

What one person finds **whimsical**, the other may find asinine.

If you juxtapose one **cliché** with another, you often get completely opposite lessons about life.

He was in such a **stupor** as a result of the accident that this precluded his hearing my condolence.

The fervid marriage proposal made the shy girl **pensive**.

You may have discerned that it is no longer the latest vogue among boys to permit their faces to become **hirsute**.

Women strive for the slender and au courant **gaunt** look.

The fortuitous appearance of a relief column permitted an adroit escape from the imminent **debacle**.

He was a precocious youngster, but he soon reached the nadir of his career, lost all of his prestige, and become a **nonentity**.

These turbulent times require a leader who does not go into a capricious pique, but rather one who faces acrimonious criticism with **equanimity**.

If we want to live in a salubrious milieu, we cannot **countenance** the noisome fumes that are deleterious to health.

Jonathan Swift was never reticent to **lampoon** the egotist in order to bring him down with alacrity.

We should eschew our **sanctimonious** facade; away with pretext!

Do you have the **effrontery** to take that supercilious and facetious attitude toward something as sinister as this?

When the judge exonerated the charlatan, we were all **flabbergasted**.

They were struck by the anomaly of one twin who was phlegmatic while the other was **vivacious**.

She had a **mien** of humility, but it was only a facade.

He did not waste time trying to **refute** an irrelevant and tortuous argument.

You cannot **whet** his desire for the theater with dubious histrionics.

The hostile rebuke made the usually phlegmatic boy **wince**.

The expression, 'Sour grapes,' is the gist of a famous **parable** about a fox who couldn't get what he wanted.