Fill in the blanks with a word that expresses the same idea as the word in the first sentence.

1. He was an audacious leader. He was .................
   - timid
   - ruthless
   - bold

2. Why do you have such a belligerent attitude? The person’s attitude is .................
   - benign
   - friendly
   - hostile

3. The puritans led austere lives. They led very ................. lives.
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extravagant
abstemious
honorable

4. Cats have an aversion to getting wet. Cats __________________ to get wet.

like
do not like

5. She gave him a baleful look. She gave him an __________________ look.

warm
cold
evil
6. It was a balmy afternoon. It was

warm

very hot

very cold

7. The pirates treated their captives with barbarity. They treated them

cruelly

kindly

leniently

8. The benign uncle tended to spoil the child. He was to the boy.

kind
9. We took a circuitous path. We took a ........................................ path.

10. The king loved to behave in a very ceremonial manner. He behaved in a ................................. manner.

formal
liberal
informal
11. It has been proved that fortune-tellers are charlatans. They are .................

- genuine
- foresighted
- tricksters

12. Acid is caustic. It is ......................

- sweet
- bitter
- corrosive

Answers
1. He was an audacious leader. He was bold.

2. Why do you have such a belligerent attitude? The person’s attitude is hostile.
3. The puritans led austere lives. They led very abstemious lives.

4. Cats have an aversion to getting wet. Cats do not like to get wet.

5. She gave him a baleful look. She gave him an evil look.

6. It was a balmy afternoon. It was warm.

7. The pirates treated their captives with barbarity. They treated them cruelly.

8. The benign uncle tended to spoil the child. He was kind to the boy.

9. We took a circuitous path. We took a long winding path.

10. The king loved to behave in a very ceremonial manner. He behaved in a formal manner.

11. It has been proved that fortune-tellers are charlatans. They are tricksters.

12. Acid is caustic. It is corrosive.