

Words from Gabriel García Márquez's *Love In the Time of Cholera*

Avocabo Wordlist 101

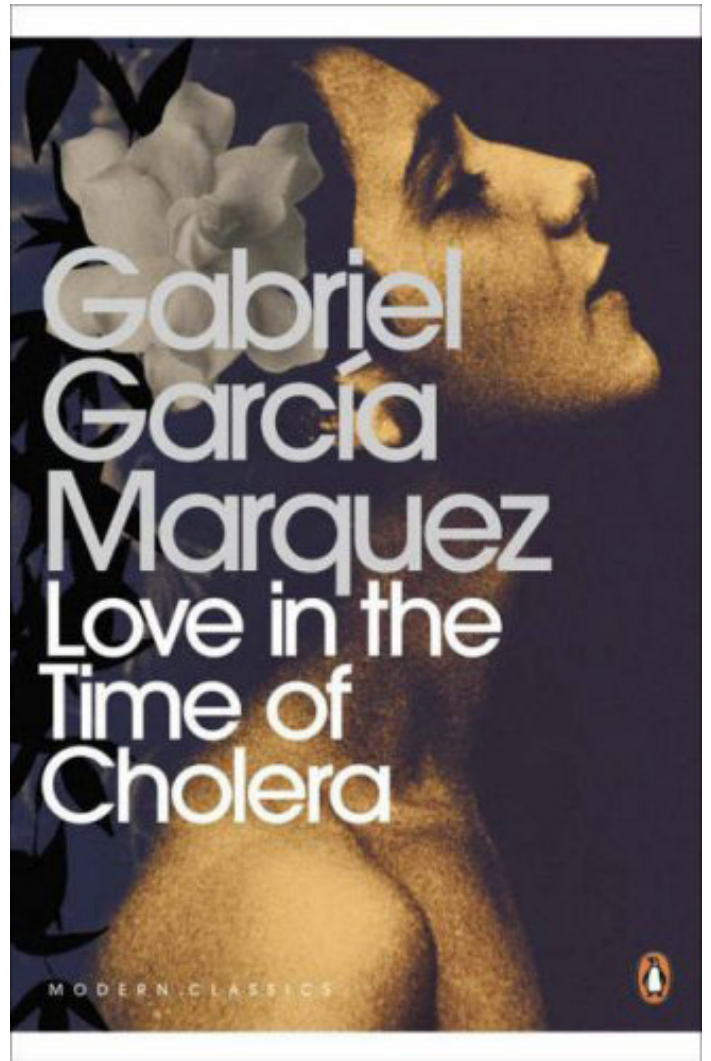
AUSTERITY, BELLADONNA, CADAVER, CAMPHOR, CLOISTER, CORDOVAN, DESPONDENCY, DISDAIN, DISINGENUOUS, FASTIDIOUS, HASTENED, IMPERTINENCE, INDOMITABLE, LANDAU, LEPROSARIUM, PALLIATIVES PEWTER, POSTHUMOUS, REGIMEN, SIESTA, VENDORS, VERTIGO

When Florentino Ariza spots Fermina Daza through a villa window, it is love at first sight. Florentino being a very skilled poet influences his passion to Fermina. Unfortunately when Fermina's father discovers the secret love affair he disapproves and vows to keep the lovers apart. Fermina eventually marries an noble doctor and they move to Paris. Florentino, however, still loves Fermina and spends many years of his life mourning over his love. He patiently waits for a chance to be with her again, does he receive his wish?

Exercise 101-1: Fill in the Blanks: Complete each of the sentences with the most appropriate word from the wordlist above. Definitions of the missing words are provided.

(21 marks)

1. He was not only the city's oldest and most illustrious physician, he was also its most _____ man.
adj. attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.
2. He almost always ate lunch at home and had 10-minute _____ on the patio... *n. an afternoon rest or nap, especially one taken during the hottest hours of the day in a hot climate.*
3. His _____ was obvious despite his effort to control it." *n. a state of low spirits caused by loss of hope or courage*



4. As soon as she had freed herself from her father's authority, Fermina Daza began a search for her in the Caribbean provinces, asking for information from everyone who might know her, and she could not find a trace of her until almost thirty years later when she received a letter that had taken a long time to pass through many hands, informing her that she had died in the Water of God. _____.
n. hospital for people with leprosy.
5. A counter was crammed with jars and bottles without labels and two crumbling _____ trays under an ordinary light bulb covered with red paper. *n. a grey alloy of tin with copper and antimony (formerly, tin and lead).*
6. As soon as he was in his carriage, he again consulted the _____ letter and told the coachman to take him to an obscure location in the old slave quarter. *adj. occurring, awarded, or appearing after the death of the originator.*

7. The patio was like an abbey _____, with a stone fountain murmuring in the center and pots of heliotrope that perfumed the house at dusk, but the space among the arcades was inadequate for so many grand family names. *n. a covered walk in a convent, monastery, college, or cathedral, typically with a wall on one side and a colonnade open to a quadrangle on the other.*

8. He had never had the opportunity to study the effects of gold cyanide on a(n) _____. *n. a corpse.*

9. & 10 He arose at the crack of dawn, when he began to take his secret medicines: potassium bromide to raise his spirits, salicylates for the ache in his bones when it rained, ergosterol drops for (9.) _____, (10.) _____ for sound sleep. 9. *n. deadly nightshade;* 10. *n. a sensation of whirling and loss of balance, associated particularly with looking down from a great height, or caused by disease affecting the inner ear or the vestibular nerve; giddiness.*

11. He took something every hour, always in secret, because in his long life as a doctor and teacher he had always opposed prescribing _____ for old age: it was easier for him to bear other people's pains than his own. *adj. (of medicine) relieving pain or alleviating a problem without dealing with the underlying cause.*

12. If his life depended on it, he had to find out later why that _____ soldier, accustomed to fighting to the last drop of blood, had left the final battle of his life unfinished. *adj. impossible to subdue or defeat.*

13. He knew that Jeremiah de Saint-Amour lived in primitive _____ and that he earned much more with his art than he needed. *n. sternness or severity of manner or attitude.*

14. Still, his too obvious display of learning and the _____ manner in which he used the power of his name had won him less affection than he deserved. *adj. not candid or sincere, pretending that one knows less about something than one really does.*

15. He even observed the changes in her breathing, watching the reliquary that hung on her batiste blouse as he looked at her without dissimulation over the book he pretended to read, and he committed the calculated _____ of changing his seat in the dining room so that he would face her. *n. lack of respect; rudeness.*

16. _____ mothballs were accidentally added to a candy mixture in over 1,100 food bank hampers in Port Moody, B.C., according to the Fraser Health Authority. *n. a white, volatile, crystalline substance with an aromatic smell and bitter taste, occurring in certain essential oils.*

17. A(n) _____ of one or two injections per day will keep infection at bay. *n. a prescribed course of medical treatment, way of life, or diet for the promotion or restoration of health.*

18. Worse still, what if your chosen _____ gets acquired, goes broke, or changes product strategy? *n. a person or company offering something for sale, especially a trader in the street.*

19. They were cornered, trying to escape public derision, when the _____ drawn by the golden chestnuts opened a path through the crowd. *n. a horse-drawn four-wheeled enclosed carriage with a removable front cover and a back cover that can be raised and lowered.*

20. She continued to examine it, asking what this was for and what that was for, and when she felt satisfied with her information she hefted it in both hands to confirm that it did not weigh enough to bother with, and let it drop with a gesture of _____. *n. the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect; contempt.*

21. "The scalpel is the greatest proof of the failure of medicine." He thought that, in a strict sense, all medication was poison and that seventy percent of common foods _____ death.. *v. brought about more quickly*

Exercise 101-2: Synonyms: From the three choices provided, select the word that is closest in meaning to the bold list word in the context displayed. (15 marks)

1. It was a smart little **landau**, which rattled up to the door of Briony Lodge.

a) brougham b) carriage c) automobile

2. The use of wheeled vehicles on such a floor will **hasten** the deterioration.

a) advance b) accelerate c) slow

3. She does not **disdain** what is transient, which is only in the present.

a) hate b) flatter c) avoid

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4. Asking a **vendor** if they conform to Open Systems is a waste of time.
a) seller b) buyer c) producer
5. This involved a **regimen** of strict asceticism and rejection of the things of the world.
a) routine b) consistency c) rule
6. The attendant had become accustomed to the **impertinence** shown to him when he asked teens to turn off their cellphones during the movie.
a) excitement b) fear c) rudeness
7. Is such **disingenuous** flattery really going to boost Anglo-Scottish tourism?
a) dishonest b) fair c) truthful
8. Greece received an angry backlash to their proposed **aus-terity** package. **A state of:**
a) reduced spending b) warlike aggression c) renewed economic activity
9. Despite the long lasting siege, the City was defended by the **indomitable** courage of its garrison
a) beatable b) stubborn c) weak
10. Can you get **vertigo** by heights imagined in dreams?
a) unhappiness b) knockout c) dizziness
11. A liniment or plaster of **belladonna** will relieve many forms of local pain.
a) Paris b) deadly nightshade c) sleep
12. A Tampa company makes lifelike synthetic **cadavers** for medical research
a) databases b) suture threads c) corpses
13. I'll gain **posthumous** fame as an Internet test case.
a) post-obituary b) unnecessary c) viral
14. He fell into a state of **despondency** from which he could not shake.
a) anger b) depression c) joy
15. Once back at hotel, we had time for a brief **siesta** before walking a local trail.
a) nap b) meal c) dance

Exercise 101-3: Anagrams Our words have fallen apart! Unscramble these mixed up words to produce list words. (15 marks)

- _____ 1. Audiossift
- _____ 2. Licerots
- _____ 3. Usomuthspo
- _____ 4. Repwet
- _____ 5. Asties
- _____ 6. Docedspenny
- _____ 7. Acadrev
- _____ 8. Ablandlone
- _____ 9. Gemrein
- _____ 10. Goeritv
- _____ 11. Centimeripen
- _____ 12. Aplaitlive
- _____ 13. Ambientidol
- _____ 14. Ahnest
- _____ 15. Atieyurts

Exercise 101-4: Creative Writing Compose a sentence that correctly uses the listed word. (20 marks)

1. Vertigo

2. Disdain

3. Regimen

4. Disingenuous

5. Landau

6. Austerity

7. Fastidious

8. Impertinence

9. Posthumous

10. Cadaver

Exercise 101-5: Etymology Provide the list word described by its etymological root (20 marks)

1. _____ means “born after the death of the originator”
2. _____ c.1400, medical, “course of diet, exercise, etc. for sake of health”
3. _____ “mid-day nap,” 1650s, from Latin *sexta* (hora) “
4. _____ 1670s, from the Latin *despondere* “to give up, lose, lose heart, resign, to promise in marriage”
5. _____ early 15c., from Latin word meaning “dizziness, sensation of whirling,”
6. _____ mid-14c., *desdegne* “scorn, contempt,” earlier *dedeyne* “offended dignity”
7. _____ 1560s, extended form of *baste* (v) with -en (1).
8. _____ 1630s, from Late Latin word meaning “untameable”
9. _____ early 14c., “any of various alloys having tin as their main constituent”
10. _____ from the Latin *claustrum* mening barrier, or enclosed place.

Unit Answers:

Fill in the Blanks 1. fastidious, 2. siesta, 3. despondency, 4. leprosarium, 5. pewter, 6. posthumous, 7. cloister, 8. cadaver, 9. belladonna, 10. vertigo, 11. palliative, 12. indomitable, 13. austerity, 14. disingenuous, 15. impertinence, 16. camphor, 17. regimen, 18. vendor, 19. landau, 20. disdain, 21. hasten

Synonyms 1.a) brougham, 2. b) accelerate, 3. c) hate, 4. a) seller, 5. a) routine, 6. c) rudeness, 7. a) dishonest, 8. a) reduced spending, 9. b) stubborn, 10. c) dizziness, 11. b) deadly nightshade 12 c) corpses, 13. a) post-obituary, 14. b) depression, 15. a) nap

Anagrams 1.fastidious, 2.cloister, 3.posthumous, 4.pewter, 5.siesta, 6.despondency, 7.cadaver, 8.belladonna, 9.regimen,10. Vertigo, 11.impertinence,12.palliative, 13.indomitable, 14.hasten, 15.austerity,

Creative Writing Answers will vary, but clarify that the word has been used in the correct context.

Etymologies 1. posthumous, 2. regimen, 3. siesta, 4. despondency, 5. vertigo, 6. disdain, 7. hasten, 8. indomitable, 9. pewter, 10. cloister.