

Although Ralph can't play, he doesn't hesitate to **belittle** the efforts of our football team.

At the bottom of the beautiful wine bottle, only the **dregs** remained.

His **belligerent** manner caused him to lose one friend after another.

I don't understand modern art, but I neither loathe nor **scoff** at it.

In a **frenzy** the teenager overturned every drawer while searching for the car keys.

In trying to offer **solace** to the deceased's wife, the reporter inadvertently made the situation worse.

Mr. Dixon belittled our request for **tangible** proof of his loyalty.

My mother liked the salesman's **brash** personality, but he irritated most people.

Since everyone can outpunch my cousin, he cannot afford to be **pugnacious**.

Stories of their **sordid** youth poured forth from the unhappy felons.

The Germans were duped by the Allies' **feint** toward the south, leaving the way open for the Normandy invasion.

The kindly foreman was too reticent to openly **castigate** the clumsy new worker.

The medic reached into his kit to find a bandage for the ugly **laceration**.

The publisher scoffed at the reports that he was an **aspirant** for the job of Secretary of State.

The waiter moved with **alacrity** because he perceived they were big tippers.

Vigilant censors protect the public from listening to **scurrilous** language on the television.

We implored the faculty advisor to **promulgate** the requirements for the presidency of the club.

When the curtain came down, the critic's face registered the **disdain** she felt for the lackluster play.

When the teenager announced her engagement to the **octogenarian**, the public suspected it to be a publicity stunt.

Y2K concerns of the problems with computers failed to **intimidate** our company.