

Name _____

Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have similar meanings.

Examples:

tale, story, myth, legend, fantasy, parable, yarn



Write one synonym for the underlined word in each sentence.

1. As a child, did you ever play with a strange molding material? _____
2. Who came up with the idea to make some gooey stuff for children to mold? _____
3. The answer is that nobody did! _____
4. In the early 1940s, U.S. companies were searching for a cheap substitute for rubber. _____
5. An engineer named James Wright succeeded in creating fake rubber. _____
6. It could stretch more than rubber did. _____
7. Molds and decay did not harm it, and it bounced 25 percent higher than a real rubber ball. _____
8. Unfortunately, this new “stuff,” while interesting, had no real practical advantages over rubber.

9. Employees at the lab called the new stuff “nutty putty” and showed it to people who came to visit.



Read the paragraph. Write a synonym for each underlined word in the space provided.

Marcus was (10) afraid of tarantulas. He didn't care that people (11) said tarantulas were actually harmless. He was (12) repulsed by the thought of their huge, hairy bodies. Marcus had heard that in Texas they crawled along walls and (13) hung from ceilings. Having this (14) information was enough to make Marcus's skin crawl.

10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____

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Answer Key

Answers will vary. Possible answers:

1. peculiar
2. produce
3. no one
4. inexpensive
5. artificial
6. lengthen
7. affect
8. unusual
9. unique
10. terrified
11. claimed
12. revolted
13. dangled
14. knowledge

