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.
English Vocabulary Exercise

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
English Vocabulary Exercise

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.

direct
shortcut
long winding

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

formal
liberal
informal
English Vocabulary Exercise

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.

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

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