



Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

amorous am' ə r ə s	<i>adj.</i> Expressing love or the state of being in love. The couple exchanged amorous glances as they sat across from each other at the dinner table.
belittle bē lit' l	<i>v.</i> To present or speak of as unimportant or of little value. "Why do you always try to make your efforts seem more important by belittling mine?" she complained.
censure sen' shər	<i>v.</i> To blame or find fault with. The judge censured the lawyer for failing to file the papers on time. <i>n.</i> A severe criticism or harsh judgment. A hundred years ago, people who divorced experienced much greater censure than they do today.
deem dēm	<i>v.</i> To consider; to believe. Hearing about the train derailment, the mayor deemed it prudent to call up emergency crews from neighboring counties.
divulge də vulj'	<i>v.</i> To make known something secret; to reveal. Blackbeard divulged the location of the buried treasure to no one.
exorbitant eg zôr' bi tənt	<i>adj.</i> Exceeding normal bounds; greater or more than seems reasonable. Two hundred dollars seems an exorbitant price for a man's shirt.
expostulate ek späs' chə lăt'	<i>v.</i> To argue earnestly in an attempt to dissuade or show strong disapproval. My friends expostulated with me on the wisdom of waiting until daylight to begin my journey.
fateful făt' fəl	<i>adj.</i> Having great or significant consequences. The article examines President Truman's fateful decision to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.
ingrate in' grāt	<i>n.</i> An ungrateful person. Hanging up the phone, I felt like an ingrate for forgetting to thank my mother for carrying in the food and drink for my party.
injunction in junk' shən	<i>n.</i> 1. An order or command. When the hurricane warning was announced, my family wisely heeded the injunction to evacuate the island. 2. A court order prohibiting someone from doing something. The injunction stated that the company could not hire permanent replacement workers during the strike.

moribund
môr' i bund'

adj. Close to death; in a dying state.

It is incontrovertible that the company was **moribund** when we took it over last year.

motif
mō tēf'

n. 1. A theme or idea in a work of art or literature that is developed or repeated.

Throughout the novel, the author explores the **motif** of separation.

2. A figure or design repeated in the decoration of something, such as a building or textile.

The wallpaper for the nursery had a rabbit **motif**.

subsidize
sub' sə dīz

v. To support by giving financial aid.

The government has **subsidized** countless arts projects, allowing thousands of people to enjoy music, dance, and theater in their hometowns.

subsidy *n.* A grant of money, often provided by a government to a group or individual.

Thanks to this **subsidy**, our dance company will be able to perform throughout the state.

sumptuous
sump' chōō əs

adj. Extravagantly splendid or costly; luxurious.

After the wedding we enjoyed a **sumptuous** meal in the hotel dining room.

voluble
vol' yōō bəl

adj. Characterized by a ready flow of words; talkative.

The **voluble** host scarcely gave his guests a chance to speak.

7A

Understanding Meanings

Read the sentences. If a sentence correctly uses the word in bold, write C on the line. If a sentence is incorrect, rewrite it so that the vocabulary word in bold is used correctly.

1. To **expostulate** is to become confused or perplexed.

2. A **motif** is a reason for doing something.

3. To **belittle** something is to claim it is less important than it seems.

4. To **subsidize** something is to pay some or all of the cost of it.

5. A **sumptuous** villa is one on which no expense has been spared.

6. To feel **amorous** is to have thoughts of love.

7. An **ingrate** is a person who is not famous.

8. To **divulge** something is to draw its attention elsewhere.

9. A **moribund** organization is one that is not open to outsiders.

10. To **censure** someone is to deny that person the right to speak.

11. A **voluble** person is one who is large in size.

12. To **deem** something impossible is to think that it is so.

13. A **fateful** event is one that is momentous.

14. An **injunction** is forcing a fluid into the body for medical purposes.

15. An **exorbitant** demand is one that is greater than seems reasonable.

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If the word (or a form of the word) in bold fits in a sentence in the group following it, write the word in the blank space. If the word does not fit, leave the space empty. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. **moribund**

- (a) The patient, although _____, was in no pain.
- (b) Two aspirin did nothing to relieve my _____ headache.
- (c) Through gross mismanagement, the organization is now _____.

2. **divulge**

- (a) Suzanne and Sam made me promise not to _____ their marriage plans.
- (b) At the stoplight, the street _____ into a boulevard.
- (c) Joe lifted the lid of the carved box to _____ its surprising contents.

3. **subsidize**

- (a) It was four days before the floodwaters began to _____.
- (b) The debate was over whether the taxpayers should _____ the giant automaker.
- (c) If I _____ you the money, will you promise to repay me?

4. **deem**

- (a) You can accompany the children to the bus stop if you _____ it necessary.
- (b) That model has been _____ obsolete because this year's version outperforms it.
- (c) Why not _____ this coupon for the thirty percent discount it offers?

5. **amorous**

- (a) The soft lights and sweet music put us in an _____ mood.
- (b) The swans on the lake entwined their necks in _____ play.
- (c) The sonnets are the _____ outpourings of the poet's feelings for his wife.

6. **expostulate**

- (a) "I want nothing more to do with you," she _____.
- (b) "We have _____ too much time already on this problem," he declared.
- (c) Jones _____ the situation to the students in a calm, methodical manner.

7. **voluble**

- (a) The most _____ documents were kept in a safe deposit box at the bank.
- (b) The music was so _____ that we had to shout in order to be heard.
- (c) Having a conversation with such a _____ person is impossible.

8. **sumptuous**

- (a) What I remember most distinctly from the photographs are the _____ furnishings of the castle's bedrooms.
- (b) The stage sets for the new musical are the most _____ I have ever seen.
- (c) Jonah's boss promised him a _____ raise if he continued to do well.

7c Word Study

Complete the analogies by selecting the pair of words whose relationship most resembles the relationship of the pair in capital letters. Circle the letter in front of the pair you choose.

1. VOLUBLE : SPEECH ::

- (a) painful : injury
- (b) blurry : vision
- (c) visible : eye
- (d) flamboyant : dress

2. ORATOR : WORDS ::

- (a) despot : subjects
- (b) house : bricks
- (c) pomp : parades
- (d) musician : notes

3. PROPONENT : EXTOL ::

- (a) information : impart
- (b) sojourn : remain
- (c) defeat : concede
- (d) opponent : belittle

4. INGRATE : GRATITUDE ::

- (a) gambler : luck
- (b) miser : money
- (c) invalid : health
- (d) motif : pattern

5. STRIFE : HARMONY ::

- (a) despot : fear
- (b) alacrity : speed
- (c) adage : maxim
- (d) pomp : simplicity

6. SAGACITY : MIND ::

- (a) emancipation : freedom
- (b) strength : muscle
- (c) encumbrance : burden
- (d) destitution : poverty

7. REASONABLE : EXORBITANT ::

- (a) lacking : deficient
- (b) simple : flamboyant
- (c) sagacious : wise
- (d) healthy : vibrant

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