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Synonym Hunt Answer Key

Sample Synonyms (answers may vary):

1. **Anxiety** → worry, nervousness, unease
2. **Soothe** → calm, ease, reassure
3. **Comfort** → relief, consolation, support
4. **Curiosity** → interest, eagerness, inquisitiveness
5. **Discover** → find, learn, uncover

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to use the glossary first, then brainstorm synonyms they already know or confirm using a dictionary/thesaurus.
- Remind students that **synonyms do not always mean exactly the same thing**; shades of meaning may differ (e.g., “reassure” vs. “soothe”).
- The application sentence is important: it checks that students can use synonyms **accurately in context**.
- Extension idea: Have students choose one synonym and **replace it in the original passage** to see how the meaning or tone changes.