

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.

Answer Key

The Strongest One

1. speaks
2. cream
3. field
4. weak
5. freeze
6. clean
7. heel
8. seal
9. creek
10. free
11. week
12. chum
13. much
14. chunk
15. cheek
16. ditch

Review Test

17. soil
18. foil
19. loyal
20. toil
21. choice
22. soybean
23. coy
24. boiled
25. spoiled
26. enjoys

Review Test

27. alleys
28. trays
29. states
30. flies
31. ashes
32. lunches
33. bunches
34. inches
35. twins

Reading Comprehension

36. A
37. D
38. B

39. A

40. D

41. C

Reading Comprehension

42. C

43. C

44. A

45. B

46. D

47. B

Reading Comprehension

48. C

49. B

50. B

51. Workers employed long sticks to swiftly retrieve sacks of mail left beside the tracks as the train sped by.

52. B

53. The establishment of post offices marked the beginning of a more organized mail system.

54. Franklin contributed by creating maps outlining new routes for mail delivery and his impact extended to the printing of the first United States stamps featuring his image.

55. Workers used long sticks to swiftly retrieve sacks of mail left beside the tracks as the train sped by.

56. Boats, horses, stagecoaches, and trains were mentioned as various modes of transportation for mail.

57. The historical evolution of mail transportation illustrates the adaptability and resilience of systems in the face of changing technologies and landscapes, showcasing the importance of innovation and commitment in ensuring the continuity and reliability of essential services.

Answer Key

Wolf

1. crunching
2. lunch
3. hatch
4. bench
5. chick
6. teacher
7. cheese
8. watching
9. Pitch
10. stretch

Review Test

11. serve
12. noise
13. blue
14. point
15. soybean
16. read
17. stairs
18. first
19. girls
20. share
21. pour
22. sharp

Review Test

23. crowd
24. daisies
25. walk
26. giant
27. mine
28. message
29. beat
30. Your
31. round
32. town
33. shout
34. inches

Reading Comprehension

35. B
36. A
37. B
38. C

39. C

40. B

Reading Comprehension

41. B

42. C

43. A

44. D

45. D

46. A

Reading Comprehension

47. B

48. B

49. C

50. B

51. C

52. In 1829, the first bus appeared with passengers perching on the roof. In 1847, seats were affixed to the roofs, a tradition that continues today with many double-decker buses.

53. Early buses had solid tires and faced a rough ride due to inadequate road conditions. In the 1930s, improvements in roads and smoother rides were introduced.

54. Contemporary buses serve specific purposes, including urban transportation and school commutes.

55. Buses remain cost-effective compared to private cars.

56. Strategies could include investing in environmentally friendly buses, improving infrastructure, implementing smart transportation systems, and promoting public awareness campaigns highlighting the economic and environmental benefits of bus transportation.

Answer Key

What's in Store for the Future

1. wheel
2. dishpan
3. shock
4. pathway
5. thick

Cook-a-Doodle-Do!

6. rude
7. nurse
8. spoiled
9. stew
10. enjoys
11. learn
12. sore
13. air
14. spool
15. look
16. wear
17. spoon

Review Test

18. fair
19. louder
20. ice
21. years
22. bought
23. piece
24. giant
25. water
26. nice
27. city
28. states
29. flies

Reading Comprehension

30. C
31. A
32. C
33. A
34. D
35. A

Reading Comprehension

36. D
37. B

38. A

39. C

40. C

41. D

Reading Comprehension

42. C

43. B

44. C

45. B

46. B

47. Libraries often host events like story hours on a weekly basis for children.

48. Libraries may offer “talking books” on tape for individuals with visual impairments.

49. Libraries may stock books with large print to cater to the needs of older readers.

50. Bookmobiles serve as mobile libraries that reach areas where people may face challenges getting to a stationary library, providing a comprehensive resource on the go.

51. Technology could enable online access to library resources, virtual events, and interactive services, making library offerings available to a broader audience, including those who may face physical barriers to visiting a physical library.

Answer Key

What's in Store for the Future

1. weather
2. washing
3. month
4. whales
5. sixth
6. truth
7. This
8. What
9. them
10. fish

Cook-a-Doodle-Do!

11. taught
12. bought
13. salt
14. hawk
15. bawls
16. lawn
17. drawing
18. hauls
19. coughing
20. yawn
21. halls
22. caused
23. crawled
24. paused
25. squawk

Boom Town

26. barefoot
27. daylight
28. newspaper
29. birthday
30. birdhouse
31. hairdo
32. daytime
33. basketball
34. notebook
35. sidewalk
36. airplane
37. headlight
38. sometime
39. stagecoach

40. headline

Reading Comprehension

41. B
42. C
43. A
44. B
45. A
46. C

Reading Comprehension

47. D
48. B
49. A

50. C

51. C

52. D

Reading Comprehension

53. D

54. A

55. C

56. C

57. C

Answer Key

The Planets in Our Solar System

1. thread
2. screams
3. stream
4. spray
5. scrubs
6. throne
7. strength
8. screens
9. throw
10. scratch
11. strong
12. three
13. scraped
14. spree
15. spread

Seven Spools of Thread

16. ground
17. found
18. shout
19. bounce
20. owl
21. bow

Boom Town

22. birdhouse
23. airplane
24. stagecoach
25. newspaper
26. someone
27. barefoot
28. daylight
29. hairdo
30. notebook
31. headlight
32. sidewalks
33. basketball
34. daytime
35. birthday
36. sometime

Reading Comprehension

37. A
38. A

39. B

40. B

41. D

42. A

Reading Comprehension

43. C

44. D

45. B

46. D

47. C

48. C

Reading Comprehension

49. C

50. C

51. B

52. C

53. C

54. Zoo veterinarians often use anesthesia to induce a temporary state of sleep, enabling them to carry out necessary procedures safely.

55. The speed and precision of a zoo vet's work are paramount to ensure that the animal wakes up promptly after the procedure, minimizing potential risks.