ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 3 Unit 12: The Ice Cream Cone Explosion

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Explanations

1. Choose the right definition for the given word.
anticipate
✓ **B) to wait for**
To **anticipate** means to wait for or expect something, often with excitement: **She anticipated her birthday party.**

2. kit
✓ **B) set of things needed to do something**
A **kit** is a set of things you need to do or build something: **a first-aid kit**, **a model car kit**.

3. steel
✓ **C) shiny metal**
Steel is a strong, shiny metal made from iron: **a steel bridge**.

4. contrary
✓ **D) opposite**
Contrary means opposite. **On the contrary** is used to say the opposite is true: **It's not hard. On the contrary, it's easy.**

5. toss
✓ **A) to throw**
To **toss** means to throw something lightly: **He tossed me the ball.**

6. triumph
✓ **A) to win**
Triumph means a great win or success: **She smiled in triumph after winning the race.**

7. scatter
✓ **D) to go in many places**
To **scatter** means to go or be thrown in many different places: **The papers scattered across the floor.**

8. casual
✓ **C) relaxed or simple**
Casual means relaxed or simple, not formal: **casual clothes**.

9. rag
✓ **B) a small towel**
A **rag** is a small piece of old cloth or towel used for cleaning: **He wiped the table with a rag.**

10. beam
✓ **D) a heavy metal bar**
A **beam** is a long, heavy bar of metal or wood: **Steel beams hold up the roof.**

11. Choose the right word for the given definition.
a round container
✓ **D) barrel**
A **barrel** is a big round container for liquids or food: **a barrel of flour**.

12. on purpose
✓ **A) deliberate**
Deliberate means done on purpose, not by accident: **a deliberate attempt**.

13. something that makes you sick
✓ **C) germs**
Germs are very small living things that can make you sick: **Wash your hands to remove germs.**

14. to lock something in place
✓ **B) fasten**
To **fasten** means to close or lock something firmly in place: **Fasten your seat belt.**

15. to mix in a liquid and disappear
✓ **C) dissolve**
To **dissolve** means to mix into a liquid and disappear: **Sugar dissolves in water.**

16. Uncle John tried to look casual.
✓ **A) TRUE**
The story says **Uncle John wanted to look casual, but he was excited.** So he tried to look relaxed, even though he wasn't.

17. Uncle John kicked the machine.
✓ **A) TRUE**
Near the end, Sam yells **Kick it!** and **Uncle John lifted his foot and gave the machine a kick.**

18. You have to fasten the dough on the machine.
✓ **B) FALSE**
Uncle John says **you fasten down the beam**, not the dough. So the sentence is false.

19. Sam washed the germs off the machine with caution.
✓ **B) FALSE**
The story says **Sam washed his hands with caution** to keep germs out of the dough. He did not wash the machine.

20. Uncle John had enough cones for the day.
✓ **A) TRUE**
The machine made cones until they were all over the floor. At the end Uncle John says **I guess we have enough cones now!**

21. Sam walked to the ice cream shop.
✓ **A) TRUE**
The first sentence says **Sam walked to his uncle's ice cream shop.**

22. Why did Uncle John toss a rag to Sam?
✓ **C) To clean his face**
After the explosion they were covered with dough, so Uncle John **tossed Sam a rag to clean his face**.

23. What did Sam anticipate?
✓ **B) Getting an ice cream cone**
In the first paragraph Sam smells the cones and **anticipated eating some ice cream**, so he was looking forward to getting an ice cream cone.

24. What did the machine do?
✓ **D) Give a puff of smoke**
When Uncle John turned the machine on, **there was a puff of smoke, and then cones came out the other end.**

25. What did Uncle John say about the machine?
✓ **A) It’s easy to use.**
When Sam asks if it is hard to use, Uncle John answers **On the contrary. It's easy to use.** Not **It was swift**: **swift** describes Uncle John's motions, not the machine.

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