ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Antonyms in English Quiz: Words in Between Opposites

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Explanations

1. It's 38 degrees, and the office has no air conditioning. It's ___ in here!
✔ **A) boiling**
Boiling means much hotter than hot. Chilly and cool are a bit cold.

2. It isn't freezing, but it's a bit too cold to sit outside without a jumper. It's ___.
✔ **B) chilly**
Chilly means cold enough that you want a jumper, but not freezing.

3. We had a ___ winter this year: only two or three cold days and no snow.
✔ **C) mild**
A mild winter is not as cold as you expect.

4. The towels didn't dry in the bathroom. They're still ___.
✔ **D) damp**
Damp is between wet and dry: a little wet, and not in a nice way.

5. "Do you want to come to the match?" "Thanks, but I'm not ___ football."
✔ **A) keen on**
The phrase is not keen on: I'm not keen on football.

6. Which is the politest way to say you don't like something?
✔ **B) I'm not keen on it.**
Not keen on means you don't really like it, but it sounds soft and polite.

7. Which word means "nothing could be better"?
✔ **C) excellent**
Excellent is at the very top of the line: excellent, good, average, poor, terrible.

8. "How was the film?" "___. Not good, not bad."
✔ **D) So-so**
So-so is an informal way to say not good and not bad.

9. My marks are ___: like most students in my class, not better and not worse.
✔ **A) average**
Average means in the middle, like most others.

10. The service was ___: we waited an hour, and the waiter forgot our drinks.
✔ **B) poor**
Poor means not good enough. We often say poor service or poor quality.

11. £40 a night for a clean double room in London? That's very ___.
✔ **C) reasonable**
A reasonable price is fair: not cheap, but not too much.

12. We ___ eat out: maybe four or five times a year.
✔ **D) occasionally**
Occasionally means not often, just now and then.

13. Which sentence is right?
✔ **A) I rarely drink coffee.**
Rarely means almost never, so we don't add not.

14. My parents are ___: Mum is 52 and Dad is 55.
✔ **B) middle-aged**
Middle-aged means between young and old, about 45 to 60. It ends in -ed.

15. Which pair has nothing in between?
✔ **C) alive and dead**
You can't be a bit alive. Hot and cold, good and bad, like and hate all have words in between.

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