

He was reticent about emulating those who, after eating almost to satiety, rushed to **replenish** the food on their plates.

When the acrimonious discussion about his **capricious** actions had attenuated, he was able to vindicate his conduct.

It was **manifest** that an arbiter would be needed because neither side would capitulate to a plan foisted on them by the other side.

A successful television program can be build around the **artless** comments of very young children.

At times, the producer must **expurgate** some of the things said by these children because they are too candid.

The omnipotent dictator employed all of his rhetoric to vilify those who would be brash enough to suggest that a **diversity** of opinions should be expressed.

They were vigilant in order that their surreptitious meetings would not be discovered, and it often required **frenetic** changes of plans to preclude exposure.

The fledgling pianist knew that his mentor would take umbrage at his yawning during the lesson, but the feeling of **ennui** was overwhelming.

It was fortuitous that the accident occurred when there were **negligible** numbers of children in the buses.

Who can be **callous** about the presence of many indigent families in proximity to affluence?

He was in a **quandary** about which selection from his extensive repertoire it would be feasible to perform for the children.

Because she had committed only a venial offense, he thought it **expedient** to abjure a severe punishment.

People have become so **blasé** about the once thrilling, now mundane fights into space.

He was reticent about revealing his clandestine meetings with a **comely** young girl counselor at this camp.

They furtively employed every kind of **artifice** to be able to meet.

He had a serious **qualm** about hunting for the nearly extinct quarry.

She did not **begrudge** paying the pittance extra for a better coat.

He took umbrage when I offered a **gratuity** to augment his small salary.

If we **delve** below and behind the rhetoric and invective, we may discover the profound reasons for the ferment in our land.

One mortifying **requisite** for the position was that he would have to work for one year under the aegis of a fatuous egotist.