ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
clothes that need to be washed
✓ **C) laundry**
Laundry means clothes that are dirty and need to be washed, or clothes that have just been washed. Example: **I do the laundry on Saturdays.**

2. easy to break
✓ **B) delicate**
Delicate means easy to break or damage, so you must be careful with it. Example: **These glasses are very delicate.**

3. a brush with a long handle used for cleaning floors
✓ **B) broom**
A **broom** is a brush with a long handle that you use to sweep floors. Example: **She swept the kitchen with a broom.**

4. to promise something
✓ **A) swear**
To **swear** means to promise something very seriously. Example: **I swear I will tell the truth.**

5. not wanting to do something
✓ **D) reluctant**
Reluctant means not wanting to do something. Example: **He was reluctant to leave the party.**

6. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
pursue
✓ **D) to chase after something**
To **pursue** means to chase or follow someone or something to catch it. Example: **The police pursued the thief.**

7. appliance
✓ **A) a piece of equipment used in the home**
An **appliance** is a machine or piece of equipment used in the home, such as a fridge, a toaster or a washing machine.

8. utilize
✓ **D) to use something for a specific purpose**
To **utilize** means to use something for a particular purpose. Example: **We utilized the empty room as an office.**

9. handicap
✓ **D) a condition that limits abilities**
A **handicap** is a condition or problem that limits what a person can do. Example: **His poor eyesight was a handicap.** The option about the curved piece of metal describes a **hook**.

10. swing
✓ **A) to move something back and forth**
To **swing** means to move something back and forth, or in a curve through the air. Example: **She swung the bat and hit the ball.**

11. **Katie pursued Cory around the house.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The story says Katie **pursued** (chased) Cory from the wall to the kitchen and then to the bedroom, so the sentence is true.

12. **The caterpillar had only one bone, his spine.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Cory says, **“I have no bones, not even a spine.”** So he did not have one bone; he had none. The sentence is false.

13. **Katie swore not to hurt Cory.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Katie says, **“I swear that I won't hurt you.”** To **swear** means to promise, so she promised not to hurt Cory. The sentence is true.

14. **Cory hopped off the counter and ran into the cupboard.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
The story says Cory **hopped from the wall**, not from a counter. So the sentence is false.

15. **Katie’s dirty paws stained the shirt.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
In the bedroom, Katie jumped on the shirt, and **her paws left stains on the cloth**. So she stained the shirt.

16. **Katie’s owner chased Katie out of the house.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
At the end, the owner swung a broom at Katie and **chased Katie out of the house**.

17. **Which is NOT a reason that Cory was reluctant about playing with Katie?**
✓ **A) Katie had dirty paws.**
Cory gives these reasons: he has **several handicaps**, his body is **delicate**, and Katie's claws are **sharp**. He never talks about dirty paws, so that is NOT one of his reasons.

18. **Where was Katie playing when Cory emerged from the wall?**
✓ **C) In the living room**
The first paragraph says Cory emerged from the wall **while Katie was playing in the living room**. The kitchen comes later in the chase.

19. **Katie did all of the following damage EXCEPT ____.**

✓ **C) crack the kitchen door**

Katie knocked appliances to the floor, broke plates in the basin and ripped the shirt sleeves into strips. The story never says she cracked a door; the only crack is the one in the floor where Cory hid.

20. **What did Katie's owner swing at her?**

✓ **A) A broom**

The owner **took a broom and swung it at Katie**. The shirt and laundry are things Katie jumped on, not things the owner used.

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