

fray	pulpit	frond	desiccated	bigwig
chagrin	jackal	maudlin	fluke	obsequious

Exercise A: Match the words with their meaning

- (disapproving) too eager to help or obey someone important _____
- a feeling of being frustrated or annoyed because of failure or disappointment

- a fight, struggle, or disagreement that involves many people _____
- a large, long leaf _____
- a powerful or important person _____
- a raised platform where a priest or minister stands when leading a worship service

- a wild dog found in Africa and Asia _____
- having had the water removed; very dry _____
- showing or expressing too much emotion especially in a foolish or annoying way

- something that happens because of luck; an unexpected or unusual thing that happens by accident _____

Exercise B: Place the words in the gaps. You may need to change the form of the word or use a derivative

- Being completely _____, the manure didn't have any living bacteria in it.
- He is considered a _____ in local politics and his opinion is respected.
- He wanted to express his love but all the words he tried out in his head came off sounding phony or _____
- Her second championship shows that the first one was no mere

- His political aides handled the controversy while he remained above the

- Now we get to find out why Fred is keeping this _____ around, Holden thought, looking at the old marine.
- She had gained five pounds over the winter, much to her _____
- She's constantly followed by _____ assistants who will do anything she tells them to.
- The palm tree had big pale _____
- The pastor ascended the _____

Key

A

1. obsequious /əb'si:kwiəs/ δουλοπρεπής
2. chagrin /'ʃægrɪn/ απογοήτευση
3. fray \ˈfrā\ συμπλοκή
4. frond /frɒnd/ φύλλο φτέρης, φοίνικα
5. bigwig /'bɪɡwɪɡ/ σπουδαίο πρόσωπο
6. pulpit /'pʊlɪt/ άμβωνας
7. jackal /'dʒækəl/ τσακάλι
8. desiccated /'desɪkeɪtɪd/ αφυδατωμένος
9. maudlin /'mɔ:dlɪn/ κλασιάρικος
10. fluke \ˈflük\ τυχαία επιτυχία

B

1. desiccated
2. bigwig
3. maudlin
4. flute
5. fray
6. jackal
7. chagrin
8. obsequious
9. fronds
10. pulpit