

A string of caustic epithets was directed at the recruit by his **blunt** sergeant.

Although the former farm girl pretended to be urbane, a feeling of **nostalgia** always came over her when she heard country music.

Clarence Day deemed that **pecuniary** matters are best handled by men.

Criticism of the author was **rife** among the coterie of intellectuals who used to praise him.

Each spouse said that the other was culpable for their conjugal **strife**.

Hitler's **megalomania** was a veneer for his insecurity and feelings of inferiority.

I plan to **dismantle** the stereo set and clean all the components.

Jimmy was a lawbreaker, but he would **balk** at the idea of carrying a lethal weapon.

One cannot govern by **fiat**, the sedentary mayor quickly learned; it is necessary to get out and meet the citizens if you want their cooperation.

The itinerant poet, living abroad for twenty years, was a voluntary **expatriate**.

The necessity for executing the leaders of the abortive **coup** was obviated when they committed suicide.

The number of my followers is **legion**, said the flamboyant politician.

The publisher's **mendacious** claims led to a myriad of lawsuits.

The rebel's innate hatred of **restrictive** decrees led him to crave freedom all the more.

The **sumptuous** feast was prepared with impeccable care.

Unless my boss modifies his **parsimonious** attitude, a fractious picket line is going to be erected.

We recognized the dictator's **amnesty** as an obvious feint that would be withdrawn after Christmas.

When our rivals agreed to **underwrite** the cost of our trip, a myriad of suspicions began to form in my mind.

When the jury began to deliberate, they were prepared to **exonerate** the culprit.

With a singular disregard for his family, the **profligate** husband spent his salary on alcohol.