

He had such disdain for us, he would not **condescend** to speak before our group.

The dinosaur is an **extinct** species.

The child tried to **wheedle** from her mother the place where the cookies had been cached.

The **rustic** life is supposed to be a tranquil one.

Today, the trend is to more and more **gaudy** dress.

There is no **precedent** for voting when there is no quorum.

A dictator will use any pretext to **galvanize** his people into aggressive actions.

It is difficult to be **jocose** in the presence of so many doleful people.

No one had the temerity to disobey the officer's **peremptory** order.

When we cannot speak with **candor**, we utilize euphemisms.

It is amazing how lithe football players can be, despite the **encumbrance** of the safety features of their uniforms.

The **fledgling** poet lived a frugal life.

We would scoff at anyone calling himself **omnipotent**.

It is most common to **malign** the wealthy for their avarice.

Under the aegis of an adroit master, he reached the **zenith** of his career.

They could discern that the faith healer was a **charlatan**.

Repress your uncouth manners and act with **decorum** at the party.

We were **jubilant** when our indolent cousin got a job.

City dwellers often yearn for the **idyllic** life in the country.

Good sportsmanship requires that one not **mortify** a defeated adversary.