**guts, exception, detriment, strings, cry, store, tenterhooks, line, safe, scenes**

During the summer, Fridays are usually quiet

in the office, really quiet. I guess today was

**the …exception……………………which proves the rule**

**That deal is to the …detriment……………………..of our company**

My uncle knows people in high places. He

may well be able to **pull a few …strings…………………..**

for us.

Immediately he took over the company, it was

obvious he had a number of major changes

**in …store………………..for us**

General Electric Company has been keeping

British Aerospace and Thomson-CSF of France

**on …tenterhooks………………….** However, GEC is expected

to decide within the next few days whether to

sell its Marconi defence division to BAe or

merge it with Thomson.

Leadership is not a basket of tricks or skills. It's

strength of character and honesty **and having**

**the …guts………………….to** make hard decisions. It's a

matter of ethics and moral compass, the willingness

to remain highly vulnerable.

A trip abroad in 1962 opened his eyes to the

way fine wines were produced in Europe. It

was **a far …cry………………..from** the California mass-production

practices of the time.

Coaches offer a one-on-one relationship with

executives that is far more personal than in

other consulting arrangements. They work

**behind the…scenes………………...** Their primary mission is

to support and develop their client.

**draw the…line………………… at sth**

If you buy a minimum of 500 units, we're willing

to offer you a reduction of 20%, but that's

our best and final offer. We have **to draw**

**the line** somewhere.

Grubco's offer is tempting, but they're a new

company, and we don't know much about

them. I prefer **to play it …safe………………….**and give this

contract to a well-established firm, someone

we've already had dealings with