ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 12: The Mean Chef

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
a certain amount
✔ **B) quantity**
A **quantity** is an amount of something. Example: **a large quantity of rice**.

2. to make less
✔ **A) decrease**
To **decrease** means to make something smaller or less. Example: **They decreased the price.**

3. to watch closely
✔ **B) monitor**
To **monitor** means to watch or check something carefully. Example: **The nurse monitored the patient.**

4. a plant seed
✔ **C) bean**
A **bean** is a seed of some plants that people cook and eat.

5. money you owe
✔ **B) debt**
A **debt** is money that you have to pay back to someone.

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

To make sure the door was built strong, _____.
✔ **A) it was made out of metal**
Metal is a hard, strong material, so a metal door is strong. You can't **monitor** something **to the floor**.

7. I was treated unfairly by my company, so _____.
✔ **B) I decided to sue them in court**
To **sue** someone means to take them to court to get money or justice after they treated you badly.

8. I went to the grocery store. _____.
✔ **B) I got a small quantity of eggs**
At a grocery store you buy food, so getting a small **quantity** (amount) of eggs makes sense.

9. When your friend borrows money from you, _____.
✔ **A) he owes you a debt**
Your friend borrowed money from you, so he must pay it back. Money that you have to pay back is a **debt**, so your friend **owes you a debt**.

10. The man wants to cook noodles. _____.
✔ **A) He will get the ingredients**
Ingredients are the foods you need to make a dish, like noodles and water.

11. I have enough money. _____.
✔ **B) I can afford to buy the shirt**
If you can **afford** something, you have enough money to buy it.

12. When the oven was hot enough, _____.
✔ **A) it baked the potato**
To **bake** means to cook food in a hot oven.

13. In case the power goes out, _____.
✔ **A) you should keep candles at home**
A **candle** gives light when it burns, so it is useful when there is no electricity.

14. When the girl became hungry, _____.
✔ **B) she cooked some beans**
When you are hungry, you cook food, like **beans**. A **passive** person does nothing, so the other option doesn't make sense.

15. My homework was not turned in. _____.
✔ **B) It was all my fault**
If something is your **fault**, you are the reason a bad thing happened.

16. **What is this story about?**
✔ **A) How a mean chef was converted into a generous man**
The story shows a mean chef who changes. At the end he learns his lesson and becomes a **generous** chef who gives free meals.

17. **Why could people not afford to eat at the restaurant?**
✔ **B) The chef made prices too high.**
Paragraph 1 says the chef **charged too much for meals**, so people could not afford even the cheapest dish.

18. **What did the chef learn at the end of the story?**
✔ **D) Behaving in a nice way is better than being mean.**
The last paragraph says the chef saw the problems were his **fault** and became **generous**. He learned that being nice is better than being mean.

19. **According to the passage, all the following are true of the waiters and cooks EXCEPT _____.**
✔ **C) they were replaced by robots**
Paragraph 3 says the cooks opposed the chef, decreased prices and used the best ingredients. The story never mentions **robots**.