Unit 1

a
active (adj)  (1) always ready and able to do things
  Tom is an active boy and he swims every day.
  (2) ready and working
  This active volcano often has smoke coming from the top.

b
bet (v)  to believe that something will happen
  "I bet I can run faster than you," said Harry.
  "I bet you can’t," replied Peter.

bubble (v)  to make bubbles
  The hot soup bubbled in the pan.

c
 crator (n)  (1) the opening at the top of a volcano
  The sides of a crater are often steep.
  (2) the bowl-shaped hole in the ground made by an explosion
  The firework went off and left a small crater in the ground.

d
dangerous (adj)  likely to harm or hurt
  Lions are dangerous wild animals.
diary (n)  a book in which a person writes what they have done each day
  We can learn a lot of history from old diaries.
dragon (n)  an imaginary creature that can fly and breathes fire
  People used to believe that dragons were real animals.

e
erupt (v)  to throw hot rocks and dust high into the air
  Sometimes a volcano erupts with a massive explosion.
eruption (n)  the event when a volcano erupts
  The eruption of the volcano killed thousands of people.
expert (n)  a person who knows a lot about something
  My uncle is an expert in engineering.

f
feed (v)  (1) to give food
  Mothers feed tiny babies with milk.
  (2) to put more into something to keep it full
  You must feed more paper into the printer because it is nearly empty.
  (3) to eat
  Elephants feed on grass and branches.
fountain (n)  a structure that shoots water into the air
  The fountain in the park is in the middle of a pool.
furious (adj)  very, very angry
  My brother broke a window and Dad was furious.

geologist (n)  a person who studies the earth and its rocks
  Geologists study rocks to find out how old they are.
geyser (n)  a hot spring that sometimes throws up water
  Some geysers throw water five metres in the air.
glacier (n)  a river of ice that is found in some mountains
  You can walk across a glacier but you must be careful.
guide (n)  a person who shows the way  
A guide took us to the caves in the desert.

hot spring (n)  hot water that rises up out of the ground  
Some hot springs are deep enough to swim in.

Iceland (n)  an island in the north Atlantic Ocean

kingfisher (n)  a bright blue bird that lives near rivers and catches fish  
We saw a flash of blue as the kingfisher dived into the river.

lava (n)  the hot, liquid rock that comes out of a volcano  
When lava cools it goes hard.

lynx (n)  an animal in the cat family  
A lynx has brown and grey fur and pointed ears.

mud (n)  wet earth  
Please clean the mud off your shoes before you come in.

mud pot (n)  a kind of hot spring where a little water mixes with volcanic ash and makes a hot, muddy pool  
Mud pots sometimes bubble noisily.

peculiar (adj)  strange, unusual  
This plant is very peculiar because it eats insects.

personal (adj)  belonging to a person  
The children keep their personal possessions in their bags.

point (n)  a particular place  
We watched the sailing race from a point along the beach.

point of view (n)  the place from which one sees things  
From John’s point of view the film was boring but John doesn’t like films, anyway.

rare (adj)  unusual, not often seen  
The giant panda is very rare and not many people have seen one.

rough (adj)  not smooth  
The bark of a tree feels rough.

shoot up (v)  to go upwards very fast  
Dad lit the firework and it shot up into the sky.

spectacular (adj)  amazing to look at  
The gold and silver palace was really spectacular.

steam (v)  to send up a cloud of tiny water drops into the air  
The pot of soup was steaming over the fire.

student (n)  a person who is learning  
My cousin is a student at the university.

tap (n)  a metal object for turning on water  
Mum turned on the tap and filled the jug.

thrilling (adj)  very exciting  
Our journey across Australia was a thrilling adventure.

tomato (n)  a small, round, red fruit that grows on a plant  
We had tomato and cheese pizza for lunch.

volcano (n)  a place on the surface of the earth where hot rock rises up from below  
Some volcanoes look like mountains.

weird (adj)  very strange  
I was scared when I heard weird noises in the dark.