mendacious

Cliché

mercenary

mercurial

forensic

pedestrian

innate

articulate

coddled

fortitude

veracious

innovative

sporadically

verbose

coerce

Fortuitous

protocol

coalesced

disparity

mettle

fraudulent

We had to attend a workshop with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ slideshows and display posters about types of coffee offered in the lounge. It’s called The Hot Spot. Really? Even the creamer container is labeled Silky Milk. The globs of stale sugar are affectionately called shoogers because they look like white boogers. If a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ scientist examined it, he might find bacteria that has lived there for decades. The lounge is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with one used sunken couch and a page torn from a magazine to decorate the wall.

The CEO, however, has a gourmet espresso bar in his office. He has ten flavors for his Keurig as well as syrups such as pecan, caramel, mink, and white chocolate. He even has little cookies to complement his coffee break! The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is blatant, and the rest of us believe that he should share in the luxury. We want an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ counter with taps like a buffet where you can push buttons for different types of coffee beans, a dash of cinnamon, and even a special design in the foam. We did not want to follow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by filling out forms to process a request and wait for approval.

The employees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the old, dump of a lounge. We chose someone to be our representative. It had to be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person who could convince the CEO that we had a great idea. Greg, who can drone on and on about the same topic for hours, was too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The CEO would get bored and stop listening. One of the young employees seemed to be under his wing; he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her whenever clients complained and he always let her get the best cases to review. She didn’t have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to face him, though. He can make decisions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ depending on his mood. We all know that he can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so if you catch him at the wrong moment, he might flip his lid and yell at you over nothing.

Another worker was willing to set up a meeting and present the project to him. We didn’t trust this guy, though. He submitted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ documents previously and almost got fired. He has tried to take every woman in the office out on a date, even when they are married! Although he might be skilled enough to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our boss, we did not want our future coffee buffet to be accomplished by someone so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, we chose a young man with an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desire to make people happy. He really cared that we were upset with our outdated lounge. He listened to us and agreed to be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who would risk his career by asking the CEO for a coffee bar make-over. Even though we supported him as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person, he did not need much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to confront the boss. It was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us that we worked with the boss’s son. ☺