

I called attention to Carol's unselfishness and loyalty and urged the group not to **ostracize** her for one small slip of the tongue.

Teddy offered an **arcane** explanation for his whereabouts that confused us even further.

Owners of baseball teams used to hire top-notch lawyers to bring **intransigent** players to terms.

The novelist used to belittle his newspaper articles because of their **ephemeral** nature.

Most television soap operas have **lachrymose** themes.

How can we seriously consider Frank for the promotion when he is continually involved with such juvenile **antics**?

To explain the light sentence, the judge said the defendant was more to be pitied than **censure**.

'Sally sells seashells at the seashore' is an example of **alliteration**.

I've read a great deal on the topic of capital punishment but I'm still **ambivalent** about it.

**Acrid** smoke arising from the burning couch awakened the family dog.

Since my boss is a man of **mercurial** moods, we never know what to expect from him.

He fell into a **voluptuous** sleep, buoyed by the clear mountain air.

If Larry had an **iota** of sense, he would propose to Vivian.

**Similes** like 'as tight as a drum' and 'as sweet as sugar' have become clichés and hence lost their effectiveness.

All talking stopped when the **resonant** thundering of cannons reverberated through the dark night.

All of the shoppers contributed to the **convivial** atmosphere at the mall.

The brothers hated Joseph because he was constantly being held up to them as the **archetype** of juvenile perfection.

Charles would not **deign** to discuss his failure with us.

The **edacious** forest fire destroyed everything in its path.

To profit from his insurance, Chris arranged to **purloin** his own jewelry.