ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
far away
✓ **C) distant**
Distant means far away. Example: **a distant land**.

2. a sweet thing to eat
✓ **A) dessert**
A **dessert** is a sweet food you eat after a meal, like cake or ice cream.

3. a small magical creature
✓ **D) fairy**
A **fairy** is a small magical creature from stories, often with wings.

4. an event that covers the sun
✓ **C) eclipse**
An **eclipse** happens when the moon moves in front of the sun and covers it, so the sky gets dark.

5. to make someone feel less tired
✓ **B) refresh**
To **refresh** someone means to make them feel less tired. Example: **A cold drink refreshed me.**

6. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
whistle
✓ **B) to make noise with one's lips**
To **whistle** is to make a high sound by blowing air through your lips.

7. compact
✓ **C) small**
Compact means small and not taking up much space. Example: **a compact car**.

8. wool
✓ **A) sheep's hair**
Wool is the soft hair of sheep. People use it to make warm clothes.

9. grace
✓ **C) a nice way to move**
Grace is a smooth and beautiful way of moving. Example: **She dances with grace.**

10. dip
✓ **C) to put in and out**
To **dip** means to put something into a liquid quickly and then take it out.

11. spice
✓ **A) a flavor added to food or drink**
A **spice** is something you add to food or drink to give it more flavor, like cinnamon or pepper.

12. leisure
✓ **A) time when you do not have to work**
Leisure is free time when you do not have to work. Example: **I read in my leisure time.**

13. curl
✓ **B) something with a curve**
A **curl** is something with a round, curved shape, like a piece of curly hair.

14. pillow
✓ **A) something you sleep on**
A **pillow** is a soft thing you put your head on when you sleep.

15. pulse
✓ **C) the beat of one's heart**
Your **pulse** is the beat of your heart that you can feel, for example in your wrist.

16. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
Some scientists think that in the _____ future, we are going to use all of our fuel. One way to use less fuel is to drive a _____ car.
✓ **A) distant / compact**
The distant future means a time far from now. A **compact car** is a small car, and small cars use less fuel.

17. During the _____, the sky suddenly became dark. I was so excited that my _____ was very fast.
✓ **B) eclipse / pulse**
An **eclipse** makes the sky dark because the sun is covered. Your **pulse** is your heartbeat, and it gets fast when you are excited.

18. Early members of _____ walked slowly and strangely. However, people learned how to move with _____ over the years.
✓ **A) mankind / grace**
Mankind means all people. **Move with grace** means move smoothly and beautifully.

19. My favorite _____ is cinnamon. I put it in all of my favorite _____.
✓ **B) spice / desserts**
Cinnamon is a **spice**. People put it in sweet foods like **desserts**.

20. In the fall, the flowers do not _____. I clean them up when they start to _____.
✔ **A) bloom / decay**
Flowers **bloom** (open) in spring and summer, not in the fall. Later they **decay** (become old and rot).

21. She _____ a song while she took a shower to _____ herself.
✔ **B) whistled / refresh**
She **whistled** a song (made music with her lips). A shower can **refresh** you (make you feel less tired).

22. When my father was a boy, he learned all about a sheep's _____. For example, he learned that it forms _____.
✔ **A) wool / curls**
A sheep's hair is called **wool**, and wool often forms **curls** (round shapes).

23. Jennifer likes to paint in her _____ time. The most recent picture she painted was of a _____.
✔ **B) leisure / fairy**
Leisure time is free time. She painted a picture of a **fairy**, a small magical creature.

24. Kelly _____ her feet into the pool but decided not to get in because she was _____ a lot. She was afraid she might get others sick if she got in.
✔ **B) dipped / sneezing**
She **dipped** her feet into the water. She was **sneezing**, so she might make other people sick.

25. The baby has a _____ for soft things. One of the things that he loves the most is his _____.
✔ **B) passion / pillow**
A **passion** is a strong love for something. A **pillow** is a soft thing, so the baby loves it.

26. **Tina made a pillow of leaves while she whistled.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says Tina **made a pillow with some leaves** and **whistled happily as she worked**. So this is true.

27. **Tina wore a dress made of decayed flowers.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says Tina wore a dress made of **wool**, not flowers. The **decaying** leaves are where Wilma sat.

28. **Tina decided to hide in the garden.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says Tina found a garden and **decided to hide there**.

29. **Tina had a passion for desserts.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The story says Tina had a **passion for flowers**, not for desserts.

30. **The fairies left because they were scared by the eclipse.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says there was an **eclipse**; the fairies **were scared, so they ran away**.

31. **Wilma gave Tina some tea for dessert.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
Wilma gave Tina tea first. Later she offered **dessert**, and the dessert was **cake**, not tea.

32. **Why did Tina suddenly wake up?**
✔ **B) She heard someone sneeze.**
Paragraph 4 says **somebody sneezed. The sound woke Tina up.** Not the fast pulse: that happened after she woke up and saw the big face.

33. **All of the following describe Tina EXCEPT _____.**
✔ **C) she did not like tea with spice**
Tina had **curls**, moved with **grace** and was **compact** (small). But she liked the spiced tea: she **felt refreshed** after drinking it. So 'she did not like tea with spice' is not true.

34. **What does Wilma do with the flowers?**
✔ **B) She cuts them.**
Wilma says, **I spend all my leisure time in my garden cutting flowers.** So she cuts them. The story never says she makes dessert with flowers.

35. **Where did Tina live before she met Wilma?**
✔ **D) In a distant country**
The first sentence says the fairies lived **in a distant land**, which means a country far away.

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