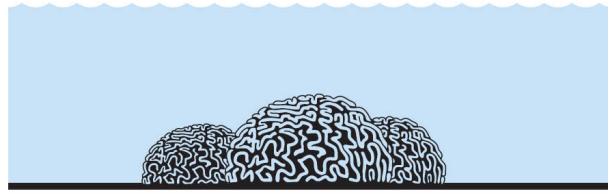
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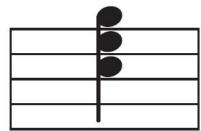
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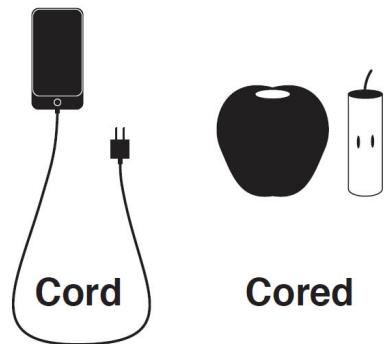
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Coral



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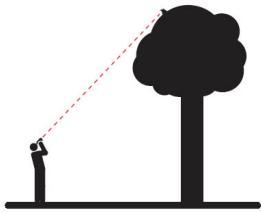


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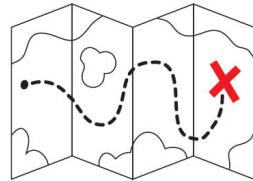
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Cite



Sight



Site



Colonel



Kernel



Complement



Compliment



Continence



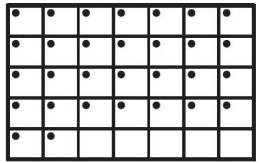
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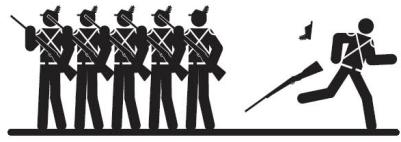
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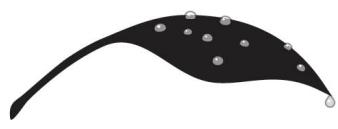
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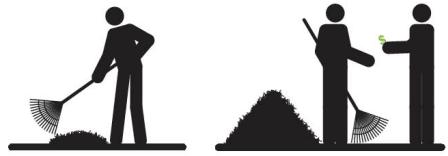
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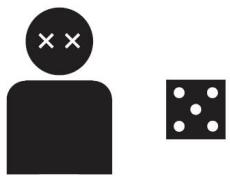


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Due



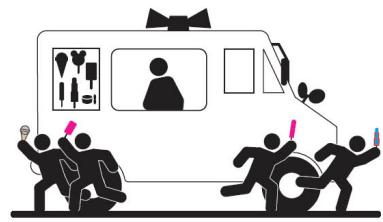
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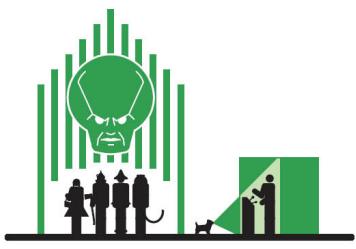
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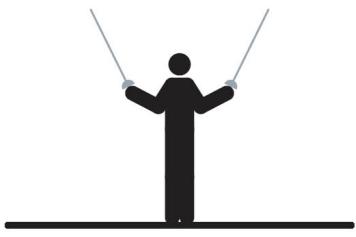
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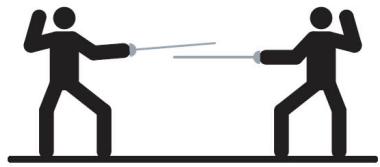
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Dissolution



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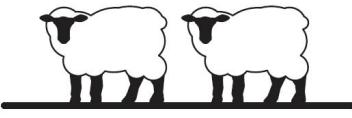
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Ensure



Insure



Ewes



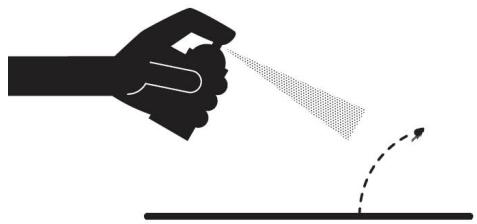
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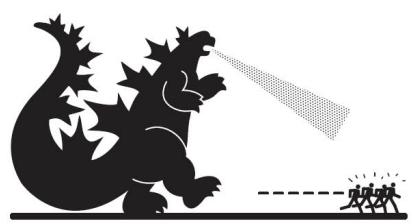
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Ferry



Flea



Flee



Flour



Flower



For



Fore



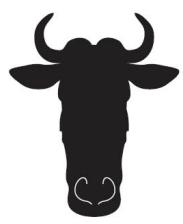
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Guilt



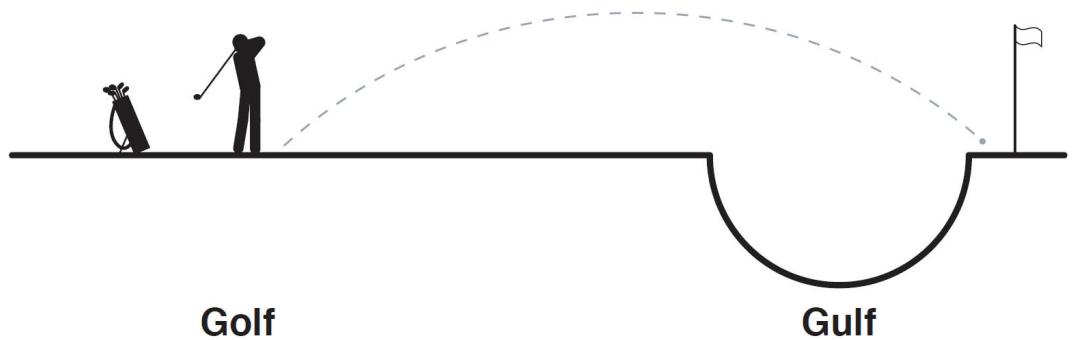
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New





Gorilla



Guerrilla



Grate



Great



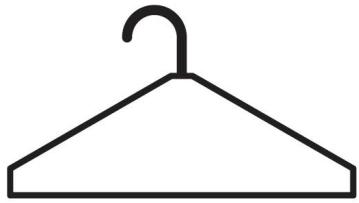
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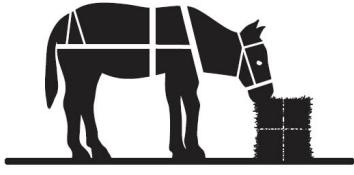
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Hangar



Hanger



Hay



Hey



Heal



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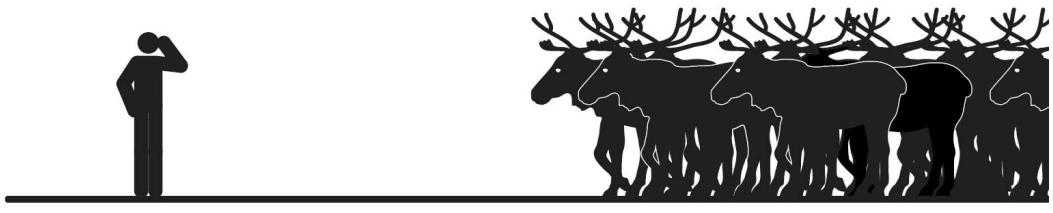




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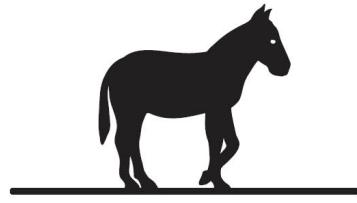


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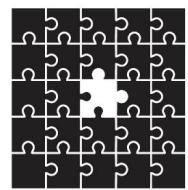
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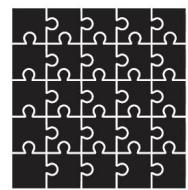
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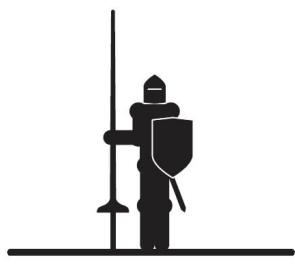
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Hostel



Hostile



Knight



Night



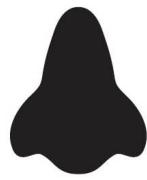
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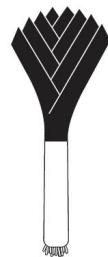
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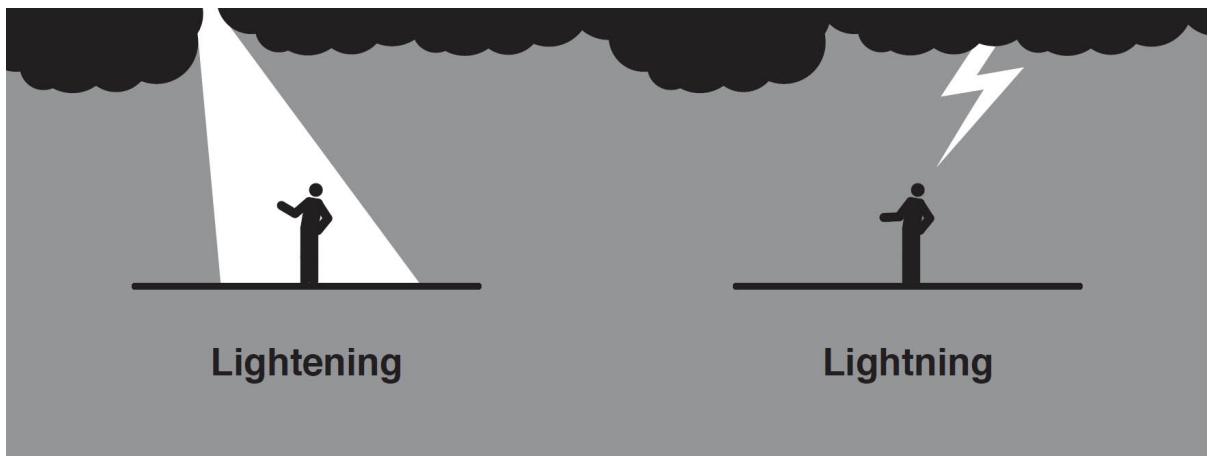
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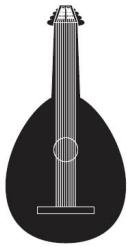


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Mints



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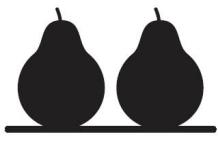
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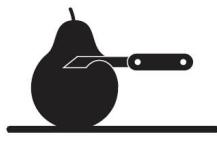
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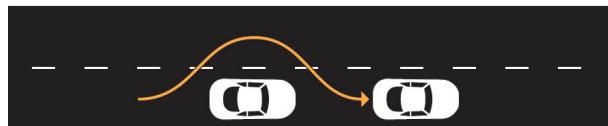
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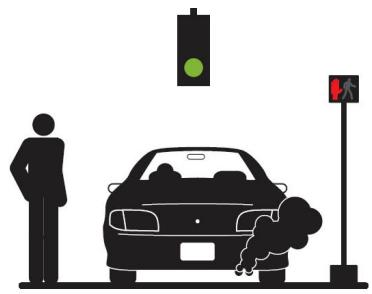
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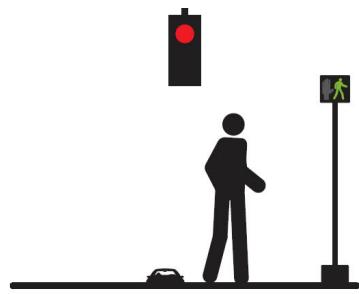
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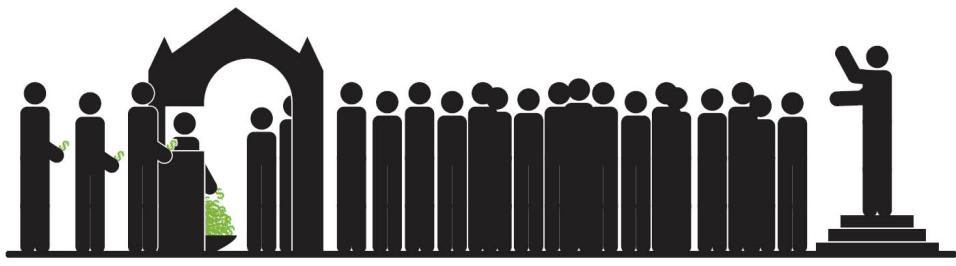
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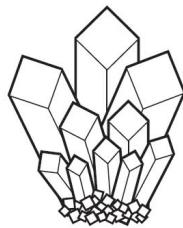


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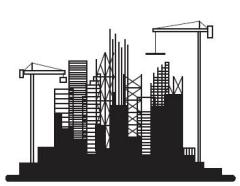
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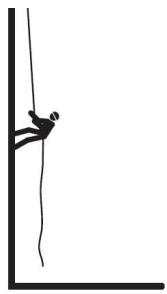
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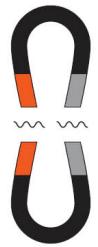
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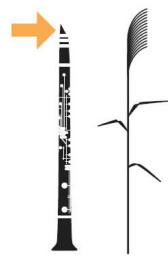
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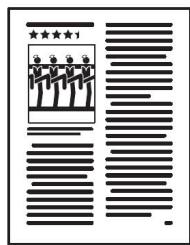
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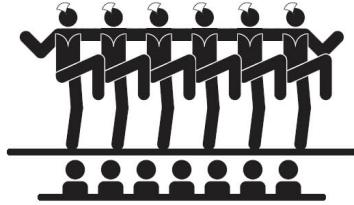
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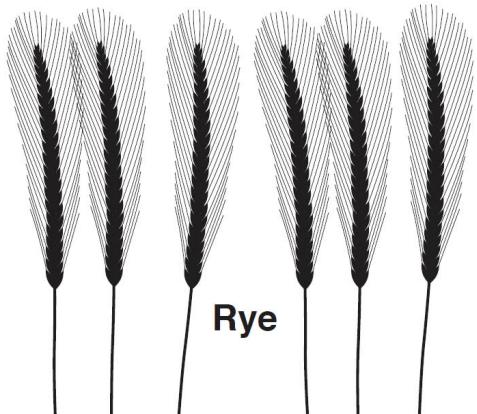
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Sale



Sew



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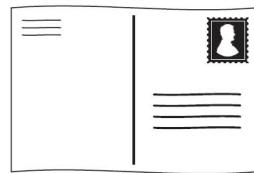
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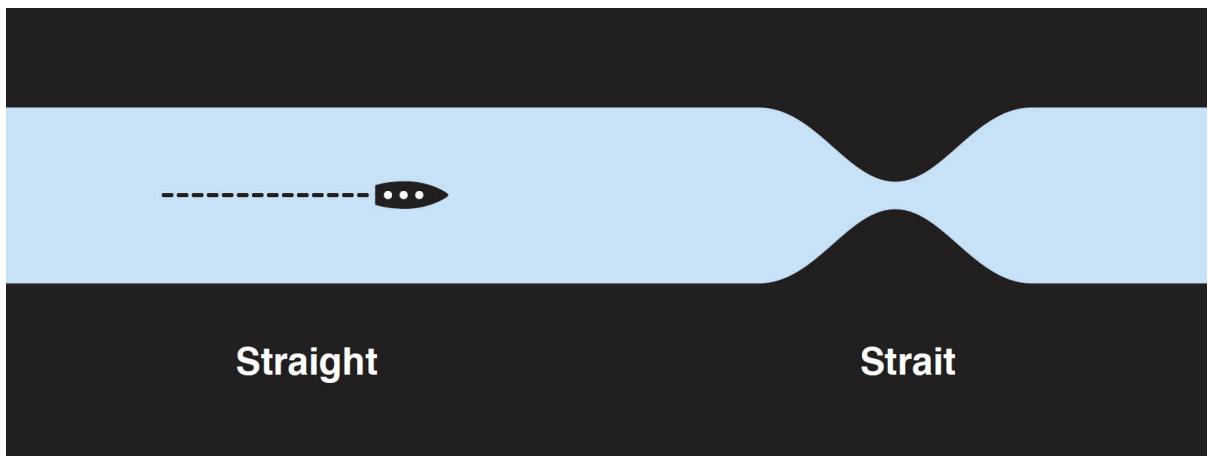
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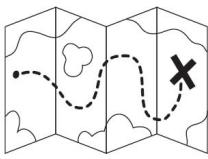


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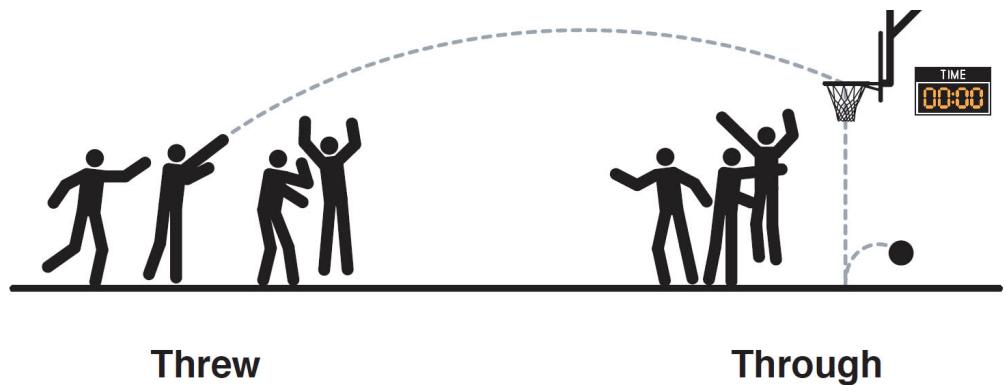
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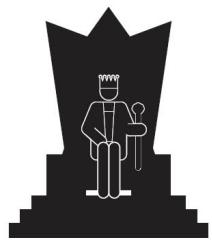


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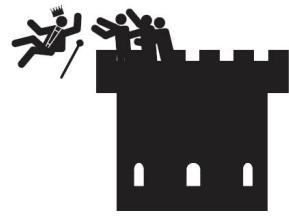


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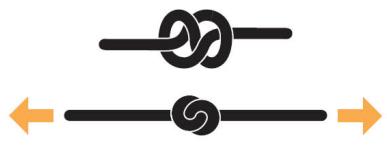




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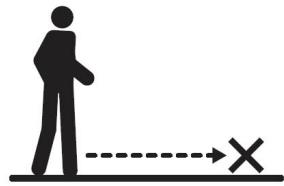
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Titan



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Too



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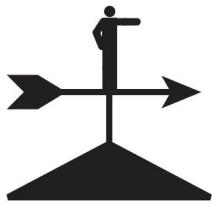
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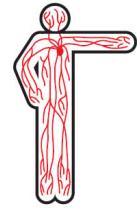
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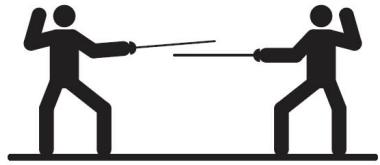
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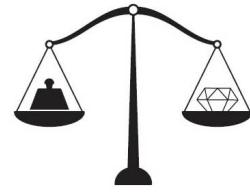
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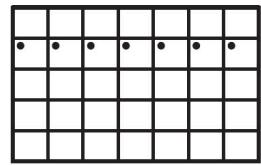
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Worn



Weak



Week



Which



Witch

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