

Answer Key

Penguin Chick

1. bowl
2. loaf
3. scold
4. snow
5. coal
6. gold
7. roast
8. soak

A True Story

9. Knit
10. wrist
11. gnat
12. knots
13. sign
14. write
15. know
16. gnaws
17. Knock

Seven Spools of Thread

18. crowd
19. couch
20. proud
21. cloud
22. scout
23. round
24. town
25. louder
26. plow

Reading Comprehension

27. A
28. B
29. D
30. B
31. C
32. A

Reading Comprehension

33. A
34. B
35. B
36. C

37. A

38. C

Reading Comprehension

39. C

40. C

41. A

42. B

43. C

44. The turning point in the saga of the giant elephant bird occurred about a century ago when a remarkable discovery was made on an island—a giant egg measuring over a foot in length, serving as irrefutable evidence of the bird’s existence.
45. The meticulous work of scientists involved piecing together colossal bird bones, offering a glimpse into the appearance of the giant elephant bird.
46. The giant elephant bird was nearly ten feet tall, weighed 1,000 pounds, had diminutive wings, and couldn’t fly due to its small wings.
47. In the annals of avian history, the giant elephant bird holds the position of being the largest bird ever to roam the Earth.
48. The mystery surrounding the giant elephant bird’s extinction persists despite tangible evidence like bones and colossal eggs. Factors contributing to its demise could include changes in the environment, predation, or other ecological shifts. Studying these factors and the circumstances of its extinction would likely provide more insights into the mystery.

Answer Key

The Perfect Pet

1. grows
2. blow
3. slow
4. show
5. float
6. coast
7. sold

A True Story

8. wrong
9. wreck
10. knight
11. wrote
12. wrap
13. wring

Washington Weed Whackers

14. price
15. gems
16. cents
17. city
18. gentle
19. pages
20. place
21. age
22. giant
23. gyms
24. cell
25. message
26. changes
27. nice
28. space

Reading Comprehension

29. A
30. C
31. B
32. C
33. A
34. B

Reading Comprehension

35. A
36. C

37. B
38. C
39. C
40. A

Reading Comprehension

41. C
42. C
43. B
44. C
45. A
46. The four-eyed fish has eyes positioned on top of its head. Each eye is dual-purpose, with the upper segment attuned to vision in the air, and the lower portion specialized for underwater vision. They operate independently, allowing the fish to process visual information both above and below the water simultaneously.
47. The eyes above the water's surface serve as adept hunters, scanning for insects both on the water and in the air, while the eyes below the water's surface are on the lookout for potential prey. This allows the four-eyed fish to secure a diverse and plentiful diet.
48. When observed from the surface, the four-eyed fish creates a surreal image, appearing as if it has two eyes above the water and two eyes submerged, due to the top part of each eye protruding above the water.
49. The long and slender body of the four-eyed fish allows it to gracefully navigate just below the water's surface, optimizing its ability to use its unique visual adaptations.
50. The dual functionality of the four-eyed fish's eyes provides a significant advantage in survival by allowing it to effectively hunt for prey both above and below the water simultaneously. This adaptation

likely enhances its ability to secure a diverse and plentiful diet, giving it a competitive edge in its ecological niche.

Answer Key

The Perfect Pet

1. mild
2. find
3. right
4. buy
5. child
6. bright
7. flight
8. sky
9. might
10. dye
11. ties
12. tight
13. fight
14. pie
15. fry

Review Test

16. threw
17. weather
18. bench
19. stream
20. sign
21. watching
22. rift
23. team
24. pitch
25. scraped

Here's My Dollar

26. sale
27. sail
28. road
29. peace
30. beet
31. beat
32. piece

Reading Comprehension

33. A
34. A
35. D
36. B
37. D
38. B

Reading Comprehension

39. C
40. A
41. A
42. A
43. C
44. A

Reading Comprehension

45. D
46. C
47. D
48. C
49. C
50. A fortunate gold discovery could lead to unimaginable wealth for a miner, transforming their life from one of uncertainty to potential prosperity.
51. Entrepreneurs hastily erected hotels, banks, and stores to cater to the needs of the growing population as a response to the influx of miners.
52. Ghost towns from the gold rush era often experienced a rapid rise and decline, and today, they stand as poignant reminders frozen in a moment when the pursuit of gold shaped the destiny of individuals.
53. The transient nature of the gold rush meant that towns often experienced a rapid rise and an equally swift decline when gold reserves dwindled, leading to the phenomenon of abandoned “ghost towns.”
54. The legacy of the gold rush may contribute to the societal perspective that the pursuit of fortune, akin to the gold rush era, continues to hold enduring allure and influence the way individuals perceive and pursue wealth and success in the present day.

Answer Key

Review Test

1. crack
2. come
3. paint
4. miss
5. might
6. loaf
7. great
8. azure
9. child
10. fail

Review Test

11. month
12. sweater
13. knew
14. wrong
15. treated
16. porch
17. this
18. knock
19. clean
20. What

My Very Own Room

21. its
22. It's
23. They're
24. rode
25. There
26. your
27. You're
28. rowed

Reading Comprehension

29. B
30. C
31. A
32. D
33. B
34. B

Reading Comprehension

35. B
36. A
37. D

38. C

39. C

40. A

Reading Comprehension

41. C

42. B

43. A

44. Campers may initially feel puzzled and perhaps that they have lost their belongings.

45. B

46. Campers may place shiny objects on the ground at night, only to discover them missing by morning, replaced by a stone or another unexpected item, suggesting a visit from a trade rat.

47. According to speculation, the trade rat may have a penchant for collecting bright and shiny objects to adorn its nest.

48. The tales add a touch of enchantment to the natural world, leaving people amused and intrigued by the mysterious and whimsical behavior of trade rats.

49. Campers may initially feel puzzled and perhaps that they have lost their belongings, as the trade rats engage in their curious exchange.

50. The tales of trade rats engaging in unexpected exchanges may foster a sense of wonder and curiosity, encouraging people to perceive the natural world as a place filled with mystery and enchantment, where even small creatures engage in curious behaviors that captivate human imagination.

Answer Key

The Strongest One

1. grows
2. right
3. rose
4. shut
5. slow
6. plays
7. grade
8. wise
9. sold
10. clap
11. green
12. bean
13. team
14. street

What Do Illustrators Do?

15. voice
16. noise
17. coins
18. joyful
19. point

My Very Own Room

20. cherries
21. ponies
22. cities
23. years
24. foxes
25. daisies

Reading Comprehension

26. B
27. A
28. D
29. D
30. C
31. B

Reading Comprehension

32. A
33. D
34. B
35. B
36. D
37. A

Reading Comprehension

38. C
39. B
40. Seawater was collected and left in the sun for an extended period, allowing the water to evaporate and leaving behind salt crystals.
41. Once obtained through arduous journeys, salt is now readily available in food stores, reflecting technological advancements and widespread distribution.
42. B
43. Ancient methods included sourcing salt from rocks and gathering salt from the sea.
44. Salt wells utilize two pipes inserted into the ground. Water is sent down one pipe, creating saltwater, and this solution is then pushed up the other pipe, allowing the extraction of salt from the water.
45. While people once embarked on arduous journeys to secure salt, today it is readily available in food stores, showcasing the transformation in accessibility.
46. The historical significance of salt reflects its value often rivaling that of precious metals like gold.
47. The evolving methods of salt extraction and distribution reflect broader trends in human civilization, illustrating technological progress, economic changes, and the transformation of essential resources from rarity to accessibility, mirroring the adaptability and resourcefulness of human societies over time.