

Directions: as you read the following passage of text, you'll notice that a certain word has been used by the author over and over again. When this happens, stories begin to sound boring and repetitive. Your task is to replace the repeated word with a different synonym—one for each instance the word has been utilized below.

The Cold Ocean Depths



Devlin allowed his piercing, _____ cold _____ stare to drift down into the dark depths of the ocean beneath the fishing dock. He had skipped school today on a dare from his friends. They stood behind Devlin—coaxing him onward. Devlin had dipped a toe into the _____ cold _____ waves on the beach earlier. As he strapped his swim goggles over his eyes, and stripped down to his trunks, the November air felt _____ cold _____ on his skin.

“Do it!” cackled one of Devlin’s friends. “Jump!”

“You have to stay in the _____ cold _____ ocean depths for at least five minutes to win the bet,” said another of his buddies.

“I know,” said Devlin. He bent his knees and then sprang off the end of the large wooden structure. Devlin knew the water would feel quite _____ cold _____ once it surrounded his whole body. “But, I didn’t think it would be this _____ cold _____!” he screamed. He splashed and shivered—trying to remain afloat.