

Vocabulary Study

CLOZE PRACTICE

A. Directions: As your teacher reads each set of sentences, listen for the boldfaced word. Then discuss possible meanings of the word.

1. The **garrulous** salesperson talked our ears off.
Pete is a person of few words, but his brother is **garrulous**.
2. While the passengers screamed as the raft entered the rapids, their guide remained **imperturbable**.
Nothing upsets my uncle. His **imperturbable** presence puts others at ease.
3. From morning till noon the noise of the jackhammers was **incessant**.
The **incessant** rain kept us from going to the picnic.
4. The stars seem as **innumerable** as grains of sand on the beach.
Innumerable spectators watched the big game from their living rooms.
5. The colors red and blue **pervade** the artist's work.
This spring dandelions will **pervade** the lawn as usual.

B. Directions: Listen as your teacher reads the story. Then complete the story, using words from the box. You may need to change the form of the word.

garrulous	imperturbable	incessant	innumerable	pervade
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The wedding reception began at eight. By half past, the huge ballroom was filled with

1. _____ guests, who were happily eating. At the head table sat the families of the bride and groom. On one side, the 2. _____ father of the bride related endless funny stories about his daughter. His talkativeness was matched only by the father of the groom, who told 3. _____ jokes about married life. There was just one odd thing: the bride and groom's seats were empty! Despite this seeming cause for alarm, the parents remained 4. _____. Then suddenly the band struck up "Here Comes the Bride." A feeling of anticipation 5. _____ the room. The wedded couple at last appeared, to smiles and applause.