

TASK 4

This extract comes from *The Picture of Dorian Gray* written by Oscar Wilde.

Your task is to put in the missing letters on the lines in the text. There is an example given to you.

Dorian made no answer, but passed listlessly in front of his picture and turned towards it. When he saw it he dr__ back, and his cheeks flus___ for a moment with ple_____. A look of joy came into his eyes, as if he had recog_____ himself for the first time. He stood there moti_____, and in wonder, dimly cons_____ that Hallward was speaking to him, but not cat_____ the meaning of his words. The sense of his own bea___ came on him like a reve_____. He had never felt it before. Basil Hallward's compl_____ had seemed to him to be mer___ the charming exag_____ of friendship. He had listened to them, lau____ at them, forgotten them. They had not infl_____ his nature. Then had come Lord Henry, with his str____ panegyric on youth, his ter____ warning of its bre___. That had stirred him at the time, and now, as he stood gaz__ at the shadow of his own lov_____, the full reality of the des_____ flashed across him. Yes, there would be a day when his face would be wri____ and wizen, his eyes dim and col_____, and the grace of his figure broken and def_____. The sca____ would pass away from his lips, and the gold steal from his hair. The life that was to make his soul would mar his body. He would be____ ignoble, hideous, and uncouth. As he tho____ of it, a sharp pang of pain str___ like a knife across him, and made each del____ fibre of his nature quiver. His eyes dee____ into amethyst, and a mist of tears came ac____ them. He felt as if a hand of ice had been laid upon his heart. 'Don't you like it?'

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