

Speedy Synonyms Answer Key

1. **steep** → sharp, high, slanted
2. **silent** → quiet, still, hushed
3. **crisp** → crunchy, brittle, fresh
4. **massive** → huge, enormous, gigantic
5. **spectacular** → amazing, breathtaking, impressive

Teacher's Guide & Notes

- **Purpose:** This worksheet combines **fluency practice** (timed 1-minute reading) with **vocabulary development** (synonym recognition). It encourages students to expand their word banks while practicing fluent reading.
- **Implementation:**
 1. Time the student for 1 minute while they read.
 2. Immediately give them 45 seconds to list synonyms for the bolded words.
 3. Review their choices, reminding them that synonyms don't have to be exact matches but must be **close in meaning**.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For struggling readers: provide a **word bank** of possible synonyms to choose from.
 - For advanced students: challenge them to write **two different synonyms** for each bolded word.
- **Extension Idea:** After finding synonyms, students can write a **new sentence** using one synonym for each bolded word.
- **Fluency Tip:** Emphasize expressive reading: students should notice how bolded descriptive words (like *steep* or *spectacular*) affect the **tone** and **imagery** of the passage.