ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the one that suits the blank naturally.**

When the jar hit the floor, _____.
✔ A) it made a very loud sound
A jar that falls on the floor breaks and makes a **loud** sound. Only people and animals can **shout**.

2. When the sun went down, _____.
✔ B) the woods looked evil
When it gets dark, the woods can look **evil**, which means very bad or frightening. The sun cannot feel **scared**.

3. To test his idea, the scientist _____.
✔ B) did an experiment
Scientists test their ideas when they **do an experiment**. An **adventure** is an exciting trip, not a test.

4. Your phone will not work _____.
✔ B) if you don't carefully pay attention to your power supply
A phone needs power. If you don't think **carefully** about the power supply (charging it), it will stop working. The other option makes no sense, because you cannot **kill** a window.

5. The dog seemed unhappy when _____.
✔ A) I approached it
Approach means to come near something. A dog may be unhappy when a stranger comes near it.

6. Alex likes his class because he gets to _____.
✔ A) do fun projects
A **project** is a piece of work you plan and do, often at school. Alex enjoys doing fun projects. A person cannot **be a laboratory**.

7. What is wrong with your hair? _____!
✔ B) It looks terrible
Terrible means very bad. If something is wrong with your hair, it **looks terrible**.

8. She's quite funny. We always _____.
✔ A) laugh at her jokes
She is funny, so we **laugh** at her jokes. The other option does not match the meaning and changes the person (**we** ... **me**).

9. Did you hear that? _____.
✔ B) There was a noise
You **hear** a **noise**, which is a sound. The question "Did you hear that?" tells us we need something about a sound.

10. I have a very important test tomorrow. _____.
✔ A) I am nervous
Nervous means a little afraid or worried. People often feel nervous before an important test.

11. **What is this story about?**
✔ C) A girl who gets nervous about what's in a laboratory.
The whole story is about Mia, who is **nervous** about what is in her father's laboratory. She hears a noise, feels scared, and later goes in with Liz. Not "a man who creates chemicals": he makes a doll, and the chemicals are only a small detail.

12. **What scares Mia when she approaches the door?**
✔ D) She hears a loud noise.
Paragraph 2 says: "Suddenly, she heard a **loud noise**... The noise **scared** her." The room is dark later, when the girls go in.

13. **What is true of Mia in the story?**
✔ D) Her birthday has not come yet.
At the end, her father says: "I made this for your birthday. I wanted to give it to you then, but you can have it now." So her birthday has **not come yet**.

14. **What project was Mia's father working on?**
✔ A) A doll to give to Mia for her birthday.
The last paragraph shows that the "monster" was a laughing **doll**. Her father made it as a birthday present for Mia. Not the monster: there was no real monster in the story.

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