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| Obsequious | The obsequious maid obeyed her boss’ every command, even if it meant she had to say late. | Overly, ridiculously obedient and servile |
| Gossamer | The butterflies’ gossamer wings reflected sunlight. | Light, thin, delicate, fine or filmy |
| Trenchant | My trenchant knife can easily cut through steel.  Her trenchant tone indicated that she missed breakfast again. | Having a sharp edge  (modern meaning: caustic, sharp in tone or expression) |
| Profligate | In Newton, we have a number of profligate consumers. | Adj. – recklessly wasteful or extravagant  Noun – immoral, reckless person |
| Vociferate | The boy got in trouble for vociferating his answer in class. | To shout loudly |
| Feint | Practicing for the kickboxing tournament, VP Joe Biden honed his feinting technique. | Noun – a deceptive move, especially in a fight  Verb – to make a deceptive move, esp. in a fight |
| Supercilious | His supercilious personality surpassed even his father’s arrogant disposition. | Describes behavior that indicates a feeling of superiority, arrogant, haughty |
| Apocryphal | My brother is full of apocryphal stories, all of which became family lore years ago. | Doubtful, but widely considered to be true, of an accepted untruth |
| Sagacity | The five-year-old inventor showed sagacity and skill beyond his years. | Smarts, intelligence |
| Ambuscade | The unexpected ambuscade proved to be of little consequence, as it only had limited effect. | Noun – an attack (archaic, outdated term) |
| Noisome | The noisome truth was a shock and upsetting to them all. | Unpleasant, especially in smell |
| Calamity | The leaked photo sparked quite a calamity within the religious community. | Destructive event, usually sudden and disastrous |
| Propitiate | The peasant attempted to propitiate to god by sacrificing his daughter’s cat. | To do something that you think will win approval from a god or other powerful thing/person |
| Prevaricate | Not wanting to offend anyone, I prevaricated with a tangent about sorbet. | To sidestep the truth, to evade or talk around the question |
| Countenance | Her countenance fell after someone else ate the last cookie. | A person’s face or expression  Alt. def: support |