

Doctors agree that it is imperative that **inveterate** smokers give up that imprudent habit.

However, we should not be surprised that an award winner is an **egotist** about his or her performance.

In the future we will, in **retrospect**, regard today's bizarre behavior as quite ordinary.

It is difficult to keep **invective** out of our discussion about the enemy.

It is imprudent for a youngster to **constrict** the circle of friends so that there is no opportunity to meet new people.

One has to be amazed at the **voluminous** amount of information that can be stored on a computer chip.

She was filled with **exultation** when she learned her SAT score was near the maximum.

Space telescopes are making our **obscure** planets ever clearer.

The **ardent** baseball fan went to every home game.

The candidate tried to **besmirch** his opponent's record.

The catastrophe left him **bereft** of all his possessions.

The party will **culminate** with the award for the most original costume.

The **pinnacle** of fame and success is often a transient state.

The president faced an imposing **array** of reporters.

The **pungent** odor of burning leaves marks the autumn season.

The umpire was **adamant** about his decision to call the runner out.

The **vitriolic** language used by critics of the new play tended to obliterate its good qualities.

There is universal wonder when some **prodigy** appears on the stage to perform at the age of 4 or 5.

Though he knew well the danger involved, the knight did not **falter** as he entered the dragon's cave.

We all expect **humility** from the actors and actresses who win the Academy Awards.