**Understanding Meanings**

Read the sentences. If a sentence correctly uses the word in bold, write *C* on the line. If a sentence is incorrect, fix the incorrect portion 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 in 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.

**Using Words**

If the word (or a form of the word) in bold fits in a sentence in the group following it, circle the letter preceding the sentence. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. **moribund**
2. The patient, although  **,** was in no pain.
3. Two aspirin did nothing to relieve my  headache.
4. Through gross mismanagement, the organization is now .
5. **divulge**
6. Suzy and Sam made me promise not to their marriage plans.
7. At the stoplight, the street into a boulevard.
8. Joe lifted the lid of the carved box to  its surprising contents.
9. **subsidize**
10. It was four days before the floodwaters began to .
11. The debate was over whether the taxpayers should  the giant automaker.
12. If I  you the money, will you promise to repay me?
13. **deem**
14. You can accompany the kids to the bus stop if you  it necessary.
15. That model has been  obsolete because this year’s version outperforms it.
16. Why not  this coupon for the thirty percent discount it offers?
17. **amorous**
18. The soft lights and sweet music put us in an  mood.
19. The swans on the lake entwined their necks in  play.
20. The sonnets are  outpourings of the poet’s feelings for his wife.
21. **expostulate**
22. “I want nothing more to do with you,” she .
23. “We have  too much time already on this problem,” he declared.
24. Jones  the situation to the students in a calm, methodical manner.
25. **voluble**
26. The most  documents were kept in a safe deposit box at the bank.
27. The music was so  that we had to shout in order to be heard.
28. Having a conversation with such a  person is impossible.
29. **sumptuous**
30. What I remember most distinctly from the photographs are the  furnishings of the castle’s bedrooms.
31. The stage sets for the new musical are the most  I have ever seen.
32. Jonah’s boss promised him a  raise if he continued to do well.

**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 ::
2. painful : injury
3. blurry : vision
4. visible : eye
5. flamboyant : dress
6. ORATOR : WORDS ::
7. despot : subjects
8. house : bricks
9. pomp : parades
10. musician : notes
11. PROPONENT : EXTOL ::
12. information : impart
13. sojourn : remain
14. defeat : concede
15. opponent : belittle
16. INGRATE : GRATITUDE ::
17. gambler : luck
18. miser : money
19. invalid : health
20. motif : pattern
21. STRIFE : HARMONY ::
22. despot : fear
23. alacrity : speed
24. adage : maxim
25. pomp : simplicity
26. SAGACITY : MIND ::
27. emancipation : freedom
28. strength : muscle
29. encumbrance : burden
30. destitution : poverty
31. REASONABLE : EXORBITANT ::
32. lacking : deficient
33. simple : flamboyant
34. sagacious : wise
35. healthy : vibrant
36. CALLOW : MATURITY ::
37. laggard : impetus
38. voluble : voice
39. sumptuous : display
40. amorous : love
41. SPARTAN : COMFORT ::
42. fateful : chance
43. exorbitant : price
44. deficient : lack
45. destitute : money
46. HUMBLE : SUMPTUOUS ::
47. cynical : skeptical
48. voracious : ravenous
49. uncertain : dogmatic
50. thoughtful : pensive

**Images of Words**

Circle the letter of each sentence that suggest the numbered bold vocabulary word. In each group, you may circle more than one letter or none at all.

1. **ingrate**
2. By excessive flattery, Simon won the confidence of Mrs. Dalloway.
3. After all Rosa did for Jacob, she never got so much as a thank-you.
4. The pitch was an easy one, and Hank drove the ball into the bleachers.
5. **belittle**
6. The Bulldogs came into the game unbeaten, but we cut them down to size.
7. “You got an *A* on that report only because Mom helped you,” my brother hissed.
8. The original test had fifty questions, but the new version has only thirty.
9. **fateful**
10. General Lee’s decision to charge the Union center at Gettysburg cost him dearly.
11. The sinking of the *Lusitania* brought the United States into World War I.
12. We met by chance on a flight to Chicago and were married a year later.
13. **exorbitant**
14. The space probe left Earth’s orbit and headed for Mars.
15. All week, I’ve been sleeping twelve to fourteen hours a night.
16. I can’t believe you paid two dollars for just one grapefruit.
17. **censure**
18. All letters sent from the war zone were opened and read.
19. It was wrong to answer your grandmother so belligerently.
20. The population of the United States is counted every ten years.
21. **amorous**
22. He used the money entrusted to his care to buy an expensive car for himself.
23. The amoeba is a one-celled animal that lacks a definite shape.
24. They have not spoken to each other since they quarreled a year ago.
25. **subsidy**
26. The Fulbright scholarship made it possible for Keisha to study abroad.
27. Government money helps keep tobacco growers in business.
28. My parents let me use their car whenever I come to visit.
29. **motif**
30. What possible reason could she have had for doing such a thing?
31. Carved roses figure prominently in the woodwork around the fireplaces.
32. The search for lost or stolen treasure is a theme that appears often in world folk tales.
33. **expostulate**
34. Can’t you see that smoking cigarettes is foolish as well as harmful?
35. I urge you again to reconsider your decision to stop taking piano lessons.
36. Roberts slowly repeated his description of how the engine worked.
37. **injunction**
38. The company threatened to disobey the order to stop cutting down trees.
39. The mayor refused to allow the students to enter the school in spite of the judge’s order.
40. There is a leak where the two pipes come together.