ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 23: The Clever Thief

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Explanations

1. **Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.**
The airport's _____ consisted of large curved windows and wide hallways.
If you mix water and flour, you will create a sticky _____.
✓ **A) architecture / substance**
Architecture is the style or design of a building, such as its windows and hallways. A **substance** is a kind of material, like the sticky mix of water and flour.

2. Because they had plastic leaves, the flowers were clearly _____.
Though they were made in different years, those cars look _____.
✓ **B) artificial / alike**
Artificial means not real or natural, like flowers with plastic leaves. **Alike** means looking the same, like two cars that look similar.

3. They need a large _____ of wood to burn in the winter.
The water _____ left several areas with nothing to drink.
✓ **B) stock / shortage**
A **stock** is an amount of something that you keep to use later, like wood for the winter. A **shortage** means there is not enough of something, so people had nothing to drink.

4. The _____ smell of fresh cookies came from our house.
I couldn't _____ which of the black bags was mine.
✓ **A) distinct / distinguish**
The first gap needs an adjective before the noun **smell**: **distinct** means clear and easy to notice. The second gap comes after **couldn't**, so it needs a verb: **distinguish** means to see the difference between things.

5. The cat slowly walked across the steep _____.
They laid the body inside the cold dark _____.
✓ **A) roof / tomb**
A **roof** is the top of a building, and a cat can walk across it. A **tomb** is a place where a dead body is put.

6. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
the top of a building
✓ **B) roof**
A **roof** is the top part of a building that covers it.
Example: **The cat is sitting on the roof.**

7. an injury to the body
✓ **C) wound**
A **wound** is an injury to the body, such as a cut.
Example: **He cleaned the wound on his arm.**

8. a feeling of happiness
✓ **A) excitement**
Excitement is a happy, eager feeling, often about something that is going to happen. Example: **The children shouted with excitement.**

9. a stored amount
✓ **D) stock**
A **stock** is an amount of something that is kept to use later. Not **shortage**, which means there is not enough of something.

10. someone who steals
✓ **D) thief**
A **thief** is a person who steals things. Example: **The thief took my bag.**

11. **What is this story about?**
✓ **C) How a builder tricked a king**
The whole story is about the builder's plan: he put a special stone on the roof and used it to take the king's gold. So it is about **how a builder tricked a king**.

12. **What distinguished the artificial block from the real blocks?**
✓ **A) A distinct mark on one of the blocks**
Paragraph 3 says all the stones looked alike, so the builder **had left a distinct mark** on the artificial block. The story says nothing about a different color.

13. **How did the king know his gold was missing?**
✓ **D) His stock of gold had decreased.**
Paragraph 5 says the king **noticed a shortage in his gold**. This means he had less gold than before: his stock had **decreased**.

14. **The builder was caught because _____.**
✓ **C) a guard wounded him**
The last part of the story says the guard **wounded** the builder. The builder left drops of blood in the dust, and the guard followed them and caught him.