ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the right word for the given definition.**
an underground room
✔ **B) basement**
A **basement** is a room under a building, below the ground. Example: **We keep old boxes in the basement.**

2. to think about something
✔ **C) ponder**
To **ponder** means to think carefully about something. Example: **She pondered the question for a long time.**

3. the written words of a play or film
✔ **A) script**
A **script** is the written words that actors say in a play or film. Example: **The actors read the script together.**

4. a group that sings
✔ **C) choir**
A **choir** is a group of people who sing together, often in a church or school. Example: **She sings in the school choir.**

5. in a fair way
✔ **D) justly**
Justly means in a fair or right way. Example: **He was justly rewarded for his hard work.**

6. **Choose the right definition for the given word.**
slam
✔ **A) to close loudly**
To **slam** means to close something, like a door, hard and loudly. Not 'to close the eyes', which is **blink**.

7. decline
✔ **B) to say no**
To **decline** means to say no to an offer or invitation, politely. Example: **She declined the invitation to the party.**

8. hermit
✔ **D) a person who is alone**
A **hermit** is a person who lives alone, away from other people. Example: **The hermit lived alone in the mountains.**

9. leather
✔ **B) material used to make clothing**
Leather is a material made from animal skin. It is used to make clothing, shoes and bags. Example: **a leather jacket**.

10. barber
✔ **B) a person who cuts hair**
A **barber** is a person whose job is cutting men's hair. Example: **I go to the barber every month.**

11. The writer's **comic** stories _____.
✔ **E) always make me laugh**
Comic means funny, so comic stories **always make me laugh**.

12. Donna usually ran **errands** _____.
✔ **E) right before coming home from work**
Errands are short trips to do small jobs, like buying food. Donna did them **right before coming home from work**. Not 'just before I left the house', because the sentence is about Donna, not 'I'.

13. I tried to **reserve** _____.
✔ **D) some seats for this week's show**
To **reserve** means to ask for something, like seats or a table, to be kept for you. You reserve **some seats for this week's show**.

14. She wanted to join the **choir** _____.
✔ **A) after hearing them sing in church**
A **choir** is a group that sings. She wanted to join it **after hearing them sing in church**.

15. A beautiful **staircase** _____.
✔ **B) led up to the second floor**
A **staircase** is a set of stairs. It goes from one floor to another, so it **led up to the second floor**.

16. The speaker's strong **accent** _____.
✔ **B) made him hard to understand**
An **accent** is a special way of saying words, often from a region or country. A strong accent can make a speaker **hard to understand**.

17. Roger **pondered** a long time _____.
✔ **C) before buying a new car**
To **ponder** means to think carefully. People often think for a long time **before buying a new car**.

18. The **hermit** _____.
✔ **C) slept in a small cave**
A **hermit** lives alone, far from other people, so it makes sense that he **slept in a small cave**.

19. I remembered to make sure I had my **gloves** _____.
✓ **D) just before I left the house**
Gloves are clothes for your hands. They keep your hands warm. The sentence starts with **I**, so it ends with **just before I left the house**: I checked that I had my gloves before going out.

20. The large **basement** _____.
✓ **A) makes a great playroom**
A **basement** is an underground room. A large one **makes a great playroom** for children.

21. I put some medicine in my eyes, _____.
✓ **D) so I had to keep blinking them**
To **blink** means to close and open your eyes quickly. After eye medicine, you often **keep blinking**.

22. The boy's mom yelled at him for getting mud on the couch, _____.
✓ **B) so he cleaned the leather couch**
The boy got mud on the couch, so he had to clean it: **so he cleaned the leather couch**. **Leather** is a material made from animal skin.

23. He asked Sara to see the scary movie, _____.
✓ **E) but she declined**
He invited Sara, **but she declined**. **Decline** means to say no to an invitation.

24. He spent the period daydreaming. So when he turned in his test, _____.
✓ **B) it was completely blank**
He daydreamed and didn't write anything, so his test **was completely blank**. **Blank** means with nothing written on it.

25. The new play was great _____.
✓ **A) because Tony spent a lot of time on the script**
The play was great **because Tony spent a lot of time on the script**. A **script** is the written words of a play.

26. I didn't pay attention in class, _____.
✓ **A) so the homework was very complicated**
If you don't listen in class, the homework seems hard: **so the homework was very complicated**. **Complicated** means difficult to understand.

27. My hair was a mess, _____.
✓ **C) so I went to see the barber**
A **barber** cuts hair, so with messy hair **I went to see the barber**.

28. He couldn't stand the sound of the music, _____.
✓ **E) so he left the room and slammed the door**
He hated the music, **so he left the room and slammed the door**. **Slam** means to close something loudly.

29. Dean and Anne finished the race at the same time, _____.
✓ **D) so both were justly given medals**
They finished at the same time, so it was fair to give medals to both: **so both were justly given medals**. **Justly** means fairly.

30. He lost his glasses, _____.
✓ **C) so he had to search for them for an hour**
When you lose something, you look for it: **so he had to search for them for an hour**. **Search** means to look for.

31. **The title of the script was The Big Barber.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
Peter says, **"The title is The Lost Glove."** The barber is only the lead role, not the title, so the statement is false.

32. **Robby wanted the part of the hermit because he would get to talk with an accent.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Robby says, **"I want to play the part of the hermit because the hermit gets to talk with an accent!"**

33. **Robby declined Peter's offer to practice together.**
✓ **B) FALSE**
It was the other way round. Robby invited Peter to practice, and **Peter declined** the invitation.

34. **The scene on the staircase was about the migrant searching for a new job.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
Robby says the staircase scene is **the part where the migrant searches for a new job**.

35. **Peter's mind was blank during the audition.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
At the audition, **his mind was blank**. He couldn't remember the lines.

36. **Peter felt that Robby justly received the lead role.**
✓ **A) TRUE**
The last paragraph says Peter decided that **Robby justly received the part**, because he earned it by practicing.

37. **Why did Peter decide not to practice?**
✓ **B) He thought the teacher would give him the role.**
The passage says Peter didn't want to practice because **the teacher would surely reserve the lead part for him**. Not 'He disliked Robby': they were friends, and Peter just felt sure of himself.

38. **Where did Robby suggest they practice together?**
✓ **B) In his basement**
Robby says, **"The basement at my house is quiet. It's perfect!"**

39. **What was Peter's first excuse for not practicing with Robby?**
✓ **C) He said it complicated the process.**
Peter's first excuse was **"It complicates the process for me."** Not 'He had to run errands': that was his second excuse, a few days later.

40. **What kind of play were the boys auditioning for?**
✓ **B) Comic**
Peter says The Lost Glove is **a comic play**, which means a funny play.