

# Answer Key

**Synonym**

- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. C
- 4. D
- 5. C
- 6. D
- 7. D

**Synonym Replacement**

- 8. C
- 9. C
- 10. A
- 11. C
- 12. C
- 13. A
- 14. D
- 15. D
- 16. A
- 17. D
- 18. D
- 19. C
- 20. D
- 21. C
- 22. B
- 23. D
- 24. D
- 25. B
- 26. D
- 27. B

**Smart Word Choices**

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

**Confusing Words**

- 35. B
- 36. B
- 37. A
- 38. A

- 39. A
- 40. A
- 41. B
- 42. B
- 43. B
- 44. B

**Snow Eater**

- 45. B
- 46. B
- 47. B
- 48. C
- 49. A
- 50. B
- 51. B
- 52. C

53. The Chinook wind rapidly warms as it descends the eastern slopes of the mountains, causing the snow to melt quickly. This melting reveals grass and other vegetation that had been hidden under the snow, providing a vital food source for animals that have been struggling to find food during the winter.

54. The Chinook wind is beneficial because it melts snow, providing much-needed access to food for animals and sometimes even alleviating cold weather conditions temporarily. However, it is unpredictable because there is no way to determine exactly when it will occur or how long it will last, making it a sudden and uncontrollable natural event.

**The Blues and W.C. Handy**

- 55. B
- 56. C
- 57. D
- 58. B
- 59. B
- 60. B
- 61. C
- 62. B

63. W.C. Handy played a crucial role in popularizing blues music by composing songs that captured the struggles and emotions of everyday life. His works, like “The St. Louis Blues,” gained widespread popularity, helping to introduce the blues to audiences across the United States and beyond. Handy’s influence helped elevate the blues from a regional style to a respected and internationally recognized genre.
64. The blues are significant because they originated from the experiences of African American communities in the South and expressed themes of hardship, resilience, and emotion. As one of the foundational genres of American music, the blues influenced many other styles, including jazz, rock, and R&B, shaping the course of popular music worldwide.

making them difficult for other animals to prey on.

**The Coconut Crab**

65. B
66. B
67. B
68. C
69. C
70. C
71. C
72. C
73. The coconut crab climbs coconut trees and uses its powerful claws to crack open coconuts and eat the meat inside. This behavior is unique because, unlike most crabs that live in water and feed on small sea creatures, the coconut crab spends most of its life on land and is specialized in climbing and opening coconuts for food.
74. Coconut crabs face challenges from humans who capture them for food, as they are considered a delicacy. Some people keep coconut crabs tied up and fatten them before eating. The crabs adapt by being nocturnal, which helps them avoid human activity during the day, and by having strong defensive capabilities,