ANSWERS

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41 Collective nouns

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42 Describing stories

1. plot the story in a play, novel or film
2. theme the subject about which a person speaks, writes or thinks
3. twist a strange or unexpected development in a story or series of events
4. crisis an important and dangerous or difficult situation
5. resolution the solving of a problem or question
6. red herring a misleading clue, something that draws attention away from the main subject
7. cliffhanger a tense and exciting ending to an episode of a story
8. event something that happens, especially something important
9. climax the most interesting or important point of a story
10. description an account or picture in words

44 Overused words

a) “What a fantastic hat!” exclaimed the teacher. “I wish I had one like that,” she added.

b) 1. whispered 2. instructed 3. groaned 4. announced 5. explained 6. pleaded 7. cried 8. stuttered 9. requested 10. croaked

45 The language of legends

1. folklore
2. myth
3. fable
4. hearsay
5. parable
6. legend
7. epic
8. allegory
9. fairytale
10. saga

MOVING ON

1. The pudgy child reached for his mother with jam-covered hands.
2. The svelte actress looked sleek and stylish on the red carpet.
3. Pockmarks on the old man’s face betrayed the suffering of his youth.
4. The politician’s large, aquiline nose and strong features gave him an intimidating appearance.
5. A bedraggled cat with a mottled grey and brown fur sneaked in out of the rain.