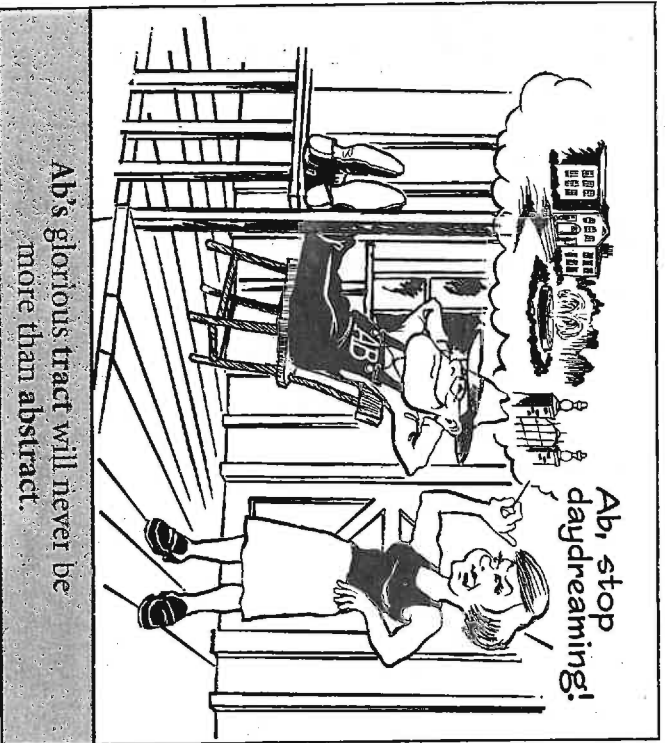


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not concrete

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■ Numbers are abstract, but they can be represented by symbols.

■ The idea of infinity is an abstract concept that people have difficulty imagining.

■ When discussing abstract ideas such as truth, justice, and freedom in an essay, you should give concrete examples to illustrate your argument.

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abstruse

difficult to understand

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■ Writers who are abstruse seldom are really popular.

■ Many people find higher mathematics to be an abstruse subject.

■ The astronomer Carl Sagan had a gift for making the abstruse areas of his field understandable to the layperson.