

# Oosik & Tick

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m.driussi — 20 Mar 1997, 15:05

Reply: Item #2252230 from WHORL at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET02#

Wesley Parsons,

Thanks for the tip on Oosik. No, I'd never seen this one! Now we're on the look out for an Inuit lexicon of animals and their body parts! (`Walrus penis bone'--incredible. And it is almost as if the Inuits speak Latin, with "oss" as bone. Gee, will Mattak be a chip off the old block?)

viscacha,

Maybe you could whip up a quick catachrest lexicon ("caticon"?). In fooling around with word substitution, I wondered if Tick wasn't also using certain rules of transformation. I take "Add word" to be "bad bird"; "add speak" to be "bad beak." In the first phrase, initial consonants are dropped (otherwise we might expect "bad" to be represented by "bat," "bed," etc.) or downgraded into quasi-vowels. This gives Tick an Elmer Fudd-like baby talk, seems to me.

Then again, in "Add speak" we would expect it to become "Add week" if this rule were entirely valid.

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