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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

grip

DEF

To hold something firmly.

As a verb it describes the action of holding; as a noun it can mean the ability or strength to hold.

The grooves may help us grip wet objects.

Use both hands to grip the railing.

2

hypothesis

DEF

An idea that can be tested but has not been established as fact.

Use it to distinguish a possible explanation from a confirmed conclusion.

The evolutionary explanation is still a hypothesis.

Researchers designed a test to examine their hypothesis.

3

the evidence suggests

DEF

The available information points to a possibility or conclusion without proving it completely.

A cautious phrase in research and reporting; it signals support, not certainty.

The evidence suggests that wrinkles may improve grip in some tasks.

The evidence suggests a link, but more research is needed.