

# Synonyms

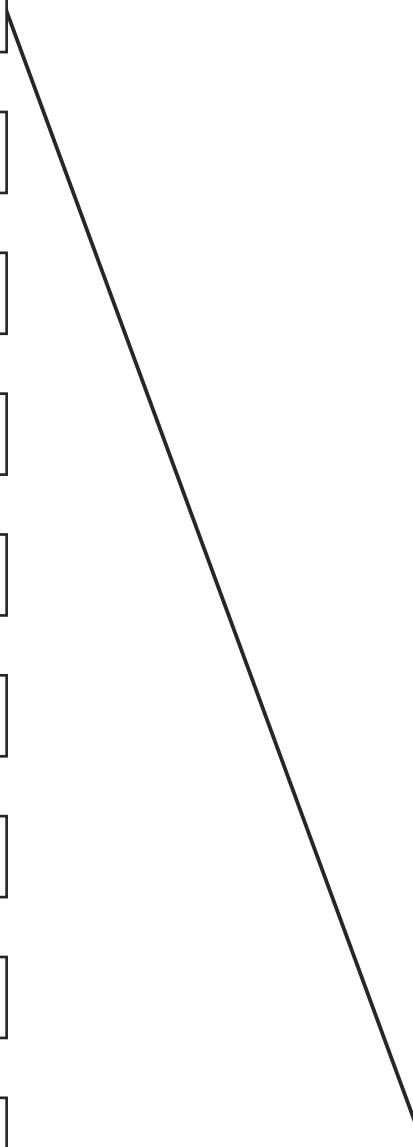
## Part A

A synonym is a word or phrase which means the same or nearly the same as another word or phrase.

In the left-hand column, there are some words from 'How to Skin a Bear'. Can you find a word in the right-hand column which has the same or nearly the same meaning as this word? Match them up by drawing a line.

A dictionary or thesaurus may be helpful for this task. One pair has been matched up for you.

hate	warning
tribe	disorder
omen	drooling
fearsome	unjust
chaos	giggling
unfair	group
chuckling	pointed
sharp	exhausted
slavering	detest
tired	frightening



Choose three words from the right-hand column and write a sentence for each word you have chosen, showing that you understand the meaning of the word.

E.g. unjust:

Bee is always complaining that it is unjust that she only gets to pluck feathers.

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## Part B

A synonym is a word or phrase which means the same or nearly the same as another word or phrase.

Below are sentences taken from Chapter 1 of 'How to Skin a Bear'. Can you replace the highlighted words with suitable synonyms?

**jumps**

**grasps**

**sharp**

E.g. My dog, Dog, **leaps** up and **snatches** it in his **pointy** teeth.

1. I **grab** the duck's **scaly** feet and **yank** firmly, but Dog won't let go.
2. "I **especially** hate feathers **covered** in dog slime," I **snarl** through gritted teeth.
3. I could be a **mighty** hunter too, if only I had the **chance**.
4. After the elders **come back** from their hunt, Dad **makes** new bows from the animal **guts** and **furry** clothes from their skins.
5. Dog huffs and **shakes** his tufty head, **trying** to spit the feathers from his **teeth**.
6. **Glumly**, I pull out hunk after hunk of feathers and **throw** them onto the **ground**.
7. "Well, I don't hate ducks, Bee," **says** Dad, **glancing** towards me.

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★ Challenge Task ★

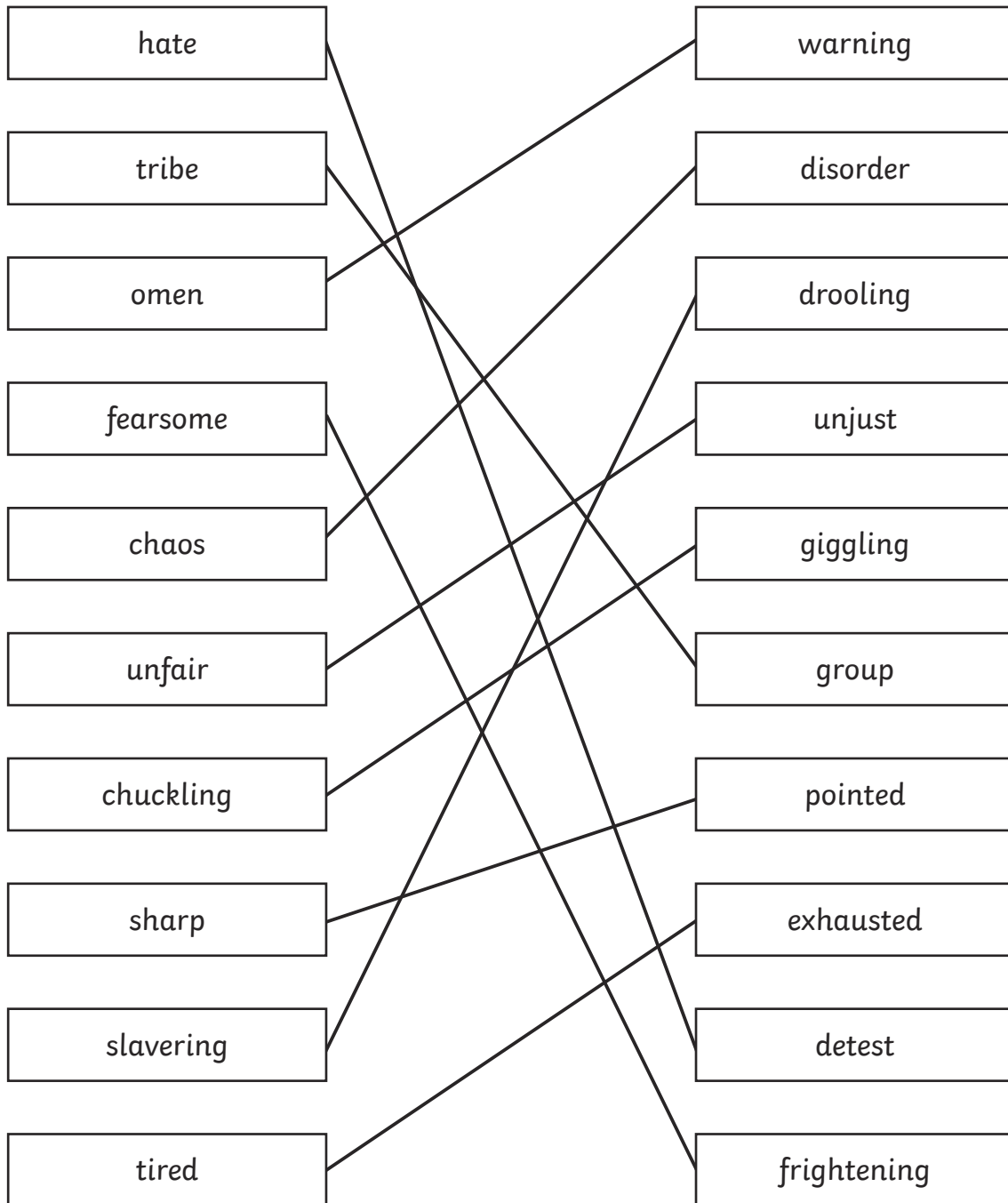
Can you make changes to the blurb, changing some of the words to suitable synonyms?

Bee is the youngest in her Stone Age tribe, and she hates it. While the elders get to hunt, skin animals and perform rituals, Bee has to watch from the shadows with only the company of her dog, Dog. One day, an omen appears: a red sun which warns of great danger. That night, a fearsome storm strikes and, in the chaos, Bee and Dog are lost in the wilderness.

Bee must face danger head on, finding food, seeking shelter, and even fighting a bear, if she ever hopes to see her tribe again...

# Synonyms Answers

## Part A



Example answers:

The group have travelled for five suns now, carrying everything they own with them.

Bee is exhausted and her feet feel very sore after all the walking she has done.

The fact that Dog has been drooling all over the duck makes it even more unpleasant for Bee to pluck.

## Part B

Example answers:

1. I **seize** the duck's **rough** feet and **tug** firmly, but Dog won't let go.
2. "I **particularly** hate feathers **coated** in dog slime," I **complain** through gritted teeth.
3. I could be a **powerful** hunter too, if only I had the **opportunity**.
4. After the elders **return** from their hunt, Dad **constructs** new bows from the animal **intestines** and **woolly** clothes from their skins.
5. Dog huffs and **swings** his tufty head, **attempting** to spit the feathers from his **fangs**.
6. **Sorrowfully**, I pull out hunk after hunk of feathers and **fling** them onto the **floor**.
7. "Well, I don't hate ducks, Bee," **replies** Dad, **peering** towards me.

### ★ Challenge Task ★

Example answer:

Bee is the youngest in her Stone Age tribe, and she **detests** it. While the **senior members of the tribe have the chance to** hunt, skin **creatures** and **carry out ceremonies**, Bee **is forced to observe** from the **sidelines** with only the company of her **canine**, Dog. One day, an omen appears: a **crimson** sun which **signals extreme peril**. That night, a fearsome storm **hits** and, in the chaos, Bee and Dog are lost in the wilderness.

Bee **has to confront hazards** head on, **locating** food, seeking shelter, and even fighting a bear, if she ever **wishes** to see her tribe again...