ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 1 Unit 12: The Crazy Artist

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
a person who paints, draws, or sculpts
✔ **C) artist**
An **artist** is a person who makes art, like paintings or drawings. **Picasso was a famous artist.**

2. to decide that something is good or bad
✔ **B) judge**
To **judge** something means to decide if it is good or bad. Not **compare**, which means to look at how two things are the same or different.

3. a way of doing something
✔ **A) method**
A **method** is a way of doing something. **She has a new method for learning words.**

4. how good something is
✔ **C) quality**
Quality is how good something is. **These shoes are high quality.**

5. something used to make other things
✔ **C) material**
A **material** is something used to make other things, like wood, paper or cloth.

6. **Check the sentence with the bolded word that makes better sense.**

a. When you are **alone**, you are with another person.

b. You can read **articles** in a newspaper.
✔ **B)**
Newspapers have **articles**, so sentence B makes sense. Sentence A is wrong: **alone** means with no other people.

7. a. If you make a **profit**, you have more money than you did before.

b. If you have **professional** training, you can't do a difficult job.
✔ **A)**
A **profit** is money you get after you pay your costs, so sentence A makes sense. Sentence B is wrong: **professional** training helps you do a difficult job.

8. a. The Earth is a very **thin** planet.

b. If something is a **symbol**, it stands for something else.
✔ **B)**
A **symbol** stands for something else, like a heart for love. Sentence A is wrong: **thin** is not a good word for a planet.

9. a. You can use **stairs** to go up inside a building.

b. Since she is a lawyer, people call my wife an **artist**.
✔ **A)**
We use **stairs** to go up and down in a building, so sentence A makes sense. A lawyer is not an **artist**, so B is wrong.

10. a. There are many **apartments** in one building.

b. Your **attitude** is the way you look.
✔ **A)**
One building can have many **apartments**, so sentence A makes sense. B is wrong: your **attitude** is the way you think or feel, not the way you look.

11. a. You cannot get information from a **magazine**.

b. If you **compare** two things, you say how they are different.
✔ **B)**
When you **compare** two things, you look at how they are different (or the same), so sentence B makes sense. A is wrong: magazines give us information.

12. a. If you **judge** something, you know if it is good or bad.

b. **Neighbors** are people who live far from you.
✔ **A)**
To **judge** something is to decide if it is good or bad, so sentence A makes sense. B is wrong: **neighbors** live near you.

13. a. A **meal** has food and a drink.

b. A **shape** is something you cannot see.
✔ **A)**
A **meal** is food you eat, often with a drink, like breakfast or dinner. B is wrong: you can see a **shape**, like a circle.

14. a. A **symbol** is a picture of two different things.

b. You must have **space** to add more things to a room.
✔ **B)**
Space is empty room for more things, so sentence B makes sense. A is wrong: a **symbol** is a sign that stands for something else.

15. a. If something has low **quality**, it is very good.

b. A **material** is used to make something else.
✔ **B)**
A **material** is used to make other things, so sentence B makes sense. A is wrong: low **quality** means not good.

16. What is this story about?
✓ A) A painter whose new kind of art people do not understand at first
The story is about Frenhofer's new, strange painting. At first the other artists think it is terrible, but later many people love it (last paragraph). Not the art classes: he stops teaching in paragraph 2.

17. Why does Frenhofer want the artists to see his painting?
✓ C) He wants them to give their professional opinion.
Paragraph 3 says: "I want your **professional opinion**," he said. He does not ask them to buy it.

18. What is true of Frenhofer's painting?
✓ B) It is full of strange colors and shapes.
Paragraph 4 says the painting was **full of strange shapes**, and the last paragraph talks about its **strange colors**. It does have symbols, so option 3 is wrong.

19. Where do the other artists see his painting?
✓ B) They go to Frenhofer's apartment.
Paragraph 3 says the artists **went up the stairs to his apartment** to see the painting.

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