ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Analyze or Analyse Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. American spelling: The lab will ___ the water samples tomorrow.
✔ **B) analyze**
American English spells the verb with z: analyze. Analyse is the British spelling.

2. British spelling: Scientists ___ the rock last year.
✔ **C) analysed**
British English writes analysed with s. Analyzed is the American form.

3. Which word is spelt the same in British and American English?
✔ **A) analysis**
The noun analysis has an s in every country. Only the verb changes.

4. The report compares two ___ of the same data.
✔ **A) analyses**
The plural of analysis is analyses: -is becomes -es, as in crisis and crises.

5. American spelling: She ___ sales figures for a living.
✔ **D) analyzes**
The American verb form is analyzes. In American spelling, analyses is only the plural noun.

6. Every country: My sister works as a data ___.
✔ **C) analyst**
Analyst is spelt the same everywhere, with y and s.

7. British spelling: The cold seemed to ___ my fingers.
✔ **D) paralyse**
Paralyse follows the same pattern as analyse in British English. American: paralyze.

8. Oxford style writes “organize” with z. How does it spell this verb? “We need to ___ the results.”
✔ **B) analyse**
Oxford style uses -ize, but it keeps analyse with s. In British spelling the -yse ending does not change.

9. American spelling: Enzymes ___ reactions in the body.
✔ **A) catalyze**
Catalyze is the American spelling and catalyse the British one, just like analyze and analyse.

10. Every country: Puzzles like this one build strong ___ skills.
✔ **B) analytical**
The adjective is analytical in British and American English alike.

11. British spelling: He is ___ the survey answers now.
✔ **D) analysing**
Drop the e and add -ing: analysing. The American form is analyzing.

12. Every country: Too many choices can lead to a kind of ___, when you cannot decide.
✔ **C) paralysis**
The noun is paralysis, with s, in every country.

13. A British writer: “Our coach ___ every match on video.”
✔ **B) analyses**
The British he/she/it form is analyses. It looks like the plural noun but is said AN-uh-lie-ziz.

14. Which word is spelt the same in London and New York?
✔ **A) analytics**
Analytics never changes. The verbs in the other options have a different spelling across the Atlantic.

15. American spelling: The figures were ___ by two teams.
✔ **C) analyzed**
American English writes analyzed with z.

16. British spelling: The hospital has a new blood ___ that gives results in minutes.
✔ **D) analyser**
The British spelling is analyser, with s, like analyse. The American spelling is analyzer.

17. American spelling: The police ___ the driver at the roadside.
✔ **C) breathalyzed**
Breathalyze follows analyze, so American English writes breathalyzed with z. The British form is breathalysed.

18. Every country: She thinks very ___ about every problem.
✔ **B) analytically**
The adverb is analytically. It is spelt the same in British and American English.

19. Besides the United States, in which country is analyze the more usual spelling?
✔ **B) Canada**
Canadian style guides and most Canadian writers prefer analyze with z. Australia, Ireland and New Zealand use analyse.

20. American spelling: The snake’s bite left the dog ___ for an hour.
✔ **D) paralyzed**
American English writes paralyzed with z, like analyzed. The British spelling is paralysed.