ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 8: Tricky Turtle

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Explanations

1. This river will take us through the _____.
✔ **D) valley**
A **valley** is the low land between hills or mountains, and rivers often flow through it. Example: **The village is in a green valley.**

2. The doctor must _____ during surgery to keep the patient alive.
✔ **E) concentrate**
To **concentrate** means to give all your attention to one thing. A doctor must think only about the surgery so that nothing goes wrong.

3. The sign was so _____ we couldn't see around it.
✔ **B) broad**
Broad means very wide. The sign was so wide that it blocked our view and we could not see past it.

4. People can _____ their happiness by smiling.
✔ **A) convey**
To **convey** a feeling means to show it or make it known to other people. Example: **Her smile conveyed her joy.**

5. What is the _____ of this train?
✔ **E) destination**
A **destination** is the place where someone or something is going. The question asks where the train will finish its trip.

6. We walked to the _____ of the cliff and looked down.
✔ **D) edge**
The **edge** is the outside end or side of something. We stood at the end of the cliff and looked down.

7. The hikers walked along the _____ in the forest.
✔ **C) path**
A **path** is a narrow way that people walk along. Example: **We followed the path through the trees.**

8. I planted a _____ in my yard last weekend.
✔ **C) bush**
A **bush** is a plant that is smaller than a tree and has many branches. You can plant one in a yard or garden.

9. She is _____ of running faster than any boy in her class.
✔ **B) capable**
Capable of + -ing means having the ability to do something. The clue is **of running**: **She is capable of running fast.**

10. If the boys can't agree, they will _____ to fighting.
✔ **A) resort**
To **resort to** something means to do it because nothing else has worked, and it is usually something bad. The clue is **to fighting**: the boys fight because they cannot agree.

11. **What is this story about?**
✔ **D) A turtle that tricks a rabbit in a race**
The title is **Tricky Turtle**. In the story, Tera uses her family, who look just like her, to trick Ricky and win the race. Not **a rabbit that cheats**, because it is the turtle who says **I will cheat**, not the rabbit.

12. **Where was the final destination of the race?**
✔ **D) The top of the hill**
Tera says, **The destination is the hill**, and later Ricky **reached the top**, where Tera's sister was waiting. Not **the edge of the river**: that is where they first met.

13. **Why did Tera the turtle want to race Ricky?**
✔ **A) Because Ricky the rabbit said no one was capable of beating him**
At the start, Ricky says, **No one is capable of beating me in a race!** Tera answers, **I can beat you**, so she wants to prove him wrong. Not the cheating option: in the story it is Tera who cheats, not Ricky.

14. **What did Tera say to her family?**
✔ **C) She told them about her definite plan to succeed.**
Tera **needed a definite way to succeed**, so she told her family about her plan to cheat and **dictated her instructions** to them. Not **concentrate on the race**: she told them she would **resort to** cheating, not try harder.