ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
a group of twelve
✓ **D) dozen**
A **dozen** means twelve. **I bought a dozen eggs.**

2. to say loudly
✓ **A) yell**
To **yell** means to shout or say something very loudly. **Don't yell at me!**

3. relating to the face
✓ **B) facial**
Facial means about the face, as in **a facial expression** (a happy or sad face).

4. not polite
✓ **C) rude**
Rude means not polite. **It is rude to talk with food in your mouth.**

5. an older person
✓ **B) elder**
An **elder** is a person who is older than you. **Listen to your elders.**

6. I love sports, and I want to _____ children to play sports, too.
✓ **C) inspire**
To **inspire** someone means to make them want to do something. Here, the speaker wants children to want to play sports.

7. Mia's _____ for not stopping at a red light was $50.
✓ **B) penalty**
A **penalty** is a punishment for breaking a rule, often money you must pay. Mia did not stop at a red light, so she paid $50.

8. After he took a shower and got dressed, my brother looked very _____.
✓ **E) neat**
Neat means clean and tidy. After a shower and clean clothes, he looked **neat**.

9. The cat ate his food out of a black _____.
✓ **D) bowl**
A **bowl** is a round dish for food. **The cat ate from a bowl.**

10. He was only given a _____ five dollars for his hard work.
✓ **A) mere**
Mere means only or very small. **A mere five dollars** is very little money for hard work.

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

a. My beans **yelled** when I dropped them.

b. I keep all of my money in my **wallet**.
✓ **B)**
A **wallet** is a small case for money, so B makes sense. Beans cannot **yell** (shout).

12. a. The **rude** boy always said "please" and "thank you."

b. The **fence** around the house needed to be painted.

✓ **B)**
A **fence** is a wall of wood or metal around a place, so B makes sense. A **rude** boy would not say "please" and "thank you".

13. a. The **criminal** was sent to jail.

b. I can **admit** to a race because I am fast.
✓ **A)**
A **criminal** is a person who breaks the law, so he can be sent to jail. **Admit** means to say something bad is true; it has nothing to do with a race.

14. a. The man built a **cabin** in the forest.

b. The **cash** tasted good tonight.
✓ **A)**
A **cabin** is a small wooden house, often in a forest, so A makes sense. **Cash** is money; you cannot eat it.

15. a. The **penalty** for your birthday is a big cake.

b. The coach kept the footballs in a large **bin**.

✓ **B)**
A **bin** is a large box for keeping things, so B makes sense. A **penalty** is a punishment, not a birthday present.

16. a. We were nice to the **rude** man, but he was mean to us.

b. The **wallet** made his dinner taste better.

✓ **A)**
A **rude** man is not polite, so he was mean to us. A **wallet** holds money; it cannot change how food tastes.

17. a. The strong **fence** let all of the sheep go into the field.

b. It was loud at the party, so he had to **yell** for me to hear him.

✔ **B)**

You **yell** (speak very loudly) when a place is noisy, so B makes sense. A strong **fence** keeps sheep in; it does not let them go.

18. a. When he does something wrong, he always **admits** it.

b. The mean **cabin** told the boy to go away.

✔ **A)**

To **admit** means to say that you did something wrong. A **cabin** is a small house; it cannot talk.

19. a. If you cheat during the game, there will be a **penalty**.

b. **Criminals** are always nice to people.

✔ **A)**

A **penalty** is a punishment for breaking a rule, like cheating in a game. **Criminals** break the law; they are not always nice.

20. a. She liked to **bin** her toys.

b. I do not have enough **cash** to buy a car.

✔ **B)**

Cash is money in coins and notes, so B makes sense: you need cash to buy things. A is strange: a **bin** is a box for rubbish or for keeping things, and **to bin** something means to throw it away. Children do not usually like throwing away their toys.

21. What is this story about?

✔ **B) How a criminal changed and learned to be good**

The story tells how the criminal met the old man and then **never stole from anyone ever again** (last paragraph). So it is about a criminal who changed and became good.

22. Why did the old man yell at the criminal?

✔ **B) The criminal was in the old man's house.**

Paragraph 2 says the old man yelled, **"Why are you in my house?"** He was angry because a stranger was in his home. Not the eggs: the criminal threw them in the bin.

23. What did the old man do with the criminal at the end of the story?

✔ **C) The old man convinced the thief to never steal again.**

The old man wanted to **inspire** the criminal to be good, and at the end the criminal **never stole from anyone ever again**. The old man did not take his money.

24. According to the passage, the criminal did all of the following EXCEPT _____.

✔ **D) he fell asleep in the cabin**

The story says he ate the fruit, drank the milk and heard a vehicle's motor. It never says he fell asleep in the cabin.

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