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Excerpt from *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White

Step 1. Fill in the blanks of the following passage.

“Do not let an _____ sadness settle over you, Louis,” said the
cob. “Swans must be cheerful, not _____; graceful, not
_____; brave, not _____. Remember that the
_____ is full of youngsters who have some sort of handicap they must
_____. You apparently have a speech _____. I am sure
you will overcome it, in _____. There may even be a slight
_____, at your age, in not being able to say _____. It
compels you to be a good _____. The world is full of talkers, but it is
rare to find anyone who _____. And I _____ you that you
can pick up more information when you are listening than when you are
_____ (42).

Step 2. Compare your answers with the actual words used by E.B. White. Write in
corrections as directed by your teacher.