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- 1 Dana's dog Silas is described as having a *raspy* tongue and *muffled* bark. *Raspy* and *muffled* are *adjectives* that help to describe a noun (tongue and bark). In the following exercises, record the dictionary meanings for each word, and then use the thesaurus to find three synonyms for each word.

raspy _____

muffled _____

adjectives	synonyms		
raspy			
muffled			

- 2 How well did you read?

a What year is the story set in? _____ How far into the future is that? _____

b Why did they remain in this area? _____

c How did Dana's mother travel to the market? _____

d What was she going to sell there? _____

e Give two reasons for Dana's mother having animals on their property. _____

f Why do you think the wall was located there? _____

g What were the dimensions of the seawall? _____

h Dana and her mother's future is not secure where they live. Why?

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- 1 *Compound words* are words that are made up of two smaller words. *Seawall* is a compound word. Sea + wall = seawall. In the word search below there are eleven compound words that all begin with sea.

T	R	O	P	A	E	S
L	L	R	J	S	S	E
L	W	X	J	E	W	A
E	O	X	P	A	S	H
H	F	T	N	B	A	O
S	A	Z	R	E	D	R
A	E	W	Z	D	R	S
E	S	G	T	O	A	E
S	E	A	F	O	O	D
E	E	N	P	T	B	Y
A	J	A	L	Y	A	V
W	A	M	S	W	E	D
E	E	A	A	I	S	Q
E	M	E	K	R	C	M
D	S	S	D	C	R	K

Find the sea words by answering the following clues.

1. a seabird
2. another name for a sailor
3. the ground under the sea
4. a way over the sea
5. port or harbour
6. the shell of any marine mollusc
7. plant growing in the ocean
8. a fabled marine animal
9. illness caused by motion of a boat
10. the line where sea and land meet
11. any saltwater fish or shellfish



- 2 *Personal pronouns* are used to replace names. Add the pronouns to these sentences to replace the words in the brackets.

When Dana looked down _____ (Dana) noticed that there was a rip in _____ (Dana's) coverall. Dana's mother had gone to the market and Dana did not know when _____ (Dana's mother) would return. _____ (Dana's) hands were scratched and _____ (Dana's) boots were full of water. Silas must have gone home. _____ (Dana) wished _____ (Silas) would return to help _____ (Dana). The Bennett family were _____ (Dana's) neighbours but _____ (the Bennett family) probably didn't even know that _____ (Dana) was at the seawall.