

In order to **ascertain** the relationship between his girlfriend and his brother, he kept a wary and discreet vigil.

While some moribund economies atrophied after World War II, others **burgeoned** under the salubrious effects of loans from the U.S.

We are quick to **disseminate** calumny, but reticent about things that may be construed as compliment.

He gave his adversary the dubious **prerogative** of choosing the weapon by which he was to meet his inevitable end.

In the potpourri of restaurants there is no **dearth** of succulent dishes.

Although he was erudite about a copious number of things, he was a naive, callow **tyro** when it came to relating to girls.

In the office he played the **factitious** role of a martinet, while at home he was filled with compassion.

John Wilkes Booth's egregious act remains an infamous **obloquy**.

He was surprised by the **munificent** gratuity given by the usually parsimonious termagant.

Even those who were not fans of the movie star candidly admit the **charisma** that surrounded him.

The United Nations has outlawed **genocide** as the ultimate crime that must be eradicated.

Her constant **prevarication** made her a pariah to her friends.

The rhetoric soared into flagrant **hyperbole**.

The modest prodigy treated the fervid **encomium** that followed his performance as though they were a mere bagatelle.

Her **sophistry** made use of every glib artifice.

The emissary from the president tried to allay the fears that a deleterious **internecine** feud was inevitable within the party.

Your efforts to ingratiate yourself into your boss's favor are nullified by the unmitigated **nepotism** manifest in his firm.

A pragmatic philosopher **derived** the theory that we have noses in order to hold up our eyeglasses.

The callous **potentate** kept an imperturbable mien when requested to alleviate the unconscionable conditions existing in his land.

He was appalled at the apathy concerning the important issue that had remained **dormant** for so long a time.