ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the answer that best fits the question.**
If you invert a bottle, you _____.
✔ **C) turn it upside down**
To **invert** something means to **turn it upside down**. Example: **She inverted the glass to let the water run out.**

2. Which of the following would most likely require the use of a funnel?
✔ **D) Water**
A **funnel** is a tube that is wide at the top and narrow at the bottom. You use it to pour liquids, such as **water**, into a small opening without spilling.

3. What is a wolf's prey?
✔ **C) Its food**
Prey is an animal that another animal hunts and eats. So a wolf's prey is **its food**, for example rabbits or deer.

4. Which is hereditary?
✔ **B) Eye color**
Something **hereditary** is passed from parents to children through the body. **Eye color** comes from your parents. Your hobbies, favorite foods and place of birth do not.

5. If something is fragrant, you _____.
✔ **A) like to smell it**
Fragrant means having a pleasant, sweet smell. So if something is fragrant, you **like to smell it**, like flowers or perfume.

6. Who uses seasoning at work?
✔ **B) A chef**
Seasoning is salt, pepper, herbs or spices added to food to improve its taste. A **chef** uses it at work every day.

7. Which of the following describes a kind of deputy?
✔ **C) A vice president**
A **deputy** is the person second in rank, who helps a leader and takes their place when needed. A **vice president** is the deputy of a president.

8. What is made from sodium?
✔ **B) Salts**
Sodium is a soft, silver-white chemical element. Together with chlorine it forms common table **salt**, so many **salts** are made from sodium.

9. Where would you most likely hear a hymn?
✔ **D) In a church**
A **hymn** is a religious song that praises God. People usually sing hymns **in a church**.

10. If your brother is sarcastic, he _____.
✔ **B) insults you**
A **sarcastic** person says the opposite of what they mean in order to mock or **insult** someone. Example: **"Great job," he said sarcastically, after I dropped the plates.**

11. One ingredient in the recipe is a small amount of _____.
✔ **B) seasoning**
A recipe lists ingredients, and **seasoning** (salt, pepper, spices) is added in small amounts. **Fragrant** is an adjective, so it cannot follow **a small amount of**.

12. Then you need to pour in a pint of _____.
✔ **E) vinegar**
You pour a liquid, and a **pint** is a measure of liquid. **Vinegar** is a sour liquid used in cooking, so it fits the recipe.

13. She can play many instruments and sing many _____.
✔ **C) hymns**
You **sing** songs, and **hymns** are religious songs. The plural fits after **many**.

14. Her mother is a good musician, too. Her talent must be _____.
✔ **B) hereditary**
Her mother has the same talent, so it was probably passed down in the family. That means it is **hereditary**. An adjective is needed after **must be**.

15. The hunter was a very talented _____.
✔ **D) archer**
An **archer** is a person who shoots arrows with a bow. The next sentence mentions an arrow, which supports this answer. **A very talented** needs a singular noun.

16. He only needed one arrow to shoot his _____.
✔ **A) prey**
A hunter shoots his **prey**, the animal he is hunting. Example: **The eagle caught its prey.**

17. Everyone lined up to take part in the _____.
✔ **D) procession**
A **procession** is a line of people moving forward together, often at a ceremony. **Lined up** is the clue.

18. We marched to honor the king and the noble _____.
✔ **E) earls**
Earls are noblemen of high rank. **Noble** and **the king** are the clues, and the plural fits **the noble ___**.

19. When it came to keeping the house clean, his mother was a _____.
✔ **C) tyrant**
A **tyrant** is someone who uses power in a cruel or very strict way. Here it means his mother was extremely strict about cleaning, and the next sentence says she punished him.

20. She punished him if his room did not smell very _____.
✔ **A) fragrant**
After **smell very** we need an adjective. **Fragrant** means having a pleasant smell, so it fits.

21. **Choose C if the italicized word is used correctly. Choose I if the word is used incorrectly.**
The *sarcastic* teacher was always sure to speak clearly and honestly with his students.
✔ **B) I**
A **sarcastic** person says the opposite of what they mean in order to mock others. Speaking **clearly and honestly** is the opposite of sarcasm, so the word is used incorrectly.

22. The *tyranny* at the church made people feel welcome.
✔ **B) I**
Tyranny is cruel and unfair use of power. It would make people feel afraid, not welcome, so the word is used incorrectly.

23. The mechanic used a *funnel* to pour the gas into the tank.
✔ **A) C**
A **funnel** helps you pour a liquid into a narrow opening, such as a gas tank. The word is used correctly.

24. Because of the *analogy*, many people were injured.
✔ **B) I**
An **analogy** is a comparison between two things to explain an idea. A comparison cannot injure people, so the word is used incorrectly.

25. I think the addition of more *sodium* to the recipe made the bread too salty.
✔ **A) C**
Sodium is found in salt, so adding more sodium makes food saltier. The word is used correctly.

26. **The Earl of Shining was an expert archer who was in the forest hunting prey.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 1 says Michael, the **Earl of Shining**, was once an **expert archer**. Paragraph 2 says he was **in the forest hunting prey**. So the statement is true.

27. **The prophet used a funnel to put vinegar, garlic, some seasoning, and sodium in a bottle.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
Paragraph 5 says the prophet took out a bottle and a **funnel**, poured in **vinegar and garlic**, and then added **seasoning and sodium**. So the statement is true.

28. **The evil tyrant and his men marched in a procession through the town.**
✔ **A) TRUE**
From the hilltop, Michael saw the evil **tyrant** and his men **marching in a procession** through the town. So the statement is true.

29. **The prophet, who sang a hymn, was involved in a conspiracy to take over Hampton.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
The prophet did sing a hymn, but she said that **an evil army** was involved in the conspiracy. She was trying to stop it, so the statement is false.

30. **Michael’s strength really came from the fragrant potion.**
✔ **B) FALSE**
At the end, the prophet says **the potion was fake** and Michael's strength **really came from having confidence**. So the statement is false.

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