

He discreetly tried to **curry** favor with his employer.

The connoisseur of fine foods declared the restaurant the ultimate in the preparation of **succulent** meat dishes.

She coveted the antiquated locket even though it had only an **intrinsic** value.

I cannot **sanction** your lax attitude towards the imminent threat of a conflagration.

You can be sure the candidate will **allude** to the moribund state of our economy and offer his panacea.

We question the **propriety** of making fun of obese people.

In the milieu of city street life it is not atypical to hear **impious** comments about authority.

A few years ago there was a **spate** of science-fiction films about awesome monsters causing pandemonium on our planet, but after a surfeit of that genre, their popularity began to wane.

He had the audacity to try to foist a **bogus** dollar on me.

Mothers should be vigilant that their children's food has the proper **nutritive** value.

There were **raucous** complaints about the inordinate number of fatal accidents caused by inebriated drivers.

The reporter wanted to elicit the pertinent facts from the reticent witness so he could **substantiate** the charge of moral turpitude against the high city official.

People often try to compensate for their deplorable lack of culture by repeating the **shibboleth**, "I know what like."

I'd like to **proffer** my belated congratulations on your 25 years of married serenity.

With the **advent** of text messaging, Roger was busy night and day.

In some **insidious** way the glib salesman played upon my repressed desires and sold me a gaudy sports car.

His levity at such a serious moment **denotes** a lack of feeling.

A **potpourri** of today's musical hits sounds more like cacophony than harmony.

The host exhorted his guests to eat to **satiety**.<>

Those conditions were not conducive to a felicitous evening as the dance would soon **pall** for the lack of feminine companionship.