ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

4000 Essential English Words 2 Unit 19: Mrs. May and the Green Girl

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
to tell or explain meaning
✓ **C) interpret**
To **interpret** means to tell or explain what something means, for example what someone says in another language. **She interpreted what the girl said.**

2. a person without sense
✓ **A) fool**
A **fool** is a person who does silly things without thinking. **Only a fool would do that.**

3. clothes that people wear for a particular occasion
✓ **C) costume**
A **costume** is special clothing people wear for a play, a party or another occasion. **She wore a cat costume.**

4. to reach or put out
✓ **B) extend**
To **extend** means to reach or put something out, like your hand or arm. **He extended his hand to say hello.**

5. in a kind way
✓ **D) kindly**
Kindly means in a kind, nice way. **She kindly helped me with my bag.**

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

When I found the lost cat, _____.
✓ **A) I asked my mom if we could adopt it**
To **adopt** an animal or child means to take it into your home and make it part of your family. A lost cat needs a new home.

7. When I visit other countries, _____.
✓ **B) someone has to interpret what I say**
In other countries people may speak a different language, so someone must **interpret**, or explain in another language, what you say.

8. Not having enough money _____.
✓ **B) can indeed be a big problem**
Indeed means "really" or "truly". Not having enough money can **indeed** be a big problem.

9. At the start of class, _____.
✓ **A) the teacher kindly asked for us to stop talking**
Kindly means in a nice, polite way, so the teacher asked politely. You cannot **exclaim** a lesson; to exclaim means to shout something suddenly.

10. The woman wanted to go to Africa. _____.
✓ **B) Her motive was to help people**
A **motive** is the reason why you do something. Her reason for going to Africa was to help people.

11. We had a big _____ to welcome my grandmother home from the hospital.
✓ **A) reception**
A **reception** is a party to welcome someone. **We had a big reception for her.** The other words don't name a party.

12. The man was a _____ for crossing the street without looking.
✓ **B) fool**
A **fool** is a person who does something silly or without thinking, like crossing the street without looking.

13. A friend asked me to _____ the book she wrote because I am an artist.
✓ **A) illustrate**
To **illustrate** a book means to draw pictures for it. An artist can do this.

14. I sewed feathers on my _____ for the play.
✓ **E) costume**
A **costume** is the special clothing an actor wears in a play.

15. My teacher _____ my paper because I didn't follow the directions.
✓ **D) rejected**
Rejected means did not accept. The teacher did not accept the paper because the directions weren't followed.

16. I like being alone in the forest because of the _____ that's around me.
✓ **D) silence**
Silence means no sound at all. When you are alone in a forest, it is quiet around you.

17. The boy who stole the bread _____ me not to tell.
✓ **A) begged**
To **beg** means to ask for something strongly and seriously. **He begged me not to tell.** The past form is **begged**.

18. Some fish swim up a _____ to lay their eggs.
✓ **C) stream**
A **stream** is a small river. Some fish swim up streams to lay their eggs.

19. We learned about the _____ of the Statue of Liberty.
✓ **C) origin**
The **origin** of something is where or how it began. **We learned about the origin of the statue.**

20. My sister _____ anyone to come in her room without asking first.
✓ **B) forbids**
To **forbid** means to say someone must not do something. **My sister forbids anyone to come in.** It ends in -s because **my sister** is one person.

21. **What is this story about?**
✓ **D) How a woman kindly took care of a girl**
The story is mostly about Mrs. May, who kindly adopts the green girl, understands her and feeds her until she is no longer green. The reception at the end is for the girl, not for an old woman.

22. **What are the people trying to do to the green girl?**
✓ **B) Make her leave**
The people are afraid of the girl, and Mrs. May begs them: "Do not **reject** her." So the people want to make her leave. Not "forbid her to stay with Mrs. May": the judge says "we cannot **forbid** you".

23. **What is true of the green girl in the story?**
✓ **A) She drew pictures to illustrate what she meant.**
The story says: "Sometimes the girl drew pictures to **illustrate** what she meant." Her skin was green because she ate only green leaves, not because of a costume.

24. **Why did Mrs. May extend her hand to the green girl?**

✓ **B) To show that she indeed had good motives**
When Mrs. May extends her hand, she says: "Come with me. I won't hurt you." She wants to show the girl that her **motives** are good and that she is a friend.

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