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# Synonym Sleuths

**Directions:** Wolves are very keen hunters. In the book *Runt* by Marion Dane Bauer, the author uses many descriptive adjectives and adverbs to help readers have a clear picture in their minds of what is written on the pages.

Below are some adjective and adverb phrases taken directly from the book. Use a dictionary or thesaurus to change each underlined word to a new word, but don't change the meaning of the phrase. Use the page numbers to find the complete sentence and surrounding sentences to understand the meaning.

1. ...she was always back almost before the befuddled pups... page 7

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2. Stiletto teeth popped through... page 7

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3. ...spread his wings and risen into undulating flight. page 26

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4. Bider snorted disdainfully... page 34

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5. ...like the rivulets of water that coursed over the... page 44

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6. ...answered each voice with his own high, keening cry. page 68

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7. ...dropped to another placid lake. page 77

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8. The huge animal carried himself with towering dignity... page 87

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