

A howling **throng** of teenage girls surrounded the rap artists.

Bill Clinton is an **avid** student of social media and is listed on Facebook.

Even under repeated questioning, the witness remained **reticent**.

Her **pretext** of being tired did not fool us for an instant.

His speech was usually rambling, but this time I found it brief and **laconic**.

I often marvel as I watch the traffic officer **gesticulate** at the onrushing cars.

If a surly panhandler should **accost** you, keep on walking.

In a **furtive** manner she removed her shoes and tiptoed up to her room.

In reading the satires of Jonathan Swift, one must be vigilant in order to catch each **nuance**.

It will **enhance** your enjoyment of an opera if you know what the plot is about in advance.

Most fishermen can **fabricate** a story about the size of the one that got away.

My nephew is quite **adroit** at making model airplanes.

My uncle was **irate** when the drunken driver swerved in front of us.

Since my grasp of algebra is **rudimentary**, I cannot solve the problem.

Since the boss learned that Bob associated with a known **felon**, he fired him.

The corporal received the Silver Star for his **intrepid** deeds in combat.

The **hapless** contest winner was unable to locate the lucky ticket.

The parakeet refused to be **cajoled** in entering her cage.

The shooters at Columbine High School made educators much more **vigilant**.

When the teacher asked why the homework had not been done, he was greeted by a **plethora** of incredible alibis.