1. **[vigilance](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/vigilance)**

the process of paying close and continuous attention

*All this equality was due to the 211th, 212th, and 213th Amendments to the Constitution, and to the unceasing vigilance of agents of the United States Handicapper General.*

1. [**envious**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/envious)

painfully desirous of another's advantages

*“I’d think it would be real interesting, hearing all the different sounds,” said Hazel, a little envious.*

1. [**impediment**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/impediment)

something immaterial that interferes with action or progress

*It wasn’t clear at first as to what the bulletin was about, since the announcer, like all announcers, had a serious speech impediment.*

1. [**luminous**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/luminous)

softly bright or radiant

*Her voice was a warm, luminous, timeless melody.*

1. [**calibrate**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/calibrate)

make fine adjustments for optimal measuring

*The picture showed the full length of Harrison against a backgroundcalibrated in feet and inches.*

1. [**hindrance**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hindrance)

any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome

*He had outgrown hindrances faster than the H–G men could think them up.*

1. [**tremendous**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/tremendous)

extraordinarily large in extent or amount or power

*Instead of a little ear radio for a mental handicap, he wore atremendous pair of earphones, and spectacles with thick wavy lenses.*

1. [**shriek**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/shriek)

sharp piercing cry

*There was the shriek of a door being torn from its hinges.*

1. [**consternation**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/consternation)

fear resulting from the awareness of danger

*Screams and barking cries of consternation came from the television set.*

1. [**cower**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/cower)

crouch or curl up

*Ballerinas, technicians, musicians, and announcers cowered on their knees before him, expecting to die.*

1. [**oppression**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/oppression)

the act of subjugating by cruelty

1. [**reel**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/reel)

revolve quickly and repeatedly around one's own axis

*They reeled, whirled, swiveled, flounced, capered, gamboled, and spun. They leaped like deer on the moon.*