

This did not **deter** her from getting into a deplorable situation due to her rich and perverse actions.

Her father warned her to be **wary** of adding the encumbrance of a steady boyfriend as this would attenuate her chances of finishing college.

At the zenith of his career, he was **tantamount** to a final arbiter on matters of economic policy.

The inveterate gambler became **penitent** and contrite when faced with the results of his reprehensible behavior.

He looked for a propitious moment to exhibit his **occult** abilities.

The guard was so **complacent** about the danger of escape that he gave the prisoner only a cursory inspection.

In vain, the entire family tried to importune him to **abjure** gambling.

Although it seemed inane, they sought their **quarry** in the midst of rustic surroundings that were not its natural habitat.

In order to **foment** trouble, they fabricated a deplorable and blatant untruth.

We should be prudent in our play or work during very hot weather, because the sun has the power to enervate and **debilitate** those who scoff at its effects.

They were so moved by the idyllic setting, they exchanged surreptitious, **impetuous** kisses.

The reporters could not **glean** anything from her servants.

She loathed doing menial tasks, and she did them in a **slovenly** manner.

You should not condone his sordid behavior; rather, **reproach** him for his fractious manner.

The deleterious results of his irate outburst put the previously jocose audience in a **somber** mood.

Despite the plethora of offers to write her life story, the recently divorced movie queen kept a **discreet** silence.

The optimist knows that the vicissitudes of life are **evanescent**, and she always looks on the sanguine side of things.

Some girls have a **propensity** for swarthy men who wear gaudy clothes.

It is difficult to **allay** the concern of parents about how susceptible their children are and how easily they succumb to drugs.

The **connoisseur** scoffs at the dilettante, who has only a veneer of knowledge.