ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 1 Unit 6: The Friendly Ghost

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Explanations

1. **Choose the word that is a better fit for each sentence.**
The _____ lives in the old house.
A scary place might cause _____.
✔ **B) ghost / fright**
A **ghost** is the spirit of a dead person, and it can live in an old house. **Fright** means a sudden feeling of fear, so a scary place can cause **fright**.

2. The tree fell down because it was _____.
I was _____ when I got a bad grade on the test.
✔ **A) dead / upset**
A **dead** tree is no longer alive, so it can fall down. **Upset** means sad or unhappy, which is how you feel after a bad grade.

3. After 10 hours of driving, I finally _____ California.
He is smart and has a (an) _____ in class.
✔ **B) reached / advantage**
Reach means to arrive at a place: **I finally reached California.** An **advantage** is something that helps you do better than others, like being smart in class.

4. He wanted to _____ from the room.
He lived a long _____ from the school.
✔ **A) escape / distance**
Escape means to get away from a place. **Distance** is how far one place is from another: **a long distance from the school**.

5. The man is a nice _____.
The town is a small _____.
✔ **B) individual / community**
An **individual** is one person, so a man can be **a nice individual**. A **community** is a group of people living in the same place, like a small town.

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

It rained for two days, _____.
✔ **A) and caused the river to rise**
A lot of rain makes a river get higher, so the rain **caused the river to rise**. Rain cannot be **dead**.

7. As I was walking home from school today, _____.
✔ **B) I hardly noticed that a dog was following me**
The sentence tells us about something that happened on the way home: a dog was **following** you. You cannot become a ghost while walking home.

8. After my vacation, _____.
✔ **A) I returned to work**
Return means to go back. After a vacation, people **return to work**. A person cannot be **an advantage**.

9. Many people like him _____.
✔ **B) because he is a wise man**
People like someone who is **wise**, which means he knows a lot and makes good decisions. People don't like someone because they make him upset.

10. They are afraid of the king because _____.
✔ **A) he has too much power**
People are afraid of a king with **too much power** (the ability to control others). A quiet voice is not scary.

11. I love my dog. _____.
✔ **A) He's my favorite pet**
A **pet** is an animal you keep at home and love. If you love your dog, he is your **favorite pet**.

12. I like living here because _____.
✔ **B) it is a nice community**
A **community** is the people and place where you live. You like living somewhere because **it is a nice community**.

13. I want to live in Hawaii because _____.
✔ **A) it has good weather**
Weather is how hot, cold, sunny or rainy it is. People want to live in Hawaii because **it has good weather**. The other option has nothing to do with Hawaii.

14. The storm was very bad, but _____.
✔ **A) all of the people survived**
Survive means to stay alive after something dangerous. **But** shows a good result after a bad storm: **all of the people survived**.

15. We closed the door, but _____.
✔ **A) the dog escaped**
Escape means to get out of a place. **But** shows a surprise: we closed the door, **but the dog escaped**.

16. **What is this story about?**
✔ **A) How a ghost returns to help her community**
The story is about a good ghost who **returns** every night to help the children of her **community**. At the end she saves them from the river and leads them home. Not **how some children escaped bad weather**: that is only one part of the story.

17. **What caused fright in the children?**
✔ **C) The voice of the ghost**
Paragraph 2 says the ghost **had a scary voice** and children were afraid of her. When she yelled "Go away!", the children felt great fright.

18. What was true of the children in the story?
✓ **D) They were upset when they saw the ghost.**
Paragraph 4 says the children **became very upset** when the ghost came closer, and some began to cry. Not the first option: the story says they were **far from home**.

19. Why did the ghost scare the children?
✓ **A) She wanted to help them.**
The story says **she only scared them to help them**. She made them run home so they were safe from the rising river.

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