ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Breath or Breathe Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Take a deep ___ and count to ten.
✔ **D) breath**
After a deep we need a noun, and the noun is breath, with no e at the end.

2. I can't ___ properly when my nose is blocked.
✔ **C) breathe**
After can't we need the verb: breathe, with an e at the end.

3. She ran all the way to school and arrived out of ___.
✔ **A) breath**
Out of breath is a fixed phrase. After of we need the noun.

4. The doctor asked me to ___ in slowly.
✔ **A) breathe**
After to we need the verb. Breathe in means take air into your lungs.

5. He ___ a sigh of relief when he found his keys.
✔ **D) breathed**
We need the past of the verb breathe: breathed. Breathe a sigh of relief is a fixed phrase.

6. Fish cannot ___ out of water.
✔ **A) breathe**
After cannot we need the base form of the verb: breathe.

7. The view from the top of the tower took my ___ away.
✔ **B) breath**
Take your breath away means amaze you. After my we need the noun breath.

8. The cat is ___ very quickly. Is it ill?
✔ **C) breathing**
After is we need the -ing form. Drop the final e of breathe: breathing.

9. We waited with bated ___ for the exam results.
✔ **B) breath**
With bated breath means very nervously or excitedly. It uses the noun breath.

10. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **A) He can hold his breath for two minutes.**
Hold your breath: after his we need the noun, with no e at the end.

11. The swimmer took three quick ___ before she dived.
✔ **B) breaths**
After three quick we need a plural noun: breaths. Breathes is a verb form.

12. A baby ___ faster than an adult.
✔ **C) breathes**
We need the verb with -s after a baby: breathes. Breaths is the plural noun.

13. Please don't ___ a word of this to anyone. It's a secret.
✔ **B) breathe**
Not breathe a word means keep a secret. After don't we need the base form of the verb.

14. The new coach has ___ new life into the team.
✔ **D) breathed**
Breathe new life into something means make it lively again. After has we need breathed.

15. Cotton is a light, ___ fabric, so it keeps you cool.
✔ **C) breathable**
Drop the final e of breathe before -able: breathable.

16. After climbing all those stairs, we were completely ___.
✔ **D) breathless**
Breathless means out of breath. It comes from the noun breath, so there is no e after th.

17. The view from the bridge at sunset was ___.
✔ **A) breathtaking**
Breathtaking is one word, with no e after th. It means very beautiful or amazing.

18. She said something rude under her ___, so nobody heard it.
✔ **B) breath**
Under your breath means very quietly. After her we need the noun breath.

19. Eating raw onions can give you bad ___.
✔ **B) breath**
Bad breath is a smell from your mouth. After bad we need the noun, with no e.

20. Our cheerful new teacher is a real ___ of fresh air.
✔ **A) breath**
A breath of fresh air is a welcome change. It uses the noun breath.