27.1 Complete the table with words from A and B opposite.

Noun	Adjective
absence	
diminution	
	flaccid
	spastic
	wasted

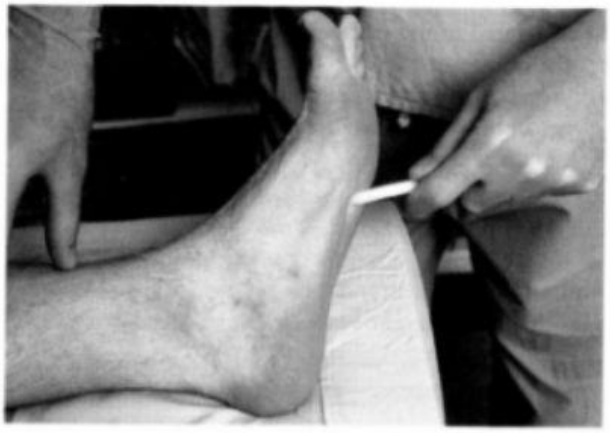
27.2 A doctor is giving instructions to a patient during examination of the motor system. Identify what the doctor is assessing in each case. Look at A opposite to help you.

1 I'd like you to relax. I'm just going to move your arm up and down.
2 Can I see your hands?
3 Now, I'm going to straighten your arm out. Try to stop me.
4 Can you touch my finger with yours and then touch your nose? Good. Now do it again with your eyes closed.

27.3 Complete the sentences. Look at A, B and C opposite and at the table in 27.1 above to help you.

1 A ..... hand droops limply to form a right angle with the wrist.
2 ..... reflexes are reflexes that are stronger than normal.
3 Muscle ..... means the muscle is reduced in bulk.
4 A tic is a form of ..... movement.
5 A key is often used to test the ..... response.
6 His ..... was poor: he could not perform rapid alternating movements.
7 A .... is used to test reflexes.
8 When something is ..... , it is less than normal.

27.4 A patient is brought to A&E in coma. When her name is spoken, she opens her eyes but she does not answer questions, or obey instructions. What is her GCS score?



The plantar reflex

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