ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the word that is the better fit for each blank.**
The box had a _____ that was very easy to open. It was a _____ place to store the young girl's toys.
✔ **B) lid / convenient**
A **lid** is the top cover of a box, so it goes with "easy to open". **Convenient** means useful and easy, so a box can be a **convenient place** to store toys.

2. When it started raining, I _____ my newspaper in half. Then I carried it over my head to _____ myself from the rain.
✔ **B) folded / shield**
To **fold** something is to bend one part over another, so you **fold** a newspaper **in half**. To **shield** means to protect, so the newspaper is used to **shield myself from the rain**.

3. She wasn't used to spending time in an _____ setting. After only a few days, she was glad to _____ the city.
✔ **B) urban / exit**
Urban means connected with a city, so it describes the **setting**. To **exit** means to leave, so she was glad to **exit the city**.

4. The _____ soldier spent three weeks alone in the forest. When he returned to _____, he was stronger than ever.
✔ **A) mighty / civilization**
Mighty means very strong and powerful, so it describes the soldier. **Civilization** means the places where people live in organised towns and cities, the opposite of being alone in the forest: he **returned to civilization**.

5. The branches of the trees _____ as the wind blew. The wind was stronger than usual because of the _____ weather.
✔ **B) swayed / stormy**
To **sway** means to move slowly from side to side, which is what branches do in the wind. **Stormy** weather has strong wind and rain, which explains why the wind was stronger than usual.

6. The boys _____ to the middle of the lake. At that point, they couldn't go any further because the _____ grew too thickly.
✔ **B) waded / reeds**
To **wade** means to walk through water, so the boys **waded** to the middle of the lake. **Reeds** are tall, thin plants that grow in water, and they can grow too **thickly** to walk through.

7. The _____ of geese chose not to land in the field because it was still wet with _____.
✔ **B) flock / dew**
A **flock** is a group of birds, such as **a flock of geese**. **Dew** is the small drops of water on grass in the morning, so the field was **wet with dew**.

8. Some plants contain _____ that can be eliminated by cooking. The cooking process results in a _____ change to the plant's chemical makeup.
✔ **A) poison / drastic**
Poison is a substance that can make you ill or kill you, and plants can **contain poison**. **Drastic** means very great or sudden, so cooking causes a **drastic change**.

9. There was little light inside the _____ where the bears lived. Outside, there was little plant life, just a few _____ and some small weeds.
✔ **A) den / mushrooms**
A **den** is the home of a wild animal, such as a bear or a fox, so bears live inside it. **Mushrooms** are small things that grow on the ground, so they fit next to **small weeds**.

10. The _____ animals of the island knew how to protect themselves from bad weather. When a storm _____, they immediately ran for cover.
✔ **A) native / loomed**
Native animals are animals that naturally live in a place, so it describes **the animals of the island**. If something **looms**, it appears as a large shape and seems dangerous, so **a storm loomed** fits the second gap.

11. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
What word below best describes a superhero?
✔ **C) Mighty**
Mighty means very strong and powerful, which describes a superhero. The other options are things in nature, not words that describe people.

12. Something that is easy to do is described as what?
✔ **B) Convenient**
Convenient means easy to do or use, e.g. **Online shopping is very convenient.** Not **drastic**, which means very great or sudden.

13. What is an activity done in the water?
✔ **D) Wade**
To **wade** means to walk through water, e.g. **We waded across the river.** The other verbs are not connected with water.

14. Which covers a box?
✓ **B) A lid**
A **lid** is the top part that covers a box or a pot. A **den** is an animal's home, and a **flock** is a group of birds.

15. Which word fits best? Koalas are _____ to Australia.
✓ **D) native**
We say an animal or plant is **native to** a place when it lives there naturally. Koalas come from Australia, so they are **native to Australia**.

16. **Tracy invites Kara to visit a new civilization with her family.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Paragraph 1 says Tracy invites Kara to go **camping** with her family. When they arrive, Kara feels **far from civilization**, so they are not visiting a new civilization.

17. **Tracy's father shows them native plants and animals.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 2 says Tracy's father, Mr. Grieves, **showed them the native plants and animals**. So the statement is true.

18. **The group returns to camp because mighty clouds were looming.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says **mighty clouds soon loomed in the distance**, and Tracy said, "It looks like stormy weather. We should go back." So they went back to camp because of the clouds.

19. **They used an umbrella to shield themselves from the rain.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 3 says **They used an umbrella to shield them from the rain**. To **shield** means to protect.

20. **The weather was stormy on the second day of camping.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
The stormy weather was on the first day. Paragraph 4 says **By morning, the rain had stopped**, and it was a **drastic change** from the previous day's weather, so the second day was not stormy.

21. **Kara has a drastic change in opinion about camping at the end of the story.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
At first Kara was bored and **didn't care about nature**. At the end she **had a lot of fun** and learned **how fun it could be**. This is a **drastic**, or very big, change in her opinion.

22. **Which of the following does Kara NOT see during the trip?**
✓ **D) An animal with poison**
Kara sees **a fox's den** and **a bunch of mushrooms** in paragraph 2, and **a flock of birds** in paragraph 5. The **poison** is in the mushrooms, not in an animal, so she does not see an animal with poison.

23. **What does Kara miss about her urban lifestyle?**
✓ **A) It is convenient.**
Paragraph 4 says **She missed her convenient life in the city**. Her life in the city is easy and comfortable. Not **far from civilization**, because that describes the camp, not the city.

24. **What does Kara see swaying in the water?**
✓ **C) Reeds**
Paragraph 5 says **The reeds swayed in the wind** at the lake. The birds were flying **above**, not swaying in the water.

25. **How does Kara feel as she exits the park?**
✓ **D) Sad**
The last paragraph says **She felt sad while they exited the park**. She had started to enjoy camping. Not **relieved**, because she no longer wanted to leave.

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