

As a **prelude** to his performance, the bullfighter vowed to do penance for his sins.

Because he was the scion of the richest family on our block, Lenny was given the **appellation** of 'Rockefeller.'

Dave's metamorphosis from an honest person to one who could **fabricate** an alibi so adroitly was amazing.

He was ashamed to admit that a pesky skin rash **incapacitated** him for weeks at a time.

I will have to **demur** even if I receive a bona fide invitation to run for the G.O. council.

If we were to **juxtapose** our philosophies, your materialism would conflict with my idealism.

Judge Felder commented with asperity upon the wife's charge of **incompatibility**.

Just how our club's president is about to **cope** with so many disparate personalities is something I'll never understand.

Many derogatory statements were heard from those who were opposed to further **escalation** of the conflict.

Monte refused to **acknowledge** the extrinsic pressures that were causing him to do poorly in his sophomore year.

The **cumulative** effect of the summer's sultry weather was to shorten everyone's temper.

The drugs could only **palliate** the symptoms, not provide the cure.

The **plight** of the refugees who wandered about in a desultory fashion moved us to tears.

The poet's **recondite** language precluded an understanding of her theme.

The scheme sounded **chimerical** but we were indoctrinated to believe that it could work.

The widow grew maudlin as she reminisced about her former **connubial** bliss.

We must not allow fulsome praise to **delude** us about our actual abilities.

When destitution grips an area, there is excellent **potential** for trouble.

With complete **indifference** toward his personal safety, Lt. Regan openly challenged the puissant forces of the enemy.

Woodrow Wilson stated that he found **covert** agreements to be reprehensible.