

**“Uncle Marcos” from The House of the Spirits** by Isabel Allende

**Vocabulary Builder**

**Word List**

conspicuous    disconsolately    impassive    pallid    pertinent    unrequited

**A. DIRECTIONS:** Each item consists of a related pair of words in CAPITAL LETTERS followed by four pairs of words. Write the letter of the pair that best expresses a relationship similar to the one expressed by the pair in capital letters.

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| <p>_____ 1. PALLID : PALE ::</p> <p>    A. tense : relaxed</p> <p>    B. organized : messy</p>                        | <p>    C. anxious : worried</p> <p>    D. stubborn : mule</p>                  |
| <p>_____ 2. JOYFULLY : DISCONSOLATELY ::</p> <p>    A. methodically : carefully</p> <p>    B. overflowing : empty</p> | <p>    C. static : unchanged</p> <p>    D. common : familiar</p>               |
| <p>_____ 3. UNREQUITED : RETURNED ::</p> <p>    A. tamed : wild</p> <p>    B. wrinkled : rumpled</p>                  | <p>    C. tiny : molecule</p> <p>    D. exceptional : unusual</p>              |
| <p>_____ 4. CONSPICUOUS : CONCEALED ::</p> <p>    A. forgotten : remembered</p> <p>    B. sorrowful : sincere</p>     | <p>    C. preferred : practical</p> <p>    D. simplified : straightforward</p> |
| <p>_____ 5. PERTINENT : RELEVANT ::</p> <p>    A. timely : recent</p> <p>    B. confident : doubtful</p>              | <p>    C. elegant : graceful</p> <p>    D. determined : uncertain</p>          |
| <p>_____ 6. IMPASSIVE : EMOTIONAL ::</p> <p>    A. willful : stubborn</p> <p>    B. passionate : romantic</p>         | <p>    C. confused : puzzled</p> <p>    D. careful : impulsive</p>             |

**B. WORD STUDY** The Latin suffix *-ive* means “of, belonging to, quality of.” Answer each of the following questions. Add the suffix *-ive* to the underlined word and use it in your new sentence.

1. Why would someone reflect on a poem?

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2. Why would you take a CD player back to the store if it had a defect?

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3. Why should government leaders cooperate?

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