

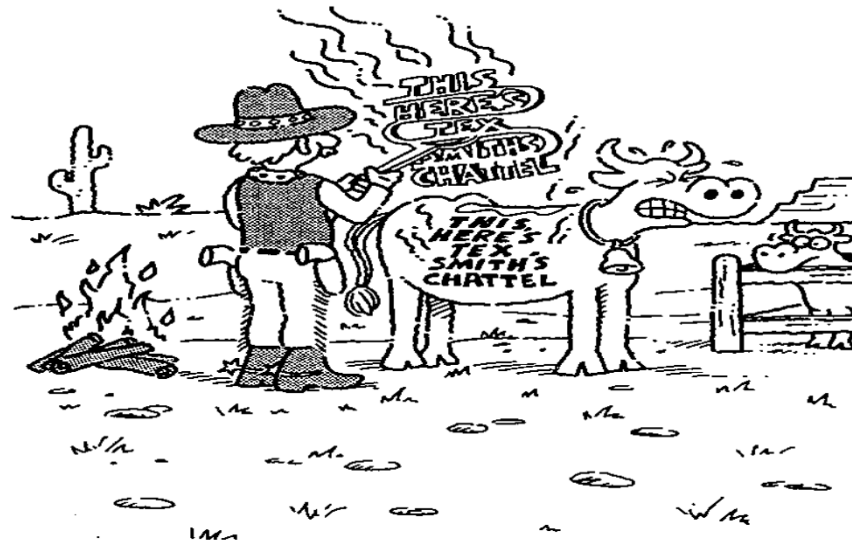
# Week 1 Picture Vocabulary

## CHATTEL

(chatel)

an item of personal, movable  
property; slave

Link: CATTLE



*"Tex's CATTLE were his CHATTEL."*

- ❑ The bank held a CHATTEL mortgage on all our office equipment, chairs, computers and even our electric clock.
- ❑ Please do not order me around Lady Boswell, I am neither your servant nor your CHATTEL.
- ❑ The CHATTEL belonging to Herodotos of Athens at his death were sixteen slaves, seven horses, six hunting dogs and three midget gladiators.

## AUSTERE

(aw STEER)

stern, as in manner; without excess, unadorned, severely simple and plain

Link: STEER



*“An AUSTERE STEER is no fun at a party.”*

- ❑ Jill’s father was AUSTERE, rarely smiled and was always stern with her about having dates with boys he didn’t know.
- ❑ The AUSTERITY of life in the village was understandable. Many were jobless and evidence of poverty was everywhere.
- ❑ Her home was AUSTERELY decorated, very plain furniture without frills and only items that were necessary.

## LAMENT

(la MINT)

to express sorrow or regret;  
to mourn

Link: CEMENT



*“We LAMENT that Joe got  
buried in CEMENT.”*

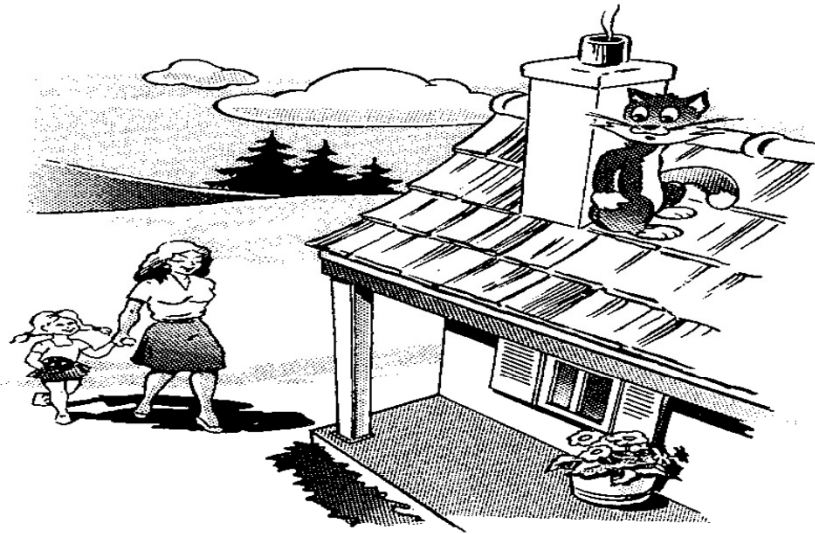
- ❑ The song, “Cowboy’s LAMENT,” is a ballad about the lonely life of those who drive cattle for a living.
- ❑ The nation LAMENTS the passing of the President while at the same time celebrating his achievements while in office.
- ❑ It is LAMENTABLE that Roscoe quit college in his sophomore year; his professors considered him the brightest engineering student in his class.

## ALOOF

(uh LOOF)

distant, reserved in manner;  
uninvolved

Link: ROOF



*“Snowball, the cat, was so ALOOF when guests came she hid on the ROOF.”*

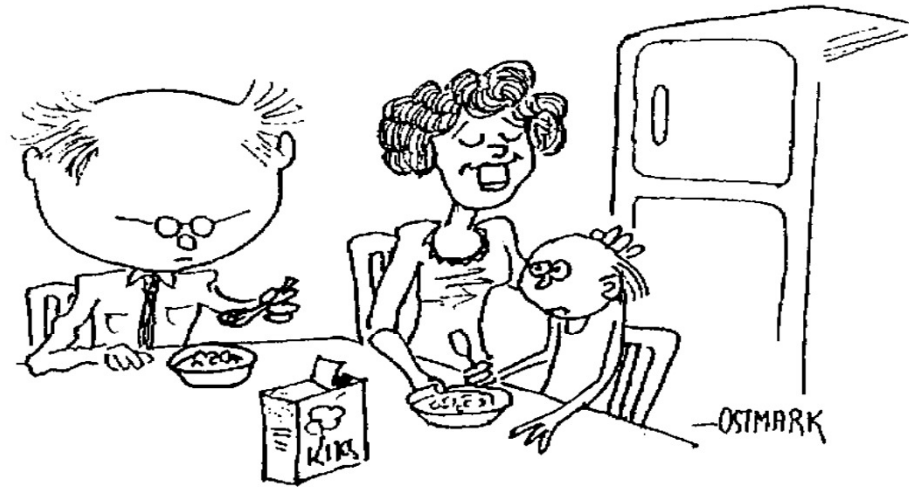
- ❑ Most everyone thought Theodore ALOOF when actually he was only very shy.
- ❑ Nothing ruins a fine dinner at a good restaurant like an ALOOF waiter who makes the entire experience uncomfortable.
- ❑ At the wedding reception, the bride’s relatives were very ALOOF, hardly speaking to the groom’s guests and family.

## CEREBRAL

(suh REE brul)

of or relating to the brain;  
an intellectual person

Link: CEREAL



*“Eat your CEREAL so you’ll grow up and be CEREBRAL like your father.”*

- ❑ CEREBRAL for a football player, the wily Kansas quarterback rarely called a play that wasn’t well planned and thought out.
- ❑ Dr. Clark was too CEREBRAL to be a boy scout leader. Instead of saying “pitch your tents over by the cliff,” he would confuse everyone with his big words and say, “construct the canvas shelters in the proximity of the promontory.”