

Umpires do not like pitchers who use **dilatory** styles.

Additional troops were dispatched to deal with the **insurgent** threat.

A company of marines was unable to penetrate the seemingly **impregnable** fortress.

Caesar's wife had **forebodings** about danger facing her husband.

Grandfather is the recognized **patriarch** of our family.

Cindy took a **circuitous** route home to avoid the class bullies.

Although Sarah was skillful at math, she was a **neophyte** at computers.

Coal miners are often subject to **toxic** fumes.

Robert's defense lawyer pointed out the **extenuating** conditions of the case.

The **rapacious** dictator used mustard gas against his enemies.

Heidi was concerned about the **ramifications** of her employer's new policy.

When the **knell** sounded, the students closed their books and their minds.

In debating, **specious** arguments are rarely effective.

Our choir has a **glut** of tenors and a shortage of sopranos.

The rulings **emanating** from the local court were cheered by conservatives.

Some critics were unhappy about the bloody, **macabre** scenes in the movie.

The class **miscreant** was made to remain after school.

Failing to follow **protocol** got Sophia into trouble at the office.

The play's **denouement** came with three dead bodies on the stage.

What Harry felt was **risible**, Sally thought was pathetic.