ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

A Lot or Alot Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Thank you ___ for the lovely present!
✔ **C) a lot**
A lot is always two words. Here it means very much.

2. The teacher will ___ each group one table in the lab.
✔ **C) allot**
Allot is the verb meaning to give out a share.

3. We finished the test within the ___ time.
✔ **B) allotted**
Allotted has a double l and a double t.

4. There ___ a lot of people at the bus stop this morning.
✔ **A) were**
The verb agrees with people, which is plural.

5. My grandmother drinks ___ of tea.
✔ **C) a lot**
A lot of + noun means much or many. Always two words.

6. I feel ___ better after a good night’s sleep.
✔ **C) a lot**
A lot + comparative means much better. Very doesn’t go before better.

7. A lot of water ___ wasted every day.
✔ **A) is**
Water is uncountable, so the verb is singular.

8. In a formal report, which sentence sounds best?
✔ **D) Many students liked the new timetable.**
Many sounds more formal. Alot is never correct, and a lot of and lots of are informal.

9. Do you have ___ homework tonight?
✔ **A) much**
Homework is uncountable, so use much. Much is natural in questions.

10. The city is ___ money to build a new park.
✔ **B) allotting**
The -ing form of allot doubles the t: allotting.

11. Your kind letter meant ___ to me.
✔ **D) a lot**
Mean a lot to someone is a fixed phrase. A lot is two words.

12. The days are getting ___ shorter now that it’s autumn.
✔ **A) a lot**
A lot + comparative means much shorter.

13. My uncle grows carrots and beans on his ___. (British English)
✔ **B) allotment**
An allotment is a small piece of rented land for growing vegetables. It is the noun from allot.

14. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **B) There aren’t many seats left.**
Many is natural in negatives. A lot doesn’t go before a plain adjective, alot is a misspelling, and allot is a verb.

15. There was ___ of noise from the party next door.
✔ **D) a whole lot**
A whole lot of is an informal way to say a very large amount of.

16. I learnt ___ on my first day at the new job.
✔ **B) a lot**
Here a lot stands on its own and means a large amount. It is always two words.

17. In American English: we left the car in the parking ___.
✔ **D) lot**
In American English, a lot is also a piece of land, as in a parking lot. British English says a car park.

18. My brother has made ___ of friends at his new school.
✔ **C) quite a lot**
Quite a lot of means a fairly large number. A lot stays two words after quite.

19. Every Monday, the manager ___ each worker a different task.
✔ **C) allots**
Allot is a verb, so it takes -s after he or she: allots. The t only doubles before -ed and -ing.

20. Which word means the same as a lot in “She travels a lot for work”?
✔ **A) often**
After a verb like travel, a lot can mean often. Many goes before a plural noun, not after a verb.