ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
a movement
✓ **D) motion**
A **motion** is a movement, for example of your hand or body: **He made a motion with his hand.**

2. to look for
✓ **A) seek**
To **seek** means to look for something: **They went to seek help.**

3. to pick up
✓ **B) lift**
To **lift** means to pick something up: **The box was too heavy to lift.**

4. very fast
✓ **C) rapidly**
Rapidly means very fast: **The days passed rapidly.**

5. feeling worried
✓ **D) anxious**
Anxious means feeling worried: **I feel anxious before a test.**

6. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
possess
✓ **B) to own**
To **possess** something means to own it or have it: **She possesses a big house.**

7. desire
✓ **A) to want**
To **desire** something means to want it very much: **She desires flowers.**

8. intent
✓ **C) a plan**
An **intent** is a plan, what you want to do: **Their intent was to ask for gifts.**

9. shine
✓ **B) to make light**
To **shine** means to make or give light: **The sun shines in the sky.**

10. polite
✓ **A) thoughtful**
A **polite** person is thoughtful and has good manners, for example saying **please** and **thank you**.

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

a. It is hard to **seek** for things when it is sunny.

b. A **landscape** may have snow during the winter.
✓ **B)**
A **landscape** is an area of land you can see, so it can have snow in winter. Sentence A is strange: sunny weather does not make it hard to **seek** (look for) things.

12. a. Most children are **eager** to get gifts.

b. Good friends are **awful** to have around.
✓ **A)**
Eager means really wanting something, and children really want gifts. Sentence B is wrong: **awful** means very bad, and good friends are not bad.

13. a. The **lungs** help move blood through the body.

b. People may feel **anxious** when they give a speech.
✓ **B)**
Anxious means worried, and many people feel worried when they give a speech. Sentence A is wrong: the **lungs** help us breathe; they don't move blood.

14. a. It isn’t **polite** to take things without asking first.

b. You should help **spill** the dishes after dinner.
✓ **A)**
Polite people ask before they take things. Sentence B is wrong: to **spill** means to let something fall out, so you don't **spill** the dishes.

15. a. If you work at a fast **pace**, things will get done quickly.

b. It is important to **lift** your notes before a test.
✓ **A)**
Pace is the speed of doing something, so a fast pace gets things done quickly. Sentence B is wrong: you **study** your notes; you don't **lift** (pick up) them before a test.

16. a. People are **eager** to leave when they don’t want to go anywhere.

b. You should get help when **lifting** heavy boxes.
✓ **B)**
Lifting heavy boxes is hard, so you may need help. Sentence A is wrong: if you don't want to go anywhere, you are not **eager** to leave.

17. a. Some people live in the **landscape** while others live in the city.

b. Everyone has **awful** days where nothing goes right.
✔ **B)**
Awful means very bad, so an awful day is a day when nothing goes right. Sentence A is wrong: people live in the countryside, not 'in the **landscape**'.

18. a. It is good to **seek** advice when you have a problem.

b. Students feel **anxious** when they get good grades.
✔ **A)**
To **seek** advice means to look for it, which is a good idea when you have a problem. Sentence B is wrong: good grades don't make students **anxious** (worried).

19. a. When you breathe, air goes into your **lungs**.

b. Some students **pace** to school every day.
✔ **A)**
When you breathe, air goes into your **lungs**. Sentence B is wrong: **pace** means speed, so students walk to school; they don't 'pace' to school.

20. a. **Polite** people do not say “please” or “thank you.”

b. When you **spill** something, you should clean it up right away.
✔ **B)**
When you **spill** something (let it fall out), you should clean it up. Sentence A is wrong: **polite** people do say **please** and **thank you**.

21. **What is this story about?**
✔ **D) How the months helped a polite girl**
The twelve months help Anna find flowers, and she politely thanks them. Not **How a girl made the sun shine**: paragraph 3 says March made the sun shine, not Anna.

22. **Why did Anna need to seek flowers?**
✔ **B) Her stepsister desired them.**
Paragraph 1 says that Anna's stepmother told her, "Your stepsister desires flowers. Go and find some." Therefore, Anna needed to seek flowers because her stepsister wanted them. Not her stepmother: the stepmother was simply telling Anna what her daughter wanted. The passage does not say that Anna went looking for flowers because she wanted to please her stepmother.

23. **In paragraph 4, we can infer that _____.**
✔ **C) Anna’s awful stepmother and stepsister never found the months**
Paragraph 4 says the stepmother and stepsister looked and looked, got lost and **never found their way home**, so we can infer they never found the months.

24. **According to the passage, all the following are true EXCEPT _____.**
✔ **B) Anna’s stepmother lifted the basket**
Paragraph 4 says Anna loaded the basket and could hardly **lift** it. The stepmother never lifted it, so this is not true. The other sentences are all in the story.

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