

**COAXES:** to persuade by pleading or flattery

**VAGUELY:** not clear or definite; hazy

**REPUTATION:** how the public views an individual

**MALADJUSTED:** poorly adjusted to one's surroundings

**BANISHED:** forced to leave; expelled

**LEPER:** a person who is rejected; an outcast

**PRUNING:** to cut off, clear or remove

**DEVIOUS:** not straightforward; shifty or crooked

**ALLEGEDLY:** something that has been described but not proven

**HAZING:** to abuse newcomers with humiliating tricks or ridicule