

A teenage boy's father should be his true **confidant**.

Edith gave only **perfunctory** attention to the new millennium, skipping our New Year's Eve party.

I could not doze in the chair because of the **voluble** barber.

In an acrimonious letter, her father described the project a complete **fiasco**.

In order to **quell** the riot, the police sallied forth with tear gas.

It's **feasible** to build an electric auto, but wouldn't you need a terribly long extension cord?

Once he sought the limelight, but now he **eschews** all interviews.

Some prisoners planned a disturbance while others would **sally** towards the gate.

The Wright brothers didn't become distraught when a skeptic would **deride** their work.

The affluent storeowner **disparages** the efforts of his small competitor, saying that he could always tolerate the kind of rivalry.

The children in Shakespeare's plays are so **precocious** that they all sound like grandparents.

The **obsolescence** built into many products could be regarded as a flagrant insult toward the duped consumer.

The paradox is that Javert's inexorable pursuit of Jean Valjean was both **laudable** and despicable.

To aid in digestion, you must **masticate** each piece of meat one dozen times.

To the **chagrin** of many taxpayers, some citizens seem to cheat the government with impunity.

To the **consternation** of the sergeant, there was a paucity of volunteers for the dangerous mission.

Under duress from the tax officer, the beggar admitted that he was truly **affluent**.

When I correct my kind brother's math errors, he is **perverse** enough to insist that he is right.

When the duplicity was revealed, the jury became **dubious** about Ed's innocence.

When we could **discern** the city lights, we knew we were safe at last.