

Define the words below. Additionally, if the word is followed by the page number from *Things Fall Apart*, copy the original sentence in which the word appears. Finally, create a flash card that has the work on one side and the definition and part of speech on the other side.

1. amorous
2. improvident (4)
3. plaintive (6)
4. incipient (13)
5. valediction (32)
6. exorbitant
7. poignant (34)
8. reveled (38)
9. feign (52)
10. harbinger (56)
11. elusive (59)
12. moribund
13. motif
14. wont (79)
15. sumptuous

Part A- Understanding Meanings

Read the sentences in each group below. If a sentence correctly uses the word in boldface, write C on the line of the corresponding number below the group. If a sentence is incorrect, rewrite it so that the vocabulary word in boldface is used correctly.

1. To feel **amorous** is to have thoughts of love.
2. A **plaintive** song is fast in tempo and upbeat.
3. A **moribund** organization is one that is not open to outsiders.
4. A **motif** is a reason for doing something.
5. A **valuediction** is a welcoming speech.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Part B- Using Words

If the word (or a form of the word) in boldface fits in a sentence in the group below it, write the word in the blank. If the word does not fit, leave the space empty.

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. 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.

3. sumptuous

- (a) What I remember most distinctly from the photographs of the castle are the _____ furnishings in the main salon.
 (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.

Part C- Analogies

Complete the analogies by selecting the pair of words whose relationship most resembles the relationship of the pair in capital letters.

1. INACTIVE: MORIBUND =

- (a) plumb : vertical
 (b) voracious : hungry
 (c) basic : rudimentary
 (d) poor : destitute

2. MOTIF : TEXTILE =

- (a) page : book
 (b) word : sound
 (c) theme : symphony
 (d) subject : title

3. REASONABLE : EXORBITANT =

- (a) audible : vociferous
 (b) suspicious : cynical
 (c) naïve : callow
 (d) cautious : feckless

Part D- Original sentences

Write an original sentence for each word.

1. plaintive -
2. incipient -
3. harbinger -
4. valediction -
5. feign -