

# Answer Key

## A Journey for Pursuing A Dream

1. shrine
2. science
3. full
4. bleak
5. bathe
6. wield
7. yield
8. meek
9. prank
10. coax
11. C
12. B
13. A
14. C
15. D
16. Her family's inability to afford funding for her education.
17. She used her intelligence and scientific knowledge to overcome the obstacles.
18. She gained knowledge that allowed her to yield a cure for the dangerous chemical that contaminated the freight container.
19. She gained self-belief and became known as a fierce scientist who dared to pursue her dreams and make the impossible possible.
20. We can infer that Sarah is determined, curious, and willing to take risks to pursue her dreams.

## Climbing Mount Everest

21. although
22. symbolic
23. guarantee
24. repeatedly
25. challenge
26. mainstay
27. successful
28. diaphragm
29. endurance
30. official
31. B

32. A
33. D
34. C
35. D
36. John's determination and success in climbing Mount Everest.
37. John's desire to prove himself as an elite climber.
38. John faced the challenges of a labored diaphragm, fatigue, debris on the slopes, and the chaos of the terrain.
39. John believed that his achievement would symbolize his endurance and strength.
40. It can be inferred that John's desire to challenge himself and succeed in climbing the highest peak in the world motivated him to repeatedly train for years.

## The Pursuit for Justice

41. auditory
42. glorify
43. remorse
44. lawyer
45. forethought
46. default
47. hydraulic
48. Tawdry
49. perforate
50. tangible
51. saturate
52. inspector
53. contemporary

## Words needed in the passage:

- awkward  
haughty  
discord  
automation  
forethought  
default  
lawyers  
inspectors  
perforate  
glorify

tawdry  
fraught  
remorse  
tangible  
saturate  
fraudulent  
contemporary  
hydraulic

54. B  
55. D  
56. C  
57. A  
58. C  
59. They recognize the importance of using contemporary technology to enhance their investigations, but also recognize the significance of forethought and default to ensure they are not relying solely on machines.  
60. They find it awkward but will not let any obstacles deter them from fulfilling their duty to seek justice.  
61. They will not let anyone escape the consequences of their actions and will work tirelessly to perforce any attempts to thwart the law.  
62. Their responsibility is to ensure that justice is tangible and that those who have been wronged can find solace in knowing that perpetrators have been held accountable. They plan to work hard and use every resource at their disposal, including contemporary technology and hydraulic thinking.  
63. They take their duties as prosecutors seriously and will not let anyone get away with fraudulent or illegal actions. They will continue to work hard to bring justice to those who have been affected.

# Answer Key

## Saving the Coastline

1. grieve
2. fund
3. freight
4. seashell
5. eyelid
6. fierce
7. sailboat
8. contamination
9. pierce
10. pursue
11. C
12. A
13. B
14. D
15. C
16. Maria's fierce advocacy for her community motivated her to take action in response to the contamination of the town.
17. Maria and her neighbors were able to gather the resources needed to restore the coastline with the help of a local nonprofit fund.
18. The town began to heal as they worked tirelessly and the outcome of Maria's efforts was that the town flourished once again.
19. When Maria discovered the small piece of metal in the seashell, she redoubled her efforts to ensure that the town remained clean and safe.
20. Maria's actions in response to the contamination of the town demonstrate her determination, resilience, and commitment to her community.

## There Always Some Way Out!

21. accord  
candid
22. fundamental  
ghastly

23. dialogue  
speculate
24. opponent  
assistant
25. howled  
weigh
26. B
27. D
28. C
29. A
30. B
31. He cut it in half with scissors and handed a piece to each side.
32. He howled with joy.
33. The shift from animosity and aggression to dialogue and cooperation.
34. They shook hands and agreed to work towards a peaceful solution.
35. The outcome of the conflict was a peaceful resolution and a sense of hope for the future emerged.

## It is Harvest Time!

36. discord
37. fraudulent
38. awkward
39. haughty
40. automation
41. fraught
42. wrought

## Words needed in the passage:

discord  
fraught  
haughty  
automation  
wrought  
fraudulent  
awkward

43. C
44. D
45. c
46. c

47. a
48. The farmers suspected that one farmer had used automation to increase his yield, which was deemed fraudulent and unfair.
49. The tension made the atmosphere more fraught with tension, which threatened to ruin the festival.
50. The wise old farmer suggested that a competition be held, in which all the farmers would have to showcase their skills and techniques, and the winner would be awarded a prize.
51. The competition was a great success, and the farmers were able to put their differences aside and appreciate each other's hard work.
52. The festival was a reminder of the importance of honesty and fairness in all aspects of life.

# Answer Key

## Tía Lola's Impact on A Family In

### Vermont

1. media
2. wolves
3. thieves
4. dominoes
5. echoes
6. cuff
7. shelves
8. tornadoes
9. bacteria
10. sopranos
11. C
12. B
13. D
14. B
15. C
16. Tía Lola emphasized that the things that matter most in life can't be taken by anyone and that they should be grateful for their safety.
17. The family's attitude changed as they went from meek voices and fear due to contamination to laughter and enjoyment as they played and swam in the water.
18. Tía Lola's arrival helped the family appreciate their cultural differences and value the importance of family.
19. The family felt grateful for Tía Lola's presence, knowing that they were fortunate to have her love and wisdom, especially when they grieved the loss of their stolen belongings.
20. Tía Lola's presence and actions served as a source of strength, wisdom, and positivity for the family. She helped them cope with the tornado, theft, and water contamination by remaining calm, suggesting activities to lift their spirits, and using her charm to handle difficult situations. Tía Lola's love and wisdom brought about a positive transformation

in the family's perspective, helping them appreciate their cultural differences, value family, and find joy in simple pleasures.

## A Hunter in the Forest

21. Although camouflage
22. coincide emerged
23. commend uncoiled
24. scissors gratify
25. peace inherited
26. B
27. C
28. A
29. D
30. B
31. The scissors are an unexpected object that catch the predator's attention and symbolize the hunter's weapon of choice.
32. The predator offers no resistance and surrenders to the hunter.
33. The hunter feels a sense of gratification.
34. The predator and the hunter share a mutual respect.
35. The hunter is skilled, relentless, and has a sense of respect for the prey they hunt.

## A Bridge for Peace Between Two Super Powers

36. antecedent
37. supersedes
38. intercede
39. concede
40. receding
41. superseded
42. preceding
43. succeeding
44. cede
45. proceeds

**Words needed in the passage:**

preceding  
receding  
succeeding  
intercede  
concede  
cede  
proceeds  
superseded  
antecedent

46. B  
47. A  
48. D  
49. D  
50. A  
51. The war had been going on for a long time, and it was difficult to tell who would win because the two sides were so evenly matched.  
52. The sky darkens, and a great storm descends upon the battlefield. Thunder and lightning crash down upon the armies, and the rain falls in sheets. Suddenly, a bolt of lightning strikes the ground between the two armies, and a great chasm opens up, dividing the battlefield in two.  
53. The sage appears on the battlefield to urge the kings to seek peace and to supersede their hatred and their desire for revenge.  
54. The war comes to an end when both kings agree to concede defeat and to work towards a peaceful resolution to the conflict. They cede their land to each other.  
55. The miraculous event is significant because it brings about a turning point in the history of the two kingdoms. It sets a new antecedent for future generations by superseding the cycle of violence with the desire for peace.

# Answer Key

## Investigating a String of Burglaries

1. photos
2. wives
3. sheriffs
4. data
5. scarves
6. loaves
7. solos
8. buffaloes
9. volcanoes
10. staff
11. B
12. A
13. A
14. C
15. C
16. The sheriffs were stumped and perplexed when they discovered the strange clues during the investigation.
17. The town's resident baker explained that the photos of buffaloes, loaves of bread, and women's scarves were part of his solo photo collages from his travels. This information helped the sheriffs connect the clues to the new employee, solving the case.
18. The new employee had been using the stolen funds to purchase their own collection of scarves.
19. The wives of the town felt relieved, safe, and secure once the mystery was solved, and the burglar was arrested.
20. The baker's actions of creating solo photo collages of his travels and continuing to explore

## A Battle of Wills: The Redemption of Rivals

21. accord
22. candid
23. evidence
24. fundamental
25. ghastly

26. dialogue  
speculate
27. magnificent
28. vengeance
29. fatigue
30. satellite
31. Although
32. camouflage
33. opponent
34. A
35. B
36. B
37. C
38. B
39. The opponents initially had tension between them, and their faces displayed a mask of determination.
40. The presence of the satellite provided a moment of respite and contrasted with the hostility in the air, reminding the rivals of the world beyond their rivalry.
41. Introspection and candid dialogue led the rivals to recognize the futility of their animosity and the transformative power of dialogue.
42. The encounter became a turning point, symbolizing the capacity for growth and redemption through empathy, dialogue, and reconciliation.
43. The passage suggests that empathy, dialogue, and a willingness to see beyond differences can lead to personal and collective growth, ultimately triumphing over the desire for vengeance.

## Workplace Controversy and Employee Treatment

44. commitment
45. confidence
46. remorseful
47. intriguing
48. replaceable
49. verifiable

- 50. comparably
- 51. judgment
- 52. controlling
- 53. imposing

development of clearer and fairer workplace policies that protect employees and hold employers accountable for their actions.

**Words needed in the passage:**

- intriguing
- remorseful
- judgment
- commitment
- replaceable
- confidence
- verifiable
- imposing
- controlling
- comparably

- 54. B
- 55. B
- 56. A
- 57. B
- 58. D
- 59. The legislator's controlling and imposing behavior made the essayist feel deterred and lacking in confidence.
- 60. The legislator promised to become a more advantageous employer, but the essayist remained defiant in her stance against him.
- 61. The situation highlighted the feeling of being replaceable and unheard in the workplace. People called for clearer guidelines and policies to protect employees in the workplace and hold employers accountable for their behavior.
- 62. The passage emphasizes the need for workplace leaders, including legislators, to be more aware of the impact of their behavior on employees and to refrain from imposing and controlling behavior. It calls for fair and just policies to create a positive and productive workplace environment.
- 63. The experience of the essayist and the legislator's response may influence workplace leaders to be more mindful of their behavior and its impact on employees. It may lead to the



# Answer Key

## The Life And Struggles of a Young Amira

1. credited
2. marveling
3. opportunity
4. devastation
5. captivating
6. glimmering
7. curiosity
8. encounters
9. confiding
10. disappeared
11. stumbled
12. sipped
13. pomegranate
14. unravel
15. wielding
16. revealed
17. revelations
18. stifled
19. permitting
20. C
21. B
22. B
23. B
24. C
25. Amira initially felt fear but stood her ground, and as the night unfolded, she confided in them, sharing stories of her life and her love of science fiction.
26. The night with the thieves left Amira hovering between awe and terror. She took away seashells as a parting gift and placed them on her shelves as a reminder of the night's events.
27. Amira felt a sense of reassurance and realized that despite the chaos of life, some things are worth protecting and allowing to yield in their own time.
28. Amira's encounter with the thieves showed her willingness to connect with others, even in unexpected circumstances,

and her curiosity and courage in sharing her passion for science fiction.

29. The seashells may symbolize the unexpected and valuable connections Amira made with the thieves and the enduring memories of that night. They relate to Amira's journey by highlighting the importance of embracing unexpected encounters and finding beauty in the midst of chaos. The message of the story suggests that life's treasures, like the seashells, can be preserved and valued even in challenging times.

## An Investigation of the Haunted Mansion

30. assistant
31. coincide
32. commend
33. uncoiled
34. gratify
35. petunia
36. seaboard
37. flawless
38. slaughter
39. notorious
40. D
41. A
42. C
43. C
44. B
45. They found a dialogue that provided a candid account of what had truly happened, revealing that one opponent sought vengeance, leading to the ghastly tragedy.
46. Marcus realized that the opponent responsible for the tragedy had never been caught and was still a potential threat, so he needed to ensure the culprit's capture.
47. They captured the still-at-large opponent and brought him to justice, which gratified the families who had lost their loved ones.

48. The petunia symbolized resilience and hope amid a dark history and served as a reminder of the closure Marcus had brought to the affected families.
49. Marcus's determination to uncover the truth suggests that he is driven by a strong sense of justice and a commitment to solving mysteries, even when faced with dark and daunting histories.

**Library Incident and Collaborative Efforts**

50. unfortunate  
51. anthologies  
52. clarifying  
53. deterred  
54. legislator  
55. defiant  
56. occurrence  
57. decreeing  
58. essayist  
59. advantageous

**Words needed in the passage:**

clarifying  
deterred  
defiant  
advantageous  
legislators  
decreeing  
occurrence  
anthologies  
unfortunate

60. B  
61. C  
62. B  
63. A  
64. B  
65. The essayist used her advantageous position as a member of the library board to assist with the cleanup efforts. Her quick thinking and expertise in handling delicate materials proved invaluable in salvaging what could be saved.
66. One of the legislators, a defiant and determined woman, pushed forward and was determined to complete her research despite the chaos.

67. The outcome was that the legislators enacted new policies to prevent similar incidents. Cooperation and determination among the staff, legislators, and the essayist contributed to resolving the situation quickly and efficiently.
68. The legislators began decreeing new policies to ensure that such an occurrence would never happen again. Their actions aimed to protect the invaluable anthologies housed within the library's walls and improve its future safety.
69. This incident demonstrates that collaboration and quick decision-making can lead to successful outcomes in crisis situations. It might lead to the implementation of better emergency response plans and preparedness measures in the library, ensuring a more effective response to future emergencies.

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## A Personal Journey

1. accused
2. labored
3. stifling
4. encouraged
5. hovered
6. uttered
7. reviving
8. sipped
9. sloped
10. unraveling
11. B
12. B
13. C
14. B
15. D
16. Emily noticed the butterfly's beauty and its fluttering wings in the warm summer air, which encouraged her and helped her feel a renewed sense of purpose.
17. Emily's mentor played a supportive role by encouraging her to keep going. He reminded her of all the hard work she had already accomplished.
18. Emily felt overwhelmed by the stunning view at the top of the hill, and she was grateful for the small moments and the beauty of nature that had inspired and motivated her.
19. Emily realized that her work was far from over, indicating that she had a renewed sense of determination and commitment to her goals.
20. The small moments in the passage, such as the encounter with the butterfly and the support of her mentor, symbolize sources of inspiration and encouragement that help individuals persevere through challenges. These moments emphasize the idea that even in difficult situations, finding beauty and receiving support can

reignite one's sense of purpose and determination.

## What Lies Beneath the Haunted Mansion?

21. haunted
22. appall
23. thoughtful
24. precaution
25. authentic
26. audible
27. status
28. minimum
29. percentage
30. vigor
31. stability
32. C
33. A
34. B
35. B
36. A
37. The narrator felt uneasy due to the haunted aura of the mansion, and they experienced fear and surprise when a door slammed shut.
38. The narrator was determined to uncover the truth about the mansion, even though it gave them an eerie feeling.
39. The narrator made a dash for the exit, and a bright light from a satellite emerged, causing the figures to vanish.
40. The narrator realized that the fundamental truth of the house was beyond their comprehension, and they could only speculate about what had happened.
41. The passage suggests that some mysteries are better left unsolved, as attempting to uncover the truth can lead to dangerous and unexplainable encounters.

## The Rise, Crisis, and Transformation of a 20th-Century Enterprise

42. harmonize
43. franchise

44. chastise
45. hydrolyze
46. author
47. sympathize
48. despise
49. enterprise
50. scrutinize
51. elementary
52. exploratory
53. introductory
54. B
55. B
56. B
57. B
58. C
59. The crisis involved a product containing a harmful substance that caused widespread illness and death among consumers. The outcome was that the enterprise had to apologize, pay reparations, and launch a campaign to remove the harmful substance, leading to damage to their reputation.
60. The enterprise responded by launching a massive campaign to remove traces of the harmful substance and harmonizing their operations to prevent such a tragedy in the future.
61. The author became relevant because people sought to understand the roots of the crisis. They played a role in helping people understand the situation and its causes.
62. Some people sympathized with the enterprise and its leaders, while others despised them. The sympathizers saw remorse and commitment to making things right, while the critics called for accountability.
63. The enterprise's experience highlights the importance of transparency, accountability, and the willingness to make changes after a crisis. Their commitment to ethical and sustainable practices sets an example for the industry and future generations, demonstrating the importance of responsible business

practices. It may inspire others to follow a similar path and lead to a more ethical and sustainable business environment.