ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Allude or Elude Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. The thief managed to ___ the guards by hiding in a cupboard.
✔ **C) elude**
To elude someone is to escape from them, often in a clever way. After to we need the base form.

2. In his speech, the mayor ___ to a new park but gave no details.
✔ **C) alluded**
He hinted at the park without saying much. Allude is followed by to.

3. I've met her twice, but her name completely ___ me.
✔ **B) eludes**
A name that eludes you is one you cannot remember. It escapes your memory.

4. What exactly were you ___ to when you mentioned "a little surprise"?
✔ **B) alluding**
What are you alluding to? means What are you hinting at?

5. The striker ___ two defenders and scored.
✔ **A) eluded**
She got past the defenders, so she eluded them. Elude takes a direct object.

6. The novel's title ___ to a line in a famous poem.
✔ **C) alludes**
The title points to the poem indirectly, so it alludes to it.

7. It was past midnight, but sleep still ___ her.
✔ **A) eluded**
Sleep eluded her means she could not get to sleep. Sleep stayed out of reach.

8. As I ___ to earlier, we may need to change the date.
✔ **A) alluded**
As I alluded to earlier means as I hinted earlier.

9. The escaped hamster has ___ capture for a whole week.
✔ **D) eluded**
Elude capture is a fixed phrase: to avoid being caught.

10. Giant squid are famously ___ animals that few people have ever seen alive.
✔ **C) elusive**
Elusive means hard to find or catch. It comes from elude.

11. She never named the school, but everyone knew which one she was ___.
✔ **B) alluding to**
Allude needs to, even at the end of a clause: the school she was alluding to.

12. The solution to the puzzle ___ even the cleverest students.
✔ **D) eluded**
Nobody could find the solution: it eluded them. There is no to after elude.

13. The letter does not name the neighbour, but it clearly ___ him.
✔ **B) alludes to**
The letter refers to him indirectly, so it alludes to him.

14. A championship medal has always ___ him, though he has reached four finals.
✔ **D) eluded**
Something you try for but never get eludes you.

15. The fox was too quick and soon ___ the farmer's dog.
✔ **A) eluded**
The fox got away from the dog: it eluded it.

16. The film's title contains several clever ___ to old pop songs.
✔ **C) allusions**
An allusion is an indirect reference, the noun from allude. An illusion is something that is not real.

17. The spy managed to ___ detection for almost twenty years.
✔ **D) elude**
Elude detection means not be noticed or found. Elude takes its object directly, with no to.

18. The rumour ___ to in yesterday's newspaper turned out to be false.
✔ **B) alluded**
The newspaper hinted at the rumour: the rumour alluded to in the paper. Here alluded to works like referred to.

19. After years of trying, a world title remains ___ for the young boxer.
✔ **D) elusive**
Elusive means hard to achieve. It comes from elude: the title keeps escaping him.

20. In his letter, he alluded ___ a problem with his health, but he didn't say what it was.
✔ **B) to**
Allude is always followed by to, just like refer to: he alluded to a problem.