A good barometer of the reunion's success was the number of maudlin songs that the alumni sang.

Although the debater's rebuttal was puissant, it was totally irrelevant.

Because the contract offer was a nebulous one, the union leaders balked at it.

Coach Fischer issued a fiat that required that his players be abstemious.

Dean Flanigan admonished us for our levity at the graduation exercises.

Every time his accountant called with pesky pecuniary problems, Ben was very blunt with him.

Ezra Pound, the expatriate poet, was reviled for his pro-Fascist remarks.

General Fox submitted a trenchant report on the enemy's latent strength.

Hundreds of extant copies of Shakespeare's signature came from the same prolific forger.

Omnivorous eaters find the dietary laws in some hotels to be too restrictive.

Regardless of how disparate their crimes were, all the prisoners were freed by the general amnesty.

She advocated lugubrious music as appropriate background for the funeral scene.

The columnist was ordered to recant her derogatory statements.

The plague continued unabated, and the hapless Friar John was unable to deliver the note to Romeo.

The redolent scent that came from the bakery created in Eloise a sense of nostalgia for her grandmother's bread.

The vicissitudes of life in the Medical Corps are not for the squeamish.

We originally planned on a skyscraper but had to settle for a truncated edifice.

When he learned that the movie was to be replete with sultry scenes, the cautious banker refused to underwrite its cost.

When the grand jury refused to indict him, the mobster was exonerated.

While the palace guards were in repose, the rebels' coup began in earnest.