

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

crater (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**.

g

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.

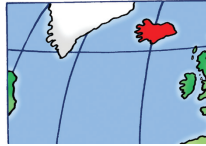
guide (n) a person who shows the way
A **guide** took us to the caves in the desert.

h

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

i

Iceland (n) an island in the north Atlantic Ocean



k

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.

l

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.



m

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.

p

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 the place from which one sees things

From John's **point of view** the film was boring but John doesn't like films, anyway.

r

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**.

s

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.

t

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.

v

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

w

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