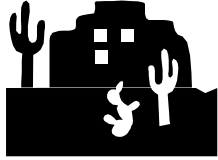


UNIT 6

QUIETNESS OF DARKNESS



In the middle of the desert you can really feel the quietness of darkness.

dark + -NESS = darkness
adjective suffix noun

Refer to the spelling rules in Appendix B-III.

A. Fill in the blank in the second sentence with a noun ending in -NESS that is related to the adjective used in the first sentence.

Example: The night was very dark.
The **darkness** frightened her.

1. Tom is very eager to learn.
His teacher is pleased with his _____.
2. It was so calm that morning.
My friends and I could easily hear the birds singing in the _____ of .
3. The servant looks pale today.
Her _____ worries me.
4. The lion tamer was a slow man.
Because of his _____, a lion finally ate him.
5. The lawyer likes to rest in a quiet room.
The _____ helps him relax.

6. He was not conscious when the doctor came.
He regained his _____ after the injection.
7. She was very sad for the loss of her friend.
You could easily notice this _____ from the look on her face.
8. We had a very smooth ride.
I appreciate our car more after experiencing the _____ of such a ride.
9. He felt weak throughout the week.
Luckily, there was no sign of _____ during the weekend.
10. Mr. Brown did not think that Jim was fit for that job.
The other members also questioned his _____ for the new position.

B. Change the following adjectives into nouns by adding the suffix -NESS. Then use each in a sentence.

1. soft _____
2. empty _____
3. slow _____
4. correct _____
5. careful _____
6. lovely _____
7. kind _____
8. fresh _____
9. weak _____
10. happy _____

C. Fill in each blank with one of the words given in the box.

calmness	consciousness	paleness
loveliness	sadness	emptiness
happiness	kindness	weakness

Betty got up early in the morning. She felt _____ in her body. She looked at herself in the mirror. Her face was white. She was afraid of the _____ on her face. Her friends find her very lovely. That day, there was no sign of her radiant _____. Obviously, she was very sad. With that great _____ she went to her mother's room. Her mother was sleeping in her bed. Betty put her arms around her mother and started crying over her shoulders. She was in need of her mother's love and _____. There was nothing to fill her heart. It was empty. She felt this spiritual _____ very strongly. While trying to talk to her mother, she lost her _____ and fell down on the bed. When her mother opened her eyes, she could not believe her eyes. Betty was lying on the bed with no motion. There was great _____ on her face. This time she bent down on her daughter crying. "This can't happen. We were going to wish you _____ to you on your wedding.

D. Match the words in LIST A with the words or phrases in LIST B. Use each pair in a sentence.

LIST A

1. paleness
2. softness
3. freshness
4. slowness
5. eagerness

LIST B

- ___ in the air
- ___ of the baby's skin
- ___ of his movements
- ___ to find a solution
- ___ of his movements

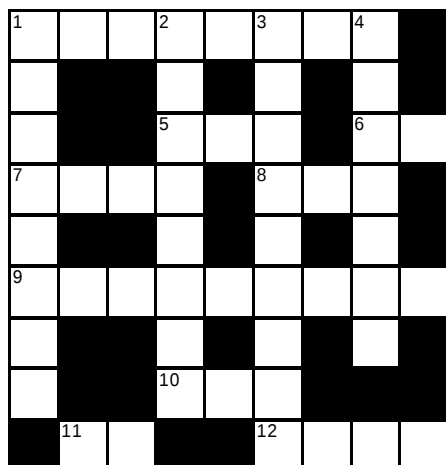
LIST A

1. lose
2. physical
3. radiant
4. thank
5. show
6. lose

LIST B

- __ one's consciousness
- __ happiness
- __ weakness
- __ loveliness
- __ fitness
- __ for one's kindness

E. Write a paragraph about one of your experiences using at least six words ending in -NESS.

F. Puzzle to solve**Across**

- 1 being slow (8)
- 5 the reverse of PEA (3)
- 6 the short form of doctor (2)
- 7 container to store liquid (4)
- 8 Five times two is _____. (3)
- 9 being eager (9)
- 10 sign for help in danger (3)
- 11 He is late ___ school. (2)
- 12 They ___ quite unhappy. (4)

Down

- 1 being soft (8)
- 2 being weak (8)
- 3 being empty (9)
- 4 being sad (7)