

I wanted a wall built where Tom's property was **contiguous** to mine.

O'Conner's statement of support for the Republican nominee was taken to mean that he had become an **apostate** from his own party.

Although our landlord sometimes sounds **bellicose**, he is actually very soft-hearted.

After months of secret negotiations, a rapprochement was reached between the warring factions.

The fighter acquired the nickname **phoenix** when he rallied after several knockdowns and virtual defeat to win the title.

I spoke against **euthanasia** in our classroom debate on mercy killing.

when the **behemoth** charged at us, we were terrified.

Even when she was in her thirties, the actress was still being cast as a **demure** high school girl.

The most famous literary **conundrum** can be found in Sophocles' play Oedipus Rex.

The duchess fell upon hard times and had to open her **palatial** estate to tourists.

I do not envy the **sycophant** who has advanced himself at the expense of his self-respect.

The **amplitude** of the professor's knowledge amazed the audience.

In an **imperious** tone, my grandfather ordered the sheriff off his property.

The **quintessential** characteristic of Shakespeare is his profound understanding of human nature.

We watched the lack **roil** beneath the pounding rain.

Movie cartoons frequently deal in **anthropomorphism**, wherein inanimate objects are given the power of speech.

Quiet and demure, Janet turned out to be a genuine **virago** after the marriage.

Of course, if we trace our **genealogy** back far enough, we will find that we all share some common ancestors.

The stage designer received an award for his **protean** construction that lent itself to the play's various moods.

Observation and deduction are the two great **tenets** of the physical sciences.