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irrevocably	adv	in a way that cannot be changed, reversed, or recovered	...the moviegoers whose lives were irrevocably changed by the horror...	
heinous	adj	utterly odious or wicked	While prosecutors are attempting to show the jury the heinousness of the crime through grisly crime scene photo...	
grisly	adj	causing horror or disgust.	While prosecutors are attempting to show the jury the heinousness of the crime through grisly crime scene photo...	
controversial	adj	giving rise or likely to give rise to public disagreement.	The insanity defense, which dates back to ancient times, is a controversial defense option.	
culpable	adj	deserving blame.	Determining whether a defendant is fully culpable for his/her offense.	
tactic	n	an action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end.	...the insanity defense is a commonly used defense tactic.	
acute	adj	having or showing a perceptive understanding or insight: shrewd.	Above all was the sense of hearing acute.	
conceived	v	form or devise (a plan or idea) in the mind.	...once conceived, it haunted me day and night.	
foresight	n	the ability to predict or the action of predicting what will happen or be needed in the future.	...I proceeded-with what caution-with what foresight- with what dissimulation I went to work!	
dissimulation	n	concealment of one's thoughts, feelings, or character; pretense.	...I proceeded-with what caution-with what foresight- with what dissimulation I went to work!	
cunningly	adv	in a clever and deceitful way.	Oh, you would have laughed to see how cunningly I thrust it in!	

vex	v	make (someone) feel annoyed, frustrated, or worried, especially with trivial matters.	...for it was not the old man who vexed me, but his Evil Eye.	
inquire	v	ask about the health and well-being of (someone).	...calling him by name in a hearty tone and inquiring how he had passed the night.	
profound	adj	having or showing great knowledge or insight.	...he would have been a very profound old man...	
sagacity	n	the quality of having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment; shrewd.	Never before that night had I felt the extent of my own powers - of my sagacity.	
triumph	n	a great victory or achievement	I could scarcely contain my feelings of triumph.	
crevice	n	a narrow opening or fissure	...I resolved to open a little - a very, very little crevice in the lantern.	
scantling	n	a piece of lumber of small cross section	I then took up three planks from the flooring of the chamber and deposited all between the scantlings.	
vehemently	adv	in a forceful, passionate, or intense manner; with great feeling.	I talked more quickly-more vehemently; but the noise steadily increased.	
gesticulation	n	a gesture, especially a dramatic one, used instead of speaking or to emphasize one's words.	I arose and argued about trifles, in a high key and with violent gesticulations, but the noise steadily increased.	

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