

recurrence-happening again

There was a recurrence of the Swine Flu  
mortality- the distinction between right and wrong

impoverished-make poor

She is an impoverished farmer

jests-jokes

She made jests about her friend's hair

shunned-ignored

She shunned all the jests that her friends were making

plight-situation

I was in a plight where I couldn't do one action or the other

serf-villain

He is a serf

mercenary-foreign soldier

He is a mercenary