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# Raggedy CHAN

## Chapter 1: How Raggedy Chan Got Her Name

Pages 2-17

Vocabulary: Using Synonyms

Answer Key (*Answers may vary*)

*Synonyms* are words that have the same meaning. By using synonyms, we can put variety in our writing because we avoid using the same words over and over again.

Below are some sentences from *Raggedy Chan*. Using a thesaurus or dictionary, find a synonym for the underlined word in the sentence and write that synonym in the space provided.

1. **Page 2:** Auntie Gracie pursed her lips and placed the doll on the coffee table.

What is a synonym for pursed? \_\_\_\_\_ puckered, compressed \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Page 4:** The magical plants and animals that dwelled there never suffered from hunger, thirst, illness or death.

What is a synonym for dwelled? \_\_\_\_\_ lived \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Page 5:** A large bird, silhouetted against the sun, swooped toward her.

What is a synonym for silhouetted? \_\_\_\_\_ outlined, blackened \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Page 5:** Both legs ended in large talons.

What is a synonym for talons? \_\_\_\_\_ claws \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Page 5:** *She'd heard stories of this creature, but it had been many millennia since he'd darkened Kunlun.*

What is a synonym for millennia? 1000 years

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**6. Page 5:** *"You bring warning of impending evil. You must show me."*

What is a synonym for impending? upcoming

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**7. Page 6:** *The vibrant mountain kingdom turned brittle and brown.*

What is a synonym for vibrant? vigorous

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**8. Page 6:** *Among the desolation walked a short woman dressed in green—not the bright green of spring, but the pale, withered green of a plant choked for water.*

What is a synonym for desolation? ruin

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What is a synonym for withered? shriveled

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**10. Page 6:** *Many-Splendored Bird opened his beak; mournful song poured out.*

What is a synonym for mournful? sorrowful, sad

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**11. Page 6:** *"Mother!" Her shout broke the tranquility of the dappled shadows.*

What is a synonym for tranquility? calmness, peacefulness

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**12. Page 7:** *Queen Mother, shoulders drawn up in a stance of serene power, threw up one hand to command silence.*

What is a synonym for serene? calm, peaceful

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**13. Page 7:** *Drought Fury’s breath hissed out of her nose. Casting a dark, ugly expression at Queen Mother, she pivoted on her heel and stalked into the forest.*

What is a synonym for pivoted? rotated, spun

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**14. Page 8:** *A roar split the morning air, vibrating the ground on which they stood.*

What is a synonym for vibrating? shaking

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**15. Page 8:** *Enormous ice-blue wings burst into the sky, propelling a serpentine body into the sunlight.*

What is a synonym for serpentine? snakelike

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**16. Page 8:** *A scaled, leonine head tossed the ice-blue mane.*

What is a synonym for leonine? lionlike

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**17. Page 9:** *“I did not foresee this treachery.”*

What is a synonym for treachery? treason, betrayal

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**18. Page 12:** *His fibrous mane crackled with electricity, a warning to predators.*

What is a synonym for fibrous means in this sentence? stringy

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**19. Page 14:** Out of her throat floated a glowing jasper-colored orb.

What is a synonym for orb?  sphere, ball, globe \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter 2: Raggedy Chan Goes to the City

Pages 18-23

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**1. Page 19:** “*Maybe things are different where you come from, but in American, we don’t tolerate rudeness,” said Raggedy Dan.*

What is a synonym for tolerate? \_\_\_\_\_ permit \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Page 4:** “*Torch Dragon!*” she called. “*If ever there was a time to come to the aid of a friend, it is now. On behalf of Kunlun, I beseech your presence.*”

What is a synonym for beseech? \_\_\_\_\_ beg for \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Page 20:** “*Daughter of Queen Mother. You have lost your name.*” Torch Dragon circled around her, opening his solitary eye.

What is a synonym for solitary? \_\_\_\_\_ single, only, one \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Page 20:** “*I can only assume it is this disaster that caused you to summon me.*”

What is a synonym for summon? \_\_\_\_\_ call \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Page 22:** *He gripped her so tightly she could not move. He opened his eye wide, blinding her with hot, white, unrelenting light.*

What is a synonym for unrelenting? Unchanging, unyielding

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**6. Page 22:** *“Only so that I may better help you to see, my little one.” Remorse hung thick in Torch Dragon’s voice. “Alas, it’s not yet over. I must sew on your new eyes.”*

What is a synonym for remorse? Regret, sadness

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**7. Page 23:** *“Save Winged Dragon, and all debts are paid.” He gently disengaged her. “I must go now, Raggedy Chan. I grow weak.”*

What is a synonym for disengaged? released

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## Chapter 3: *Raggedy Chan Goes Shopping*

Pages 24-31

Vocabulary: Using Synonyms

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**1. Page 25:** *Riding it [the bus] over a bridge and out of the city, she came to a town comprised of small neat houses and family-run stores.*

What is a synonym for comprised? consisting, made of

**2. Page 26:** *Sports cars were too small and impractical for her needs, but the two-door sedans appeared comfortable. As she cupped her hands around a window for a closer look, something bright flashed in her periphery.*

What is a synonym for periphery? perimeter, edge of field of vision, corner of the eye

**3. Page 27:** *Raggedy Chan trudged away. She felt the eyes of the Jung-wu following her.*

What is a synonym for trudged? plodded

**4. Page 27:** *Raggedy Chan sat down in the middle of the field beneath an ancient oak.*

What is a synonym for ancient? very old

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**5. Page 27:** *A yellow-green caterpillar crawled across her clavicle.*

What is a synonym for clavicle? collarbone

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**6. Page 27:** *From top to tail, he was about as long and as thick as her middle finger. His bulbous, tan face probed the air.*

What is a synonym for bulbous? bulging, bulb-like

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**7. Page 28:** *“My skin, as it is now, alienates me from the world of the Jung-wu.”*

What is a synonym for alienates? separates, estranges, isolates

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**8. Page 28:** *“It must be converted from flesh to cloth. Will you aid me in my plight?”*

What is a synonym for converted? changed

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**9. Page 31:** *Emma took a miniscule bite. She chewed, swallowed, and considered. Then she took another bite, this one larger.*

What is a synonym for miniscule? very small

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## Chapter 4: Raggedy Chan Goes to the Circus

Pages 48-55

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**1. Page 33:** *The big blue ox ambled up to him, lowing. The Jung-wu tossed his backpack into the truck bed and lowered the tailgate.*

What is a synonym for ambled? walked slowly

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**2. Page 33:** *The beast clambered in, hooves shrill against the paint.*

What is a synonym for clambered? climbed

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**3. Page 33:** *He slouched in the seat to keep his head from bumping against the roof.*

What is a synonym for slouched? drooped over, hunched

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**4. Page 33:** *“My axe is sharp and my swing powerful, but I can’t compete with the mighty chain saw. Babe can’t compete with the locomotive. We’re two misfits in a world that has no use for us anymore.”*

What is a synonym for misfits? people or persons who don’t belong

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5. Page 34: Babe lowed from the back of the truck, adding his melancholy to that of Paul Bunyan.

What is a synonym lowed? mooed

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6. Page 34: Babe lowed from the back of the truck, adding his melancholy to that of Paul Bunyan.

What is a synonym melancholy? unhappiness

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7. Page 34: *Belatedly, as the sun set with no sign of civilization on the horizon, Raggedy Chan realized she had not thought to stock up on provisions. "I have no food," she said.*

What is a synonym for provisions? supplies

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8. Page 38: *Instead of going inside, Paul Bunyan led her around back. A semicircle of trailers concealed the back of the tent.*

What is a synonym for semicircle? half circle

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9. Page 38: *They peered between the trailers and saw Jung-wu in garish clothing dashing to and fro.*

What is a synonym for garish? gaudy

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10. Page 38: *They hunched low and cast furtive glances over their shoulders, speaking to one another in whispers.*

What is a synonym furtive? secret

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11. Page 40: *Drought Fury's voice projected loudly through a speaker. She ordered Winged Dragon out of his cage and commanded him through a series of humiliating tricks; he jumped through hoops, danced on his hind legs, and flew in a figure eight.*

What is a synonym for humiliating? embarrassing

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**13. Page 43:** *“Who dares to steal my Beast?” demanded Drought Fury. She threw up a hand. Green light shot forth, hitting the curious circus man in the chest. He tumbled out of the trailer, his body shriveled and desiccated.*

What is a synonym for desiccated? dehydrated, dry, shriveled

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**14. Page 43:** *Winged Dragon roared in defiance.*

What is a synonym defiance? rebellion

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**15. Page 44:** *The truck jolted and veered left, sending her sideways across the seat.*

What is a synonym for veered? swerved

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## Chapter 5: Raggedy Chan Goes Home

Pages 48-55

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**1. Page 49:** *She turned to Paul Bunyan. As their eyes met, his expression fell. “It’s time for you to go home, eh?” “Back to my family, yes.” She wanted to say something to life his crestfallen countenance, but couldn’t find the words.*

What is a synonym for crestfallen? dejected, sad

**2. Page 49:** *She turned to Paul Bunyan. As their eyes met, his expression fell. It’s time for you to go home, eh?” “Back to my family, yes.” She wanted to say something to life his crestfallen countenance, but couldn’t find the words.*

What is a synonym for countenance? look, facial expression

**3. Page 52:** *Raggedy Chan moved to swallow it. But as the orb touched her lips, it hardened, the light contracting. She reached for it. The orb brushed her fingertips and disintegrated.*

What is a synonym for disintegrated means in this sentence? break into many small pieces

**4. Page 54:** *In the weeks that followed a great discord settled into Raggedy Chan’s chest.*

What is a synonym for discord? confusion, disagreement

**5. Page 54:** *Her family did its best to welcome her back. She splashed at the feet of waterfalls with her sisters. She walked in the sand-pear grove with Queen Mother. But despite their overtures, they never looked at her as they had before.*

What is a synonym for overtures? approaches

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