

Vocabulary Practice

circumscribed	prosaic	stint	emanate	spectral
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A. Directions: Choose the word that best completes each sentence. Write the word on the blank line at the right.

1. We all thought it was very strange when a muffled howl began to _____ from the basement.
2. Our cats never went into the basement—their wanderings in the house were carefully _____.
3. We heard the howl again. It had a weird, _____ sound that made us all very nervous.
4. Determined to find the howling, we opened the basement door and explored every corner without _____.
5. Or course, the final solution was _____ than supernatural. A tiny basement window had broken, and a neighbor's cat was down there meowing.

B. Directions: Fill in each blank with the word on the right that best completes the analogy.

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| _____ 1. give : generous :: stint : | a. physical |
| _____ 2. radiate : emanate :: conceal : | b. inspiring |
| _____ 3. reduce : diminish :: circumscribe : | c. limit |
| _____ 4. ghost : spectral :: corpse : | d. miserly |
| _____ 5. wicked : virtuous :: prosaic : | e. suppress |

C. Writing Option: Imagine that Mrs. Drover is able to recall what the soldier's face looked like. Write a brief paragraph in which she describes his looks and personality. Be sure to use at least **two** words from the box in your description.
