

The prodigy revered the **venerable** master.

There is something **facetious** about an egotist who has the temerity to begin a speech with, 'in all humility ...'

Some maintain that the ascetic leads a **salubrious** life.

We hoped that the arbiter would **expedite** the solution to the fracas that had been so elusive for a long time.

Most of us scoff at and belittle **bizarre** behavior.

Do you expect me to **condone** that reprehensible act with such celerity?

To those who could understand every nuance of the cryptic message, there was nothing **ambiguous** about it.

With all candor, I cannot wish for a return to the **archaic** times when a moribund society provided an opulent existence for some, but a loathsome life for the majority.

If we cannot **alleviate** the harmful effects entirely, at least we can attenuate them.

It is during a period of ferment that a dictator can **usurp** power.

Although she did not find it congenial, we cajoled our daughter into doing some of the **menial** tasks around the house.

The wish to **emulate** a great person is laudable.

It is not prudent to malign or castigate, or be derogatory in any way toward a **rabid** political adherent.

The enemy made a **prodigious** effort to repress the uprising.

The most **trivial** defects may have a deleterious effect upon the efficacy of that new process.

They exacerbated a **paltry** difference of opinion into a prodigious conflict.

The astute voter is not susceptible to the many **extraneous** shibboleths that saturate a politician's speech.

He could say that most vitriolic things in a **succinct** way.

It is easy to construe a superficial remark to be **profound** one.

He accepted the lucrative position with **celerity**.