ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Adriano is a TALL man.
✔ **D) short**
The opposite of **tall** for a person is **short**. Example: **My brother is tall, but I am short.**

2. It's much QUIETER there than here - very beautiful, but no tourists.
✔ **B) noisier**
Quiet means with little sound. Its opposite is **noisy**, so **quieter** becomes **noisier**. Not **more peaceful**, because that means almost the same as **quieter**.

3. They are good boys, don't LAUGH at them!
✔ **C) cry**
We **laugh** when we are happy or something is funny. We **cry** when we are sad. Not **smile**, because a smile is also a happy face.

4. I don't think he will work hard. He is very LAZY.
✔ **E) hard-working**
A **lazy** person does not like to work. The opposite is **hard-working**, a person who works a lot. The first sentence gives the clue: **he will not work hard**.

5. The mountains in Great Britain are not very HIGH.
✔ **A) low**
For mountains, the opposite of **high** is **low**. Not **short**, because we usually say **high** and **low** for mountains.

6. He worked MUCH and got a good mark in his exam.
✔ **D) little**
The opposite of **much** is **little** (a small amount). Both are used with things we cannot count, like work. Not **a lot**, because it means the same as **much**. Not **few**, because we use **few** with things we can count.

7. He thinks his son has a GOOD future.
✔ **D) bad**
The opposite of **good** is **bad**: **a good future – a bad future**.

8. You've got WET through.
✔ **B) dry**
Wet means full of water. The opposite is **dry**, with no water.

9. Did you come by SEA?
✔ **A) land**
We travel **by sea** (on a ship) or **by land** (by car, bus or train). So the opposite of **sea** is **land**.

10. Don't speak so FAST!
✔ **B) slowly**
The opposite of **fast** is **slowly**. Not **quickly**, because it means the same as **fast**.

11. I'm LEAVING FOR Rio tomorrow and I'll be back in a week's time.
✔ **B) coming from**
Leaving for Rio means going away towards Rio. The opposite is **coming from** Rio. Not **going to**, because it means the same as **leaving for**.

12. My friend Cyril isn't TALL enough to dance with Natalie.
✔ **E) short**
For people, the opposite of **tall** is **short**. Not **long**, because we use **long** for things, not for people's height.

13. When I WOKE UP it was dark in the room.
✔ **C) fell asleep**
Wake up means stop sleeping. The opposite is **fall asleep**, start sleeping. Not **awoke**, because it means the same as **woke up**.

14. I'm glad the interest rate is not very HIGH.
✔ **D) low**
For numbers and prices, like an interest rate, the opposite of **high** is **low**.

15. We are in a hurry. PUSH the car to one side.
✔ **C) pull**
Push means move something away from you. **Pull** means move it towards you. They are opposites.

16. The old man had MORE than sixty thousand pounds.
✔ **E) less**
The opposite of **more than** is **less than**. We say **less** for amounts of money: **less than sixty thousand pounds**. Not **fewer**, because we don't normally use it with an amount of money. Not **over**, because it means the same as **more than**.

17. We heard a LOT OF interesting things over the radio yesterday evening.
✔ **D) few**
A lot of means a big number. The opposite with things we can count (**things**) is **few**. Not **little**, because we use **little** with things we cannot count. Not **many**, because it means the same as **a lot of**.

18. I'll BE IN tomorrow morning.
✔ **B) be out**
Be in means be at home or in the office. The opposite is **be out**, not there.

19. When the Browns paint their living-room and the paint is DRY they will hang a modern picture on the wall.
✔ **C) wet**
New paint is **wet**. Later it becomes **dry**. So the opposite of **dry** is **wet**.

20. Though the watch was very EXPENSIVE, he decided to buy it for her.
✓ C) cheap
Expensive means it costs a lot of money. The opposite is **cheap**. Not **dear**, because in British English **dear** also means expensive.

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