

**Abrasive (adj)**

Aggressively annoying

Sam's **abrasive** manner tends to get him into trouble with the teachers.

**Adroit (adj)**

Skillful, clever

When stranded on the hiking trail, Jay, the **adroit** student, fashioned a help sign out of twigs and stones.

**Agile (adj)**

Quick, easy of moment

You can see why Jay is so good at sports; he is so **agile**.

**Assiduous (adj)**

Diligent, persevering

Lia was quite **assiduous** to avoid mistakes when taking her driving test.

**Baroque (adj)**

Very ornate, gaudy

Her **baroque** prom dress made Mia look smaller than she was.

**Bereft (adj)**

Deprived or lacking something

After his hiking trip, Jay looked thin and was **bereft** of any fat.

**Brackish (adj)**

Unpleasant to drink, salty

Jay refused to drink the brackish water from the creek.

**Cantankerous (adj)**

Bad tempered, quarrelsome

Sam became **cantankerous** when told that he had to make up the homework.

**Chary (adj)**

Cautious, careful

After Gil's first car accident, his **chary** driving has kept his car dent-free.

**Consummate (adj)**

Perfect

Kia is the **consummate** student, who is always prepared for class.

**Acquisitive (adj)**

Eager to acquire (wealth)

Mia will do well in an **acquisitive** society where people are concerned about wealth.

**Advantageous (adj)**

Beneficial, useful

Kia believed it was **advantageous** for her to attend class everyday.

**Agrarian (adj)**

Relating to land or its owners

Having grown up on a farm, Ted had the most **agrarian** background of the students.

**Avid (adj)**

Very eager

Jay, an **avid** baseball fan, was heartbroken when he could not attend the World Series.

**Bellicose (adj)**

Warlike, quarrelsome

After their team lost, Sam and his friends turned **bellicose** and were intent on fighting.

**Blasphemous (adj)**

Profane speech

Sam's **blasphemous** comments about the school's mascot offended many students.

**Brusque (adj)**

Blunt, abrupt, curt

Lia was quite **brusque** answering her mother's intruding question.

**Carping (adj)**

Finding fault, petty

The criticism about the new school was just **carping** from Sam and his buddies.

**Coherent (adj)**

Meaningful, logical whole

The second draft of Ted's college essay was more **coherent** than the first draft.

**Covetous (adj)**

Envious, jealous, greedy

Sam was **covetous** of his brother's charm with the girls.

**Adequate (adj)**

Sufficient; enough

Mia complained she had nothing to wear; Kia felt her wardrobe was more than **adequate**.

**Aerial (adj)**

In the air, airy

When he practiced his **aerial** acts for the school play, Gil used a safety net.

**Apposite (adj)**

Appropriate, relevant

Gil's **apposite** question to the teacher seemed right on the mark.

**Banal (adj)**

Trite, commonplace

Some of Kia's college essays were **banal**, but others were quite good.

**Beneficent (adj)**

Doing or resulting in good

Gil and his **beneficent** friends were eager to volunteer at the soup kitchen.

**Brindled (adj)**

Grey coat with darker spots

Mia's horse was **brindled**, much like an Appaloosa.

**Bumptious (adj)**

Self-assertive, boastful, brash

The **bumptious** coach was an embarrassment to Jay and his teammates.

**Caustic (adj)**

Biting, sarcastic

Lia's mother did not appreciate her **caustic** remarks about the new couch.

**Colloquial (adj)**

Relating to informal conversation

While at the party, Kia surprised her friends by engaging in many **colloquial** situations.

**Coy (adj)**

Bashful, shy

Mia pretended to be **coy** when honored for her work with the homeless.