

Review 3

TASK 1 Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

A classic film

Directed in 1954 by master Japanese film-maker Akira Kurosawa, *Seven Samurai* not only set the standard for action films, but created the action film genre. _____ continues to influence film narrative today.

The film takes place in Japan, where a group of seven samurai are hired by poor farmers to protect their village from bandits. They help each _____; the samurai warriors _____ the villagers how to defend _____, while the villagers feed the samurai three meals _____ day.

The film culminates in a giant battle in which the bandits attack the village on horseback. _____ the piercing rain, with blood-curdling cries, the invaders charge through the black, sodden earth, and into the village, where _____ are massacred by the deadly spears, arrows and samurai swords of the defenders.

_____ theme should certainly sound _____ to film fans. A highly experienced group of 'tough guys' coming to the rescue of the weak has become _____ of an action film cliché. In 1960, director John Sturges remade the film as a Western that was set in Mexico and called it *The Magnificent Seven*. The film _____ the samurai with hired US gunmen and was followed by the *Dirty Dozen*, *Mad Max*, *The Expendables* and _____ more such films.

Kurosawa was inspired by the classic Greek tragedy *Seven Against Thebes*, written by the playwright Aeschylus. It seems that _____ themes are timeless; after _____, we return to them again and _____.

TASK 2 Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the sentence.

Drink up!

What is thirst, why do we feel _____ (THIRST), and what causes it? Thirst is an important part of the body's _____ (SURVIVE) system that helps it to maintain its internal fluid balance. A desire to drink can come from the physical _____ (RESPOND) to fluid loss, an increase in salt or sugar in the body, a hormone _____, or other changes in the body's chemistry.

All day long, water is lost through _____ (BODY) functions such as breathing and sweating, but fluid levels in the body must be kept stable to avoid _____ (DEHYDRATE) and to maintain good health.

Excessive loss of body fluids leads to an increased heart rate, decreased blood _____ (PRESS), skin wrinkling, weight loss, dizziness, _____ (DELIRIOUS) and, in extreme cases, death. Whereas humans can survive three weeks without food, we can only go three days without water.

When fluid levels drop, the brain immediately starts a series of actions, one of which triggers the _____ (SENSE) of thirst. Thirst is the brain's message for you to drink more water, and the brain makes it difficult to ignore. That is why it is often accompanied by a _____ (PARCH) mouth, to direct your attention to the nearest source of water.

TASK 3 Think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

Maggie got caught in the rain on the weekend and now has a bad _____.
After agreeing to go to the audition, I got _____ feet and said I could make it.
What have I done? Why are you giving me the _____ shoulder?

The most commonly known _____ about mosquitoes is that they spread malaria.
No, I won't be at the play; I'll be out of the country as a matter of _____.
Unfortunately, grey hair is a _____ of life for many men and women.

Pack a spare _____ of clothes for Lucy to take to the hospital.
That new HD television _____ must have cost you a pretty penny.
None of the actors were on the _____ when the director arrived.

Some patients were _____ waiting to see Dr Crock when the surgery closed.
Thirty euros is a lot to pay for a DVD; _____, it's a great classic film.
Let's go out tonight; better _____, let's see the new Will Ferrell comedy.

Don't you know that loneliness affects many people in old _____?
Jane, stop crying and act your _____!
Stanley, when you come of _____ at 18, you may go to Hollywood, but not before.

TASK 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

Hang on a second, I know this; I've nearly got it.
MY
Hang on a second, I know this; it's _____ tongue.

Unfortunately, we don't have a lot of information about what causes the disease.
LITTLE
Unfortunately, _____ causes of the disease.

Well, it was very odd that she fainted at the film premiere.
PASSED
Well, _____ at the film premiere.

Poor Jessica can't perform live because she's too scared to go on stage.
SUFFERS
Poor Jessica _____ and can't perform live.

The patient ate junk food in his hospital bed and the nurse spotted him.

SAW

The nurse _____ junk food in his hospital bed.

Yes, it was the director who gave me the advice about acting.

HIMSELF

Yes, _____ about acting.

I'm having trouble hearing the dialogue because the sound quality is so bad.

HARDLY

I _____ the dialogue because the sound quality is so bad.