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| **Abhor** | **harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant** | My mother is a self-proclaimed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who believes all teenagers are bad. |
| **Bigot** | **cancel or postpone the punishment of** | Despite the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of movies offered by the video store, Jason always rents the same movie over and over again. |
| **Noxious** | **a large or excessive amount of** | While the water may appear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ right now, the waves were quite rough earlier. |
| **Placid** | **having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure** | To kids, snow days are wonderful events because they allow them a \_\_\_\_\_\_ from school. |
| **Abrasive** | **to regard with distrust and hatred**  | Brian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the thought of writing an eight-page research paper. |
| **Plethora** | **formal release from guilt, obligation, or punishment** | The teacher’s scribbles on the edges of my research paper were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and hard to read. |
| **Absolution** | **calm and peaceful; not easily upset or excited** | Besides being annoying, the mosquito is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ insect that can carry and transmit a number of potentially fatal diseases. |
| **Reprieve** | **showy but cheap and of poor quality** | The only way Blake will earn my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is if he apologizes and makes no excuses for what he did. |
| **Tawdry** | **a person who is intolerant toward those holding different opinions** | The player was fined for using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language during the game. |
| **Cryptic** | **showing little concern for the feelings of others; harsh** | Most people consider reality shows to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forms of entertainment. |