

Vocabulary Word List (2)

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Baffle	To totally confuse someone.	The difficult puzzle started to baffle even the smartest students.
Cease	To stop happening or to come to an end.	The loud music will cease once the party is over at 9:00 PM.
Drowsy	Feeling sleepy or tired.	The warm sun made the cat feel very drowsy during her nap.
Enormous	Very large in size or amount.	An enormous elephant walked slowly through the tall grass.
Giddy	Feeling silly, happy, and excited.	The children were giddy with joy when they saw the snow.
Halt	A sudden stop.	The bus came to a halt right in front of the school gates.
Nourish	To provide food or things needed for growth.	Rain and sunlight help to nourish the plants in the garden.
Peer	To look closely or squint at something.	He had to peer through the window to see who was outside.
Scarce	When there is not enough of something.	During the dry summer, water became scarce in the village.
Typical	Something that is normal or happens often.	A typical breakfast for me is cereal and a glass of juice.

Vocabulary Practice: "The Detective's Log"

Part 1: Context Clues

Read the short story and fill in the missing words from the list.

The desert was a difficult place to live because water was _____. Every morning, the explorer would _____ over the edge of the canyon, hoping to find a hidden spring. He felt _____ because he hadn't slept in two days, but he knew he couldn't let his journey _____. Suddenly, he saw an _____ shadow on the sand. It was a giant palm tree! He felt _____ with excitement because he knew the tree would lead him to water to _____ his thirsty team. It wasn't a _____ day in the desert, but it was certainly an exciting one!

Part 2: Word Relationships

Match the word to its "Buddy Word" (Synonym).

1. **Halt** → _____ (Sleepy / Stop)
2. **Baffle** → _____ (Confuse / Help)
3. **Cease** → _____ (Start / Quit)
4. **Enormous** → _____ (Giant / Tiny)
5. **Typical** → _____ (Strange / Usual)

Answer Key

Part 1: 1. Scarce, 2. Peer, 3. Drowsy, 4. Halt/Cease, 5. Enormous, 6. Giddy, 7. Nourish, 8. Typical.

Part 2: 1. Stop, 2. Confuse, 3. Quit, 4. Giant, 5. Usual.