

Even the most **docile** person may become fractious when he gets only a pittance for his hard labor.

His egregious behavior brought a **tacit** reproach to his mother's eyes.

He refused to **retort** to the rash question about his propensity for imbibing.

It is common to bear people disparage those who paint in the modern genre; they speak about the **audacity** of the artist who submits a high white canvas with a black border as a serious work.

It was an asinine thing to do - to **stigmatize** his opponent as a bigot and thus exacerbate an already bitter campaign.

Edna recalled with nostalgia many **facets** of her school days.

We wish for halcyon days when the warlike solutions will have become **passé**.

The iconoclast has the propensity for reproaching those who feel complacent with leading a **stagnant** existence.

They were engrossed as an ill man was "cured" before their eyes; some of the more urbane said it was **legerdemain**.

While they started out as individuals, they became a **homogeneous** group whom he could motivate as he willed.

The charlatan was able to wheedle money out of the naive audience with a **glib** talk on the medicine that would expunge pain.

He ingratiated himself into their confidence, and the **malleable** crowd was shaped into a subjugated mass.

They could not follow the **trend** of his ideas, but his verbal dexterity galvanized the gullible listeners.

To the consternation of the distraught parents they learned their son was accused of using the lethal weapon on that **fatal** occasion.

We all tend to **procrastinate** when faced with an unsavory task.

They are dubious of such an artist and accuse him of trying to **foist** as a work of art a rudimentary exercise.

Despite tenacious resistance, they were ousted from the strongpoint and had to **capitulate** to the enemy.

It is reprehensible to **tantalize** a young child with the promise of a reward for being good when you have no intention of giving it.

Most politicians are **reticent** when asked to divulge their ambitions.

The reporter divulged the blatant **chicanery** involved in the awarding of the contract.