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affectation

console

gifted

interminably

semblance

A. Complete each of the following sentences with a word from the word list above.

1. George was a _____ writer and was able to earn a living by selling his writing.
2. The Sakkaros tried to maintain a _____ of normalcy so that no one would guess their secret.
3. The excessive care that Mrs. Sakkaro took with pouring the water was not an _____; she always behaved that way.
4. The weather announcer's voice seemed to drone on _____.
5. When the storm clouds appeared, George tried to _____ the Sakkaros, who seemed terrified.

B. Circle the word in each group that is closest in meaning to the boldfaced word.

1. **interminably** shortly perpetually noisily annoyingly
2. **gifted** lucky talented rich generous
3. **semblance** imbalance difference appearance trick
4. **console** repair regret give comfort
5. **affectation** unnaturalness omen sensation inspiration

C. Write a "Missing Persons" report on the Sakkaros' mysterious disappearance. Use all **five** Words to Know.