ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Be Like and Go Quiz: Quoting in Conversation

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Explanations

1. I told her the news, and she ___ like, “No way!”
✔ **A) was**
Be like reports what someone said or how they reacted: she was like, ...

2. So I asked for the bill, and then he ___, “I’m not paying.”
✔ **B) goes**
Go (here in the story present) can report words in informal storytelling.

3. Which sentence is correct in an exam essay?
✔ **C) The minister said, “We will act.”**
Be like, go and be all are too informal for writing. Use say.

4. “When I saw the price, I was like, ‘Wow.’” What does this mean?
✔ **D) I said or thought Wow because I was surprised.**
Be like can report words, thoughts or a reaction.

5. Choose the correct sentence.
✔ **A) She was like, “I’m so tired.”**
Be like is followed by a quote, not a that-clause.

6. A friend asks, “What was she like?” What do they want to know?
✔ **B) what kind of person she was**
What was she like? asks for a description. It is not about quoting.

7. In the middle of the night, the alarm ___ beep beep.
✔ **C) went**
Go can report a sound: The alarm went beep beep.

8. So yesterday I’m on the bus, and this man ___ on and sits next to me.
✔ **D) gets**
In the story present, the main events are in the present simple: he gets on.

9. Which is a neutral version of “And he goes, ‘Give me the money.’”?
✔ **A) He told me to give him the money.**
In neutral English, use tell + object + to-infinitive or say + quote.

10. When is it fine to quote with be like?
✔ **B) telling a friend a funny story**
Be like is very informal. It belongs in everyday conversation.

11. “Everyone wants a new phone every year. It’s like, ‘Why?’” Here it’s like shows ___.
✔ **C) a general attitude, not one person’s words**
It’s like can show a general attitude or feeling.

12. Which sentence uses like as a filler, not to quote?
✔ **D) It was, like, really expensive.**
Here like is a filler. In the other sentences it introduces a quote.

13. Very informal American English, now less common: He was ___, “Whatever.”
✔ **A) all**
Be all reports words or an attitude in very informal American speech.

14. Which quoting verb is neutral and can be used in any situation?
✔ **B) say**
Say is neutral. Be like, go and be all are informal.

15. “I was like, ‘Oh no, I’ve forgotten my keys.’” Did the speaker say this aloud?
✔ **C) Not necessarily, because be like can report a thought.**
Be like can report words, but also thoughts that were not said aloud.

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